

PSBA Leadership Positions up for Election

*Any slated candidate that demonstrates exceptional leadership at the local and state level shall be considered for “endorsement” by the Nominating Committee and the determination shall be noted on the slate of candidates. (PSBA Bylaws, Section 300 – Policy 302)

2027 President-Elect (one-year term)

Matt Vannoy*, Sharon City School District

My name is Matt Vannoy and I am a school director for the Sharon City School District (Mercer Co.) and serve on the Finance, Buildings and Grounds and Budget Committee. I am also currently in my second term as the vice president of the PSBA Governing Board. Prior to this I was a sectional advisor and sectional advisor representative to the PSBA Governing Board. Professionally, I am a principal in the Conneaut School District (Crawford Co.) and have also been a social studies teacher, athletic director and assistant principal in the Farrell Area School District, Moniteau School District and Sharon City School District. I am a member of the PIAA District 10 Committee, PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee, the Slippery Rock University (SRU) Alumni Association Board of Directors, several boards under the ARC of Mercer County umbrella and several other local boards. In 2018, I was a recipient of the SRU Alumni Association’s Distinguished Recent Alumni Award as well as the Mercer County Chambers of Commerce 40 Under 40 award. I graduated *summa cum laude* from Slippery Rock University in 2009 and earned my Master of Education degree and Superintendent’s Letter of Eligibility from Westminster College. Serving on the PSBA Governing Board has been a highlight of my career and I look forward to continuing to serve PSBA as the president-elect of the Governing Board and working with the staff and PSBA members across the state to advocate for public education. I look forward to working with PSBA to advocate for on-time budgets, cyber charter reform, mental health supports for schools, increased education funding and other areas that will benefit school districts. I appreciate your support. Thank you.

2027 Vice President (one-year term)

Kristy Bolte*, Northwestern School District

It has been an honor to serve as the Western Zone representative on the PSBA Governing Board since 2024. I am honored to seek election as vice president of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and to continue advancing our shared mission of supporting school board directors as they lead their districts, build strong relationships and advocate for public education across Pennsylvania. I am a graduate of Edinboro University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. As a former teacher, a mother of six, and the wife of a middle school teacher in the Conneaut School District, I have experienced public education from many perspectives. My family and I live in West Springfield, Pennsylvania, where I have been inspired to serve because I believe quality public education is the cornerstone of strong communities. I am currently serving my second term on the Northwestern School District Board of School Directors in Albion and am privileged to serve as board president. I also serve on the Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5 board. These leadership roles have reinforced my belief in the importance of effective governance, collaboration and continuous learning. Through PSBA's training, advocacy and support, I have grown as a leader and have become better equipped to serve my district and community. If elected vice president, I will remain committed to PSBA's vision of fostering informed, engaged and passionate school board directors who lead with integrity and advocate effectively for excellent public education. I will work to strengthen connections between PSBA and local school boards, ensuring directors throughout the commonwealth understand and benefit from the valuable resources and services our association provides. Public education faces both significant challenges and tremendous opportunities. By working together with honesty, integrity, collaboration and innovation, we can support school directors, strengthen our districts and create the best possible educational opportunities for every student. I would be honored to continue

serving the members of PSBA as your vice president. I respectfully ask for your trust, your vote and your support as we work together to advance public education and ensure a bright future for Pennsylvania's students.

2027- 2029 PSBA Treasurer (three-year term)

David Hein*, Parkland School District

My name is David Hein, and I am honored to ask for your support as treasurer of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. For more than a decade, I have been privileged to serve PSBA in a variety of volunteer and governing board leadership roles, including as president, Eastern Zone representative, E-2 sectional advisor, member of the Finance Committee and other PSBA committees. These experiences have given me a deep understanding of our association, its mission and the importance of responsible financial stewardship. Locally, I am serving my fourth term on the Parkland School Board and currently have the privilege of serving as board president. Throughout my service, I have chaired our Personnel and Finance Committee and worked collaboratively on many of the complex financial and governance issues facing public education today. Beyond K-12 education, I currently serve as chair of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees after being reappointed to a second six-year term. I also served for 12 years on the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee, holding several leadership positions there. These experiences have reinforced my commitment to sound governance, fiscal responsibility and long-term strategic planning. Professionally, I bring more than 35 years of finance and accounting experience across banking, healthcare IT, health insurance and the nonprofit sector. Today, I serve as assistant business administrator at Lehigh Career and Technical Institute, where fiscal accountability and responsible stewardship are central to my daily work. If elected treasurer, I will work to ensure that PSBA's financial resources are managed with transparency, integrity and a focus on delivering value to every member school district. I believe strong financial management allows our association to remain a trusted advocate for public education while providing the services and support our members depend on. I am passionate about protecting and strengthening public education through the fair allocation of resources, advocating for fully funded state and federal mandates, and ensuring a level playing field for our public schools in relation to charter and cyber charter schools. Public service has always been a family commitment. My wife and daughter are both elementary school teachers, giving me a firsthand appreciation for the work happening in our classrooms every day. I also proudly serve as president of the Parkland CARES Food Pantry, supporting families throughout our community. It would be an honor to continue serving PSBA in this new capacity. I respectfully ask for your vote for treasurer, and I thank you for your continued commitment to Pennsylvania's students, schools and communities.

