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John Love



My name is John Love, and I am a graduate of Muhlenberg High School where I currently hold the office of board president. My interest in becoming a school director started when my daughter Sarah began kindergarten. Encouraged by my wife Ann to run for the Muhlenberg Township School Board, I was elected in 2010. My goal was to insure that Muhlenberg be to my daughter everything it had been for me.

A significant factor to my success on the Muhlenberg School Board is my leadership experience with organized labor in Berks County. In 1999, I went to work at Brenntag Northeast as a Teamster truck driver. I was elected shop steward, responsible for settling grievances and negotiating contracts. This experience taught me how to be an effective advocate on behalf of others. In 2010, I was asked to take a position in management as a dispatcher. Two years later I became the operations manager for Brenntag Northeast, responsible for the day to day operations of this global chemical distribution company. I attribute my career path to being able to see both sides of an issue and willing to do what is needed to get a job done. I would like to use the skills and insights I have developed from my work experience to bear in support of public education.

I am looking to become a larger part in the good work of PSBA. As Vice President, I would have a stronger

position to advocate for public education. I see myself listening to the stories of school directors across the state, and taking their successes and challenges to legislators. Our voices must be included in the education reform dialogue, whether the focus is on pensions, standards, or the workplace.

Shortly after my election to the Muhlenberg School Board, I became our PSBA liaison. I attended conferences at Penn State and Hershey, participating in a variety of educational workshops. It was PSBA that made me fully understand what the position of school director meant, both the authority and the limitations. But I also discovered advocacy for public education. I learned that what I was a part of was not something to take for granted. Public education is a right of every child, but it is under constant attack. In the years that I have served, I have seen the rise of charter schools; out-of-control litigation; and micro-managing, unfunded mandates. At the same time, we have had decreases in government funding, resulting in program cuts, job loss, and increased taxation at the local level. I would like to use the skills and lessons I have learned over my career to better advocate for public education and give back to PSBA, an organization that has helped me become a strong leader for public schools in Pennsylvania.

My name is John Love and I ask for your vote for PSBA board Vice President.

Thank you.



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