

Michigan School Business Officials



2017 Board Candidate



All active members of MSBO will receive an e-mail with a link to vote in April 2017. Voting is conducted electronically.

MSBO Mission Statement

The Mission of MSBO is to continually improve the leadership of and management in school business and operational services, while enhancing the professional, social, and economic well-being of its members.



Candidate for MSBO Board of Directors *(Incumbent)*

Kent J. Cartwright, CPA, CFO

Chief Financial Officer
Public Schools of Petoskey

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for the MSBO Board of Directors as I finish my first term. Since my first day joining the public education community 22 years ago, MSBO has been a tremendous source of information, support, and inspiration. Over the years I have encountered many a thorny issue, and the MSBO family has always been there to help. I see volunteering my time on the MSBO Board as one small way to give back to an organization that has done so much for myself, my Districts, and public education in Michigan.

Education:

University of Michigan, Flint, MI – Ed.S. in Educational Leadership (April 2017)
Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI – Masters in Business Administration
Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI – Bachelor of Science, Accountancy, Minor: Military Science.
State of Michigan – Certified Public Accountant

Employment:

United States Army, January 1990-January 1994, Infantry Officer
United States Army Reserve, January 1994 to 1998, Infantry Officer
Crowe Chizek and Co. LLP, January 1994 to April 1996, Auditor
Forest Hills Public Schools, April 1996 to July 1998: Accounting Manager
Gaylord Community Schools, July 1998 to June 2000: Executive Director of Business and Finance
Public Schools of Petoskey, June 2000 to Present: Chief Financial Officer
Central Michigan University, September 2002-May 2009: Adjunct Professor, School Finance & Accounting
Lake Superior State University, September 2009-Present: Adjunct Professor, Accounting & Management

Professional Activities:

Current Affiliations:

Michigan School Business Officials, 21 years
Presentations at MSBO – 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
Northern Michigan Schools Business Officials: Program Committee 2013-14.
Rotary Club of Petoskey – Treasurer, 2007 - 2015, President 2016-17
Association of School Business Officials International – Member since 1996.

Past Affiliations:

Boy Scouts of America: Scoutmaster 2005-2012
Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Honors:

MSBO Stebbins Scholarship
MSBO Chief Financial Officer Certification
Bronze Star Medal
Army Commendation Medal (2)
Airborne Badge
Air Assault Badge
Combat Infantryman's Badge
Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship
Eagle Scout

Married 27 years to Christina, 1 daughter in college, and 1 son working as a mechanical engineer in Petoskey. My awesome family patiently tolerates my constant swimming, running and biking, which is necessary to keep me level and sane; and competitive, of course!