2027 PSBA Eastern Zone Representative (one-year term) (Only Eastern Sections vote)

Jason Mell*, Exeter Township School District

My name is Jason Mell and I am seeking election to the PSBA Governing Board as the Eastern Zone representative for a one-year term starting in 2027. As part of the election process, I'd like to provide some background on myself as a candidate. I currently serve as a school director in the Exeter Township School District, located in Berks County, where I represent our board as the district's PSBA Liaison. Being the liaison to PSBA has provided me with valuable insight into the association's resources and advocacy efforts. I also had the privilege of serving as board president for two years. Throughout my time on the board, I have worked closely with fellow directors and district leadership to address complex policy, financial and operational issues while maintaining a focus on student success. My commitment to public service extends beyond education. Over the years, I have served on the boards of the Exeter Community Library, Exeter Youth Soccer Association, Albright College Alumni Association and the Exeter Township Planning

Commission. Today, I continue to support our region as a board member of Genesius Theatre, the Reading Film Office and Opportunity House. From 2014 through 2020, I also founded and served as editor of *The Exeter Informant*, a community news service dedicated to keeping residents informed about local government and community issues. Professionally, I am a software engineering manager for a national restaurant service and supplies company headquartered in Lititz, Pennsylvania, in neighboring Lancaster County. I hold a Master of Science degree in information systems from Drexel University and a bachelor's degree in information systems from Albright College. In addition, I've earned a Master Planner certification through the Albright College Center for Excellence in Local Government and the Cyber Risk and Oversight for Public Education certification from the Diligent Institute. Public education is also deeply personal to my family. In addition to both of my children attending the Exeter Township School District, my wife, Tiffany, is a 1998 Exeter graduate herself and serves as a K-4 reading specialist in the district. I believe strong public schools depend on thoughtful governance and effective advocacy. If elected, I will work collaboratively with fellow board members across the commonwealth, listen carefully to the concerns of our member districts, and advocate for policies that strengthen local school boards and improve educational opportunities for every student. I would be grateful for your support and the opportunity to serve as your Eastern Zone representative. Thank you.

2027 Section W1 Advisor (one-year term) (Only Section W-1 vote)

Tracey Leyda*, Franklin Area School District

I am honored to submit my candidacy for PSBA Sectional Advisor. Throughout my service in school board leadership, I have been guided by a deep belief that strong governance, open communication and a commitment to students are essential to public education. I would welcome the opportunity to continue serving PSBA and the local school boards in my section by listening carefully, sharing information clearly, and representing member concerns with professionalism and integrity. My experience in school board administration has taught me the value of collaboration, consistency and thoughtful decision-making. I understand that local boards face a wide range of challenges, from policy development and finance to personnel matters and community expectations. As sectional advisor, I would strive to be a responsive and reliable connection between local members and PSBA, ensuring that feedback from boards in our section is heard and carried forward. I would also work to strengthen awareness of PSBA resources, advocacy efforts and leadership initiatives that support effective board service. I believe one of the most important responsibilities of a sectional advisor is building trust through regular communication and visible engagement. I would approach this role by maintaining strong relationships with board liaisons, encouraging participation in PSBA programs, and promoting the Principles for Governance and Leadership. I also value the importance of recognizing local service and celebrating the work of board members who give their time to public education. That kind of encouragement helps sustain a healthy culture of leadership across our schools. If elected, I will bring dedication, steadiness, and a sincere respect for the volunteer spirit that makes PSBA strong. I am prepared to serve as an effective voice for local members, to support PSBA's mission, and to represent my section with energy and accountability. Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to serve.

