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# PASBO REPORT

## Koser Receives 2011 Gary E. Reeser Memorial Award

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John P. Koser, Director of Nutritional Services at Lower Merion SD, received PASBO's prestigious Gary E. Reeser Memorial Award on March 17 during the 56th Annual Conference and Exhibits in Pittsburgh.

In his 27 years at Lower Merion SD, Koser has become an icon of the food service department. His innovative thinking has transformed his ten cafeterias to resemble restaurants more than the typical school cafeteria. Fresh salads, soups and even sushi are a few items offered throughout the district. Despite the

tight economy where many food service operations are losing money, because of Koser's knowledge in food purchasing and procurement, Lower Merion SD's Department of Nutritional Services made about \$150,000 last year. The district has taken a leadership role in promoting healthy food choices by lowering the fat and sugar content of foods and increasing fresh fruits and vegetables, therefore helping to combat the obesity program in school age students.

Outside the school walls, Koser has been very involved with PASBO having

been a member since 1985. He was one of the founding members of the Food Service Committee and served as chairperson for many years. He has actively participated in fighting for the present state nutrition regulations and continues to be a part of legislative issues. Koser helped start the Delaware Valley School Food Service Directors (DVFSD) regional chapter and served as president from 2002-2005. He was the first to initiate the DVFSD Food Coupon Show and this past year they had 25 vendors/brokers present coupons or rebates

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## Fantauzzi Elected VP; Denner, Kirsch and Richards Elected to Board



Fantauzzi



Denner



Kirsch



Richards

On March 17, the 2011-12 election came to a close in Pittsburgh. The PASBO membership elected Richard Fantauzzi, PRSBA, Director of Finance and Operations at Elizabeth Forward SD, to the Vice President position, beginning his term on July 1. The three directors elected to start their 3-year term on July 1 are: Eddie L. Denner, PRSBA, Business Manager at North Star SD; Dale R. Kirsch, PRSBA, Business Manager/Treasurer at Indiana SD; and Curtis O. Richards, PRSBA, Business Administrator/Board Treasurer at Lebanon SD.

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## PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

### The Professional Standard in School Business

#### PASBO PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The intense focus on state standards and accountability, tightening budgets and a growing recognition that all school district staff must work together as part of a system, have created a dynamic that requires the highest degree of professionalism from all business professionals. The PASBO Professional Registration Program is your association's official measure of that professionalism.

As we speak, PASBO professional registration is becoming more and more valuable. It has become a key qualification used to fill positions throughout the Commonwealth. It also mirrors many of the practical experience and educational requirements in mandatory certification/licensing programs in other states.

As school challenges intensify and the pressure for accountability in all aspects of public education continues to grow, your professional registration validates not only your past achievements but also your future capabilities. It truly is the highest honor of professional achievement in school business management for Pennsylvania school business officials.

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## Reeser Memorial Award

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to over 50 school food service directors at the show.

Koser has been an active member of the School Nutrition Association of PA (SNAPa), where he served as President twice as well as held several other board positions. He implemented the SNAPa Food Service Director of the Year Award and also expanded the organization's PSU summer educational series.

According to Charles E. Linderman, PRSBA, PASBO Past President and Director of Business Affairs at Great Valley SD, "Jack is one of the most respected and knowledgeable school business officials I know. His knowledge and expertise in food service is unparalleled in our industry. Jack is always willing to share his ideas and new techniques with anyone who will listen to him. He is selfless and very rarely will take credit for accomplishments rather he will just credit them as part of his job."

For more information on the Gary E. Reeser Memorial Award, please go to: [www.pasbo.org/awards.asp](http://www.pasbo.org/awards.asp). If you know a worthy candidate for next year's award, please submit your application by November 30.

## Professional Registration Approved

### Pennsylvania Registered School Business Administrator

#### Initial Registration

Michelle Smithmyer, PRSBA, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Claysburg-Kimmel SD

#### Renewal

Julie A. Bauer, PRSBA, Business Manager/Board Secty., Crawford County CTC

John A. Bowden, PRSBA, Business Manager, Pequea Valley SD

Thomas R. Caruso, PRSBA, Business Administrator, Mifflinburg Area SD

Brett N. Lago, PRSBA, Director of Business Affairs, Penn-Trafford SD

Gerald L. McLaughlin, PRSBA, Business Administrator/Board Secty., Loyalsock Township SD

Joseph V. Otto, PRSBA, Chief Operations Officer/Board Secty., William Penn SD

Charles E. Peterson Jr., PRSBA, Director of Cooperative Business Services & Operations,

Barbara L. Richard, PRSBA, Asst. to the Superintendent for HR & District Services,

#### 20 Year Member

Terry L. Sweigart, PRSBA, Business Manager, Lampeter-Strasburg SD

### Pennsylvania Registered School Business Official

#### Initial Registration

Michael Lander, PRSBO, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, Montoursville Area SD

Vanessa R. Scott, PRSBO, Business Manager, Southeast Delco SD

#### Renewal

Leