

## **Schaefer Assumes Presidency of MABE**

December 14, 2016 - As a result of the recent local elections, a vacancy was created in the presidency of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE). According to MABE Bylaws, the president-elect assumes the chair, and other officers are elected by the current board of directors.

Joy Schaefer, Frederick County, was elected president-elect by the MABE membership at the business meeting during their Annual Conference in October. She assumed the presidency of MABE as of December 6, 2016.

Schaefer was first elected to the Frederick Board of Education in 2012, and re-elected in 2016. She has been involved with MABE in various capacities, including completing board development programs Leadership I and II, and serving on several committees. She most recently served a year as MABE secretary, and two years as the chair of MABE's Legislative Committee.

Frances Hughes Glendening, MABE executive director, stated, "Joy brings a high level of knowledge and professionalism to the presidency. Her extensive experience with the Legislative Committee, along with her past willingness to avail herself of board development training, will serve our members and the association well as we move into the future."

Schaefer stated, "Each day school board members rise to the challenge of providing all Maryland students with strong and effective public schools. I look forward to working with and on behalf of my colleagues across the state to ensure they are supported in this critical work."

Other vacancies were filled by appointment of the president with the approval of the board of directors: Charles McDaniels, Jr., Baltimore County, president-elect; Nancy Reynolds, Harford County, treasurer; Martha James-Hassan, Baltimore City, secretary; and new board of directors members Michael Durso, Montgomery County, and Laura Runyeon, Harford County.

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