2027-2028 Section W-2 Advisor (two-year term) (Only Section W-2 vote)

Michael Panza*, Moniteau School District

My name is Michael Panza and I respectfully ask for your support to continue as your sectional advisor. I was first appointed to the Moniteau school board in 2008 and have since won five elections. I have served as president of my school board and am currently vice-president. Our board operates by committees. I have served on the Policy,

Superintendent Evaluation and other committees during this time. I also serve on the Midwestern Intermediate Unit Board of Directors, serving as the treasurer. As a current sectional advisor, I was elected by my peers to serve on the governing board of PSBA for the past three years. My background is in education, as I hold bachelor's and master's degrees in music education, a second master's degree in administration, a doctorate in educational leadership and 18 post doctorate credits for my Letter of Eligibility. I have been a music educator, assistant principal, principal and served for more than 17 years as a district superintendent. I retired from public education in 2016 and am currently on the faculty at Slippery Rock University, supervising student teachers and teaching various courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. I also serve on several doctoral dissertation committees. I have presented twice at the PSBA conference and have served as a session monitor at the annual conference. I have submitted articles and have been published on no less than three occasions in the *PSBA Bulletin*. I have also been published on the national level on education-related matters. Most recently, I was asked to write a theme song for PSBA. I was happy to complete this piece. It was recently professionally recorded by the North Hills Wind Ensemble and will be featured at this year's conference. I was also asked and participated in the taping of the PSBA *Keystone Education Report* television program on the topic of arts in our schools. This program aired twice on the *PNC* cable news channel and can be found at the PSBA site or on YouTube. As can be seen, I have extensive experience in education, as a teacher, an administrator, a school director, with the intermediate unit and at the state level. I respectfully ask for your support to continue our important work, providing guidance and support to fellow school directors as we collectively serve our schools, our communities, but most importantly, our students. Again, I am Michael Panza asking to continue as your sectional advisor. Thank you for watching, and best wishes.

2027 Section E-1 Advisor (one-year term) (Only Section E-1 vote)

Christina Cosmello*, Blue Ridge School District

Hello, my name is Christina Cosmello and I am honored to seek your support to continue serving as your PSBA Sectional Advisor for section E-1. Public education has always been at the heart of my commitment to public service. I am proud to say that I am the product of Pennsylvania public schools and so are both of my children. Our public education provided the foundation that has shaped our lives. And that personal connection has fueled my lifelong commitments to advocating for strong public education. I believe every student deserves the same opportunities to learn, grow and succeed. And I am proud to support PSBA's mission of promoting excellence in public education across our commonwealth. For approximately 20 years, I have proudly served on the Blue Ridge School District Board of Directors, including five years as vice president and eight years as treasurer, which I currently hold. During that time, I have gained extensive experience in school governance, policy development, financial stewardship, strategic planning and advocating for students in our community. In addition, I have also served on the NEIU 19 board of directors for approximately nine years, three years as treasurer, which I currently hold that position. Working alongside representatives from 20 school districts has broadened my perspective, strengthened regional partnerships and deepened my understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing public education across northeast Pennsylvania. As a PSBA member for more than 15 years, I have consistently participated in conferences, sectional meetings and educational sessions. I encourage my district to recognize excellence by nominating students, educators and fellow board members for PSBA's Student Showcase. I believe these programs highlight the incredible work happening in our schools and strengthen connections across districts. For the past seven months I've had the privilege of serving as your PSBA Sectional Advisor for section E-1. During this time, I have gained valuable experience, communicating with member districts, supporting PSBA initiatives and help strengthening engagement throughout our section. That experience has reinforced my commitment to ensuring our districts remain informed, connected and

represented. Outside of education I remain actively involved in community service. I am involved in leading a scholarship program for more than a decade, I support initiatives that address food insecurity and participate in projects that honor veterans and strengthen our local communities. Professionally I am a Berkshire Hathway Home Services Chairman's Circle recipient. I'm recognized among the top agents globally. That achievement reflects the same values I bring to public service, integrity, communication, accountability and dedication. I would be honored to continue serving as your PSBA Sectional Advisor for E-1. And I am committed to listening, collaborating and advocating for our districts while promoting the outstanding work taking place throughout our schools. Thank you for your time, your support and continued dedication to Pennsylvania students and public education. I respectfully ask for your vote this fall and I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the schools and communities of section E-1.

