

Art Levinowitz – President-Elect



Art Levinowitz has been involved in education for his entire professional life. He was a teacher for eight years, employed as an administrator for more than 25 years for the New Jersey State Department of Education, and has served on Upper Dublin School Board for 20 years, including five as president. For the past 10 years he also has served as the president of the joint operating committee of the Eastern Center for the Arts and Technology. He has experience serving PSBA as both a regional director and Section 8 advisor. Last year Art was elected PSBA vice president. In addition to that role, he currently serves on the PSBA Finance Committee and as a director for the Pennsylvania Public Education Foundation. In 2017, he participated and completed the Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program.

David Hein – Vice President



David Hein is a two-term member of the Parkland School Board and its current vice-president. He also chairs the Personnel and Finance Committee and has served on the Academics, Arts and Athletics Committee. He serves on the joint operating committee of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute and is its most recent treasurer. He has been an active member of PSBA since being elected to the Parkland School Board. He serves on the PSBA Audit Committee and the PSBA Legislative Advisory Committee. He is the legislative liaison for his school board and served on the PSBA Leadership Development Committee last year. David enjoys attending the annual PSBA conference and Delegate Assembly and has participated in several webinars and live training sessions.

Sabrina Backer – Section 1 Advisor



Sabrina Backer has been active in public education since her children started elementary school. She began with the executive board of their school's parent/teacher organization, moved on to her local school board in 2015, and then served as Section 1 advisor, and on the Governing Board of PSBA in 2018. Since being elected to the Franklin Area School Board, she has served as PSBA liaison, and on their Hall of Fame, Personnel Operations, and Negotiations committees, chairing both the Personnel and Operations committees. Sabrina also has served on PSBA's Bylaws and Platform committees, the Pennsylvania Public Education Foundation, been a member of the Legislative Advisory Council and the chair of the Policy Committee. Sabrina attended Fayetteville State University and is the Chief Clerk/County Administrator for Venango County. She resides in Franklin with her husband Brian and their two children – Britton, a freshman at Penn State; and Cambree, a sophomore at Franklin Jr./Sr. High School.

* The Leadership Development Committee may, by majority vote, determine that one or more candidates for any elected position will be designated on the ballot as a candidate the Leadership Development Committee considers to be highly qualified. (PSBA Bylaws, Section 5 C – Nominations)

PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees

Member entities also are asked to vote for open trustee positions on the PSBA Insurance Trust board. There are currently two seats open and two candidates. A member school entity can vote for up to two individuals. PSBA Insurance Trust provides complimentary travel/accident insurance to all school directors from member school entities while on official school board business. As such, all member entities are considered participants in PSBA Insurance Trust programs and are eligible to vote.

Trustee (term ends Dec. 31, 2023)

Choose up to three candidates for a 3-year term.

Kathy Swope

Kathy K. Swope is a PSBA Past President in her 21st year of service as a school director in the Lewisburg Area School District, serving the last 12 years as board president. She is the current board chair of the PSBA Insurance Trust and a member of the PA Public Education Foundation board. She is a trustee of the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund and board director of the CM Regent Insurance Company. As a member of the Early Learning Investment Committee of the Susquehanna River Valley, she chairs the Champions of Early Childhood Education Initiative. In addition, she is a member of the Union County Historical Society board of directors. She holds a degree in Elementary Education from Susquehanna University and is a freelance writer and photographer by profession.

Mark B. Miller

Mark B. Miller is completing his third term as an elected school director of the Centennial School District in Bucks County, PA. He is completing his first term as a trustee and has contributed more than a decade of service to PSBA. Mark has served as a member or officer of PSBA's Governing Board for seven years, during which time he's been a staunch public education advocate. His efforts earned numerous awards and acknowledgements, including citations from the PA House, PA Senate and Congress. Among his most prized recognition are the Allwein Society Legislative Advocacy Award (2014) and PSBA CEO's Distinguished Service Award (2018). Among Mark's other service, he is vice-chair of Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, co-chair of Keystone State Education Coalition and on the Easy Procure Board of Managers. Mark was the founding chairperson of EdPAC and a director of the Network for Public Education. His service also includes service to NSBA. Mark is a delegate to the Federal Relations Network since 2008 and has been a member or chair of several NSBA committees and task forces. Mark believes there is no higher service to Public Education than that of being an elected school director in the community which you reside.

School Board Secretaries Forum

All voting takes place online as part of the PSBA Officers Elections ballot; it is a two-part ballot.

Forum Steering Committee (term ends Dec. 31, 2021)

Choose up to three incumbents for a 2-year term

- Crystal Mance – Cheltenham Township School District
- Jaime Lynn Zimerofsky – Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29
- Bethanne Zeigler – Shikellamy School District
- Jennifer Davidson – Manheim Township School District