

Bessemer Academy Board of Director Nominee Questionnaire

Name: Jonathan Beams

Child(ren)'s name and grade: Jon Westin Beams – 9th Grade

- Congratulations!! You have been nominated by one of the fellow BA parents to serve on Bessemer Academy's Board of Directors. Should you be selected by the nominating committee to be on the ballot it is important that you understand the commitment involved if you are elected to a 3 year term beginning in June.
- Board meeting information:
 1. Meetings are **typically** held one time per month, often on Sundays.
 2. Meetings **typically** last 1.5-2 hours.
 3. There are usually 10 meetings/year. Some meetings are conference calls and the strategic planning meeting, held once per year, is usually held on a Sunday afternoon for several hours.
 4. Most meetings are held at Bessemer Academy.
- If you are elected to serve on the Board, you will be expected to attend nearly all of the Board meetings.
- If you do not wish to serve in this capacity please advise us. If you are willing to serve, please complete this form and return it as instructed in the email as soon as possible.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Where did you attend high school? West Blocton High School Year Graduated 1996

2. Place of Employment? KyKenKee Inc.

3. How long has your child(ren) attended Bessemer Academy? Three years

4. Do you serve on any other Boards, Committees, or Associations? Currently I serve on two boards. First, I serve on the Deacon board for the First Baptist Church of Woodstock where I have held several positions since 2014 including Assistant Treasure, Vice Chairman and Chairman. Second, I serve on the Woodstock Town Park and Recreation Board where I have been President since 2016. The park and rec board primarily oversees the Woodstock Ball Park. During my tenure our board has made multiple improvements to the park with a very limited budget. Below are some of the major improvements our board has made to the park.

- a. Completed a third field so that it was able to host games.
- b. Added new concrete around the fields.
- c. Added additional batting cages complete with turf.
- d. Laser graded and added irrigation to all 3 infields.
- e. Installed LED lights for field 2.

5. Why do you want to be on the Bessemer Academy Board of Directors / how do you believe you can be an asset to Bessemer Academy by joining the Board?: I am honored to be considered for a position on the board of Bessemer Academy. After multiple years of service to my community, holding a management position in my field and leadership opportunities at church, I feel like I will be an asset that will bring logically driven problem-solving skills, a drive to see tasks completed and a willingness to serve the school as a whole. I have always felt led to serve and be a part of a successful team that can make a positive difference for the betterment of the institution.

6. What is your perception of Bessemer Academy's current mission? My interpretation of the current mission is based on the examples I have experienced with my child since attending BA. It aligns fundamentally with our core value system for education and the daily environment we want our son surrounded by.

We left the public school system because our values and beliefs weren't aligning with the direction of the public school system. In choosing a school system for our child we looked for a location where he would be challenged academically, personally and physically while playing sports. We wanted him in an environment where prayer and Christ could still be discussed in the classroom. As we were doing our walk around, we had a peace and resolve about our decision. To sum up my perception of the current mission would be to say based off of personal results we are happy we made the decision to become a Bessemer Academy Rebel and feel as if the school truly emphasizes its mission.

7. What do you see as the future direction of Bessemer Academy? My vision for Bessemer Academy is to continue being a leading educational institution in our area that keeps Christ in the classrooms, yields a quality education for our students and offers competitive sport platforms to meet the needs of everyone.

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