

Board of Trustees Questionnaire

Name: Brent Hamill

How long have you been a member of Halifax Academy? 6 Years

What grade are your children in at Halifax Academy?

Name: Teagan Hamill Grade: 5th

Name: Grayson Hamill Grade: Kindergarten

Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Why are you running for the Board of Trustees (BOT)?

I am running for the Board of Trustees because I would like to make sure our kids at Halifax

Academy are getting the best education possible and be prepared for life after their education

here. I feel like I can provide a new outlook on the curriculum and introduce changes that will

benefit the students.

What experience and skills do you have which makes you a good choice for the BOT?

I have been a part of Halifax Academy since 1986 when I started attending school here.

I have seen the school grow and go through many changes over those years. I believe I can

use those experiences and knowledge to help the school grow and become an even better

place for the students and community. I have been working with youth age kids for the past 10

years through Enterprise Baptist Church and feel like I can use those skills as well.

Why did you choose Halifax Academy to educate your children?

My wife and I chose Halifax Academy because having a quality Christian education was very

important to us. We also wanted a place that we could send them where you were not concerned

about their safety on an every day basis. We also both attended Halifax Academy and enjoyed

our time here as students and built relationships that have lasted even to today.

What is Halifax Academy's strength?

The strength of Halifax Academy is the size and the sense of family that the school has right now.

As I look around I see many faces that were in school when I was there. I also have talked to several families that are new to the school and they have immediately felt like they were part of the family and appreciate the values of the school. I think there is a heavier emphasis on prayer and teaching the Bible than when I attended and that is a strength as well.

What area does the BOT need to focus on to improve Halifax Academy?

The school needs to focus on keeping up with the technology and adapting the curriculum so that we are preparing students for life as an adult. I think an increased focus on personal finance and how to pay for a college education without student loans is a critical issue in this country as well as our school. Money problems are the #1 cause for divorces and if we do not educate them properly in high school they may not ever know how to handle money.

What, in your opinion, is the most important issue facing Halifax Academy, and how would you address the issue as a member of the BOT?

As I mentioned above I feel like personal finance needs to be taught to kids at an early age in order for them to have a foundation to start building on as they get older. I will push to get the Foundations of Personal Finance taught in our school starting as early as middle school. This is taught in close to 50% of the high schools in the country right now. I am currently leading a youth group through the class now and they are enjoying it.

How would you, as a BOT member, maintain affordable tuition and modernize the existing structures?

I believe we need to continue to hold fundraisers and even search out other opportunities to raise money for the school. I personally believe we are missing an opportunity to name buildings and fields after individuals or businesses that contribute money to the school. As I have coached football and softball at the school in the past several years I have noticed that almost every school we go to you see buildings that have business or individual names on them.

What would you tell prospective members about Halifax Academy?

I tell prospective members that you should really consider choosing Halifax Academy if you are interested in a quality, safe, Christian education. We have a solid sports program and a plenty of other extra curricular activities to keep students engaged. I am proud to say that we will provide their kids an opportunity to succeed in several aspects of life as they grow.