2027-2028 Section E-2 Advisor (two-year term) (Only Section E-2 vote)

Sarah Nemitz*, Salisbury Township School District

My name is Sarah Nemitz, and I'm a school board member and current vice president for the Salisbury Township School District in Lehigh County. I'm running for election to be the E-2 sectional advisor for PSBA, serving Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe and Carbon counties. I have been a school board member since 2019, and I've served in leadership roles in my own district and beyond. I was previously our president for one year, and have served as vice president since 2024. I've led negotiating teams and worked to recertify the charter school that is in our boundaries, worked with our state legislators, as well as presented sessions at the School Leadership Conference. Since 2019, I have also represented Salisbury on the joint operating committee for the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute, and currently serve as treasurer and chair of the Business and Finance committee. I was also a member of the inaugural class of PSBA's Innovation and Policy Institute in 2022. PSBA has a lot to offer our districts and as E-2 sectional advisor, I'd be happy to help connect you with those services and resources. Our board has had very positive experiences working with PSBA – we have taken roles and responsibilities and goal setting trainings, we regularly participate in the self-evaluation process, and we have engaged in advocacy day events, as well as working with PSBA on policy updates. Personally, I have gained a lot of knowledge from PSBA's webinars on current topics in education and have enjoyed hearing the experience of others through the member exchanges. I believe that the more informed we are as board members the better we can serve our students and communities. I also believe that by working together and sharing our unique experiences we can become stronger, more informed advocates for public education. I appreciate your support and look forward to working with all of you.

Anna Lopez, Pocono Mountain School District

Hello everyone my name is Anna Lopez and I'm a proudly serving school director at Pocono Mountain School District and as a director at the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 board. It's an honor to be a candidate for the PSBA Sectional Advisor for section E-2. Over the past several years I've learned that effective leadership begins with listening. Every school district is unique. We all share many of the same challenges, supporting students, retaining quality staff, maintaining safe schools, managing facilities and balancing budgets all while remaining accountable to our communities. So serving on my local board has given me the opportunity to work on long-term projects such as capital improvements planning, policy development, education initiatives that strengthen our schools while all remaining fiscally responsible. Serving on the intermediate unit has also brought me an understanding of how collaboration between districts creates opportunities that no single district can accomplish alone. If elected as your advisor, my commitment is very simple. I will listen, I will communicate and I will advocate. I believe school directors deserve timely information, opportunities to share ideas and a strong voice within PSBA. I also believe our greatest

strength comes from working together. So regardless of the size of our district or community we represent, every school member brings valuable experience that can help improve public education across Pennsylvania. I want to help strengthen those connections by encouraging collaboration, sharing successful practices and ensuring that our concerns of our region are heard. Public education continues to face significant challenges, but it also has tremendous opportunities by working together with respect, professionalism and a shared commitment to students. We can continue building stronger schools and stronger communities. Thank you all for your service to public education, for everything you do on behalf of your students and communities and for considering my candidacy. I would be honored to earn your support as your next PSBA Section E-2 Advisor. Thank you.

Timothy Kearney*, Southern Lehigh School District

Over 40 years. That is how long I've been involved in public education work. I am honored to be a 2026 PSBA Nominating Committee endorsed candidate for the PSBA Section E2 Sectional Advisor position. Over 40 years ago, I decided to earn a degree in elementary education at Millersville University. I was hired by Allentown School District and taught there for 34 years. I earned a master's degree in education leadership and a Principal's Certificate at Lehigh University. I earned a Management Certificate from DeSales University. I won several awards including Outstanding Educator Award from the Allentown Education Association and the Legacy Award from Pennsylvania State Education (PSEA) Eastern Region. I was an education leader at the school, local, region, state and national level. I served as a building representative, Allentown Education Association's vice president of elementary schools, PSEA Eastern Region Third Representative and PSEA Board of Directors. I served on PSEA statewide Communications, Resolutions, Bargaining and Health Care committees. I also served on the National Education Association's Resolutions Committee. I attended education leadership meetings in Germany and National Education Association meetings across the country – Minnesota to Texas, California to Washington, D.C. When I retired, I did not stop my education work. I ran for school board. I am on our Continuing Education, Policy, Education and Technology committees. I serve as one of our representatives on our local technical school's joint operating committee. I am president of Founding Forward's Valley Forge Volunteer Chapter, and work part time there. I am a voice for civics education. I develop a weekly education update for area educators and community members. I've been composing that email newsletter for over five years. I bring a career's worth of dedication to this position. I want to bring my experience to PSBA and school board members in our region. When I look at PSBA's purpose of improving public schools, I can't help but know I've been doing this for decades. When PSBA states that its mission is promoting exceptional public education, it matches my own personal philosophy and the education success I achieved in support, empower and advocate for public education. When I see PSBA's Principles for Governance and Leadership, I know they are principles I've strived for as an educator, whether in the classroom, principal's office or education association leadership roles. I would be honored to serve you and PSBA. Thank you, sincerely, for your time and consideration.

