



Electing PSBA Officers

The Pennsylvania School Boards Association is a nonprofit statewide association of public school boards, pledged to the highest ideals of local lay leadership for the public schools of the commonwealth.

President-Elect: Kathy Swope*

- Related Experience:
- Member of the Lewisburg Area School Board (1999-Present)
 - President (2007-Present)
 - Vice President (2001-2007)
- Accredited PSBA Master School Board Member
- PSBA Board of Directors Member (2008-Present)
 - PSBA At-Large Representative (Central) (2014)
 - Susquehanna River Region 6 Director for six years (2008-2013)
- NSBA Federal Relations Network member (2014)
- PSBA Charter School Legislation Advisory Workgroup member (2014)
- PSBA Pension Advisory Workgroup member (2014)
- Chair PSBA Regional Directors' Coordinating Council Transition Team (2013)
- Early Learning Investment Committee of Susquehanna River Valley – Chair Strategic Planning Committee (2013)
- Speaker on behalf of PSBA - Local Governments Council – Rotunda Press Conference – 'Impact of Prevailing Wage' (2013)
- Chair PSBA Evaluation Committee (2012 & 2014)
- Testified on behalf of PSBA before House Education Committee on Teacher Evaluation (2012)
- Member PSBA Legislative Platform Committee (2012)
- Member Team Pennsylvania Foundation Gates Momentum Grant Stakeholder
- Committee on Teacher Effectiveness (2010-2012)
- Member PA Department of Education Phase II Teacher Evaluation Committee (2011-2012)
- Member PSBA Bylaws Committee (2011)
 - Testified on behalf of PSBA before House Finance Committee on Proposed Elimination of All Exceptions under Act 1 (2011)
- Member PSBA Policy Committee (2012 & 2010)
- Co-Chair Council Realignment Governance Structure Committee - Girl Scouts Heart of PA (2005-2006)
- Executive Board Member - Hemlock Girl Scout Council (2003-2006)
- Assistant Regional Director IU 16 (2005-2007)
- PSBA Legislative Coordinator Union County (2002-2004)
- Delegate to PSBA Legislative Action Council (1999-2009)



Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree - Elementary Education - Susquehanna University

Occupation: Freelance Writer (Self-employed)

Statement

Reasons for Seeking Position:

I believe in public education and the work we do as school directors. We work to make a difference in the education of children in

our communities. We have an obligation to the next generation to educate children with high levels of knowledge, critical thinking skills, and creativity, to confront the unknown challenges of their future. Education is the cornerstone of democracy, and the way that we as a society ensure that civilization advances. We have an important job, but we need strong support and an organization that unites us to build a strong voice on behalf of children and public education.

I want to begin the vital work of making public education a valued priority in the Commonwealth. We need to work together, to change the perception that public education is failing. PSBA is our association, and it needs to become a respected authority guiding education policy in the state.

As an organization of over 4,500 members, imagine the powerful impact we can have if we unite our voices. Together, we can make a difference, not only in our local districts, but also for children across the Commonwealth.

** **Endorsed** – "The Leadership Development Committee may, by majority vote, choose to endorse the nomination(s) of one or more candidates for any elected position as a means of identifying those candidates that the Leadership Development Committee considers to be highly qualified." PSBA Bylaws, Article IV, Section 5.C.*

Video Introduction



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