



## **Charlie Kennedy**

Charlie Kennedy has been an educator for 20 years, having been a teacher in various states including Florida, where he's taught at Manatee High School, IMG Academies, and currently at Daughtrey Elementary in Bradenton.

Manatee County voters elected Kennedy to the school board twice where he served from 2014 to 2022. During his tenure, his board colleagues selected him to serve twice as chair and twice as vice chair. Also, during that time, Kennedy, along with the board majority, asked Manatee County citizens to vote for additional millage funds to support teachers, staff, and academic enrichments. This advocacy effort was highly successful, resulting in Manatee voters supporting the initial measure in 2018 and a renewal in 2022. Currently, Manatee County teachers are among the highest paid in the state, due to that effort.