

## **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.

Treasurer: Otto W. Voit III \*

"Sometimes it is not enough to do our best; we must do what is required"

- Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

I am passionate about public education and in the belief that they are critical institutions necessary to keep America great. Others do not agree – we read everyday about some politician or some billionaire or some think tank assailing public education for the ills of society.

PSBA is an advocate for public education. If elected I will stand with PSBA to make its voice even stronger and to stand against those who are misguided in their beliefs about what education is and just how hard it is to educate the youth of today.

I believe in and live by PSBA's 6 core values:

- <u>Leadership</u> to inspire others to achieve extraordinary results. This requires vision, risk-taking and demonstrating excellence.
- · Excellence to strive to always give our best.
- <u>Commitment</u> to demonstrate our belief in public education and the importance of local school governance
- <u>Integrity</u> to are honest, responsible and ethical in everything that we do
- Respect to recognize the dignity and worth of everyone by treating them with courtesy
  and fairness
- <u>Teamwork</u> Individually, we possess unique strengths and skills. Together, we achieve greater common goals through collaboration and communication.

To take our message forward we must have money and therefore we must be fiscally sound. I am running for PSBA Treasurer to insure that we have the resources necessary to support our mission of promoting public education.

Because most of our PSBA's staff are participants in PSERS, our greatest challenge is to plan for the PSERS retirement funding, which like our school districts, is grossly underfunded. To that end I have developed a comprehensive 10 year plan for our local board as well as a model to use for PSBA. A copy is available by writing to me at <a href="mailto:ovoit@mac.com">ovoit@mac.com</a>

I have the strong business and financial acumen necessary to do this job well. I have served in progressive executive positions which include Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President, General Manager and President. I have been recognized for my critical thinking and analytical capabilities. I have been CFO of a \$100million dental and cosmetic company, an engineering software company and an INC500 educational materials company.

Some personal highlights are:

- · Executive MBA, w/honors, St. Joseph's University
- B.S., Penn State University
- Member Institute of Management Accountants



- · Veteran of the Persian Gulf War
- · Active in Cub Scouts and Little League Coaching
- Elected member of the Muhlenberg School Board in Berks County for 14 years and have served as President and Vice President.

I reside in Muhlenberg with my wife of 25 years, Sheryl.

Together we can advocate for public education. Public education is so critical to our country's future that doing our best is not enough; we must do what is required.

\* 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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