2027-2028 Section E-4 Advisor (two-year term) (Only Section E-4 vote)

Dr. Tasliym Morales*, Chester Upland School District

My name is Dr. Tasliym Morales, and I am honored to seek another term as your PSBA Section E4 Advisor. Supporting school directors across Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties has been one of the most rewarding opportunities of my public service. During my term, I have worked to ensure that board members had access to timely legislative updates, governance resources and opportunities to strengthen their effectiveness as educational leaders. As an elected school director, legislative chairwoman, and treasurer for the Chester Upland School District, I understand the challenges boards face every day. We are expected to balance fiscal responsibility, student achievement, transparency, community expectations and an ever-changing legislative landscape. Those

experiences have shaped the way I support section E4, with practical solutions, open communication, and a commitment to helping fellow board members succeed. Throughout my term, I have remained engaged with local school districts, legislative discussions, and regional educational partners. I believe an effective sectional advisor should not simply share information but also create opportunities for collaboration, ensuring that boards can learn from one another while advocating for policies that strengthen public education. If reelected, I will continue strengthening connections throughout section E4 by expanding communication, increasing opportunities for professional engagement, and ensuring school directors have access to meaningful governance and legislative resources. I remain committed to supporting every district fairly and professionally, recognizing that while our communities may differ, our commitment to serving students is shared. Public education continues to face significant challenges, from funding and workforce issues to governance and accountability. These challenges require thoughtful leadership, respectful dialogue, and a willingness to work together across districts and perspectives. I am committed to continuing to support that work on your behalf. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me during my first term. It has been a privilege to work alongside so many dedicated school directors who volunteer countless hours to improve outcomes for students and communities across southeastern Pennsylvania. I respectfully ask for your support and your vote to continue serving as your PSBA Section E4 Advisor.

PSBA Insurance Trustees

Member entities also are asked to vote for open trustee positions on the PSBA Insurance board. PSBA Insurance 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 programs and are eligible to vote.

Trustee (term ends Dec. 31, 2029) – Includes two candidates (three-year term)

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

Marianne L. Neel

Dr. Michael Faccinetto

Dr. Michael Faccinetto has served on the Bethlehem Area School District Board of Directors since 2009, providing 17 years of leadership in public school governance, budgeting, labor relations and education policy. As board president, he has advocated for underserved students, responsible stewardship, and programs that expand opportunities for every learner. His statewide leadership includes serving as PSBA president from 2017–18 and advocating for public education before the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Dr. Faccinetto is the principal of Southern Lehigh Middle School and previously served as an elementary teacher in the Southern Lehigh and Allentown school districts. He earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership, master's degree, and K–12 Principal Certification from Lehigh University.

School Board Secretaries Forum

(Only school board secretaries may nominate and vote for the forum officers.)

Forum Steering Committee (term ends Dec. 31, 2028) – (two-year term)

Choose up to three individuals for a two-year term

Betsy Gates, Dauphin County Technical School

Betsy Gates is the administrative operations coordinator and board secretary at Dauphin County Technical School, where she plays a central role in supporting school leadership, board operations, and the mission of high-quality career and technical education. For the past three years, Betsy has been an active and engaged member of the PSBA School Board Secretaries Forum, contributing her expertise, insight and collaborative spirit to the statewide network of board professionals. She currently serves as chair of the forum, a role she has held for the past year, where she works to strengthen connections among members, elevate best practices and support the vital work of board secretaries across Pennsylvania. Betsy is a passionate advocate for both career and technical centers (CTCs) and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. She believes deeply in the power of CTCs to prepare students for meaningful careers and in PSBA's role as a cornerstone of strong public education governance. Her commitment to these organizations reflects her broader dedication to ensuring that every student in Pennsylvania has access to high-quality educational opportunities.

Lauryn Weaver, Central Intermediate Unit 10

I have spent the last four years working in education, along with more than 10 years in the fitness industry, and one thing that has remained constant throughout my career is my love for connecting with people. I genuinely enjoy meeting new people, building relationships, and finding creative ways to make networking feel fun, welcoming and engaging. I am naturally organized, always happy to lend a helping hand and enjoy supporting others however I can. Those qualities are a big part of why I would love to serve on the SBS Steering Committee. From my very first SBS Annual Conference, I was impressed by how welcoming, knowledgeable and supportive this group is. The committee always goes the extra mile to help others and find answers, even when it takes a little extra digging. Through this committee, I have built valuable connections, gained insights that helped me grow professionally and felt genuinely supported. I would love the opportunity to give back by helping create those same positive experiences for others, supporting members, encouraging engagement and helping strengthen the network that makes SBS Steering Committee such a valuable resource. At the IU, I lead the Community and Staff Engagement Committee, where I help create events and initiatives that bring people together and strengthen our sense of community and boost employee morale. I believe that experience would transfer well to this opportunity and allow me to contribute ideas, organization and enthusiasm that support the committee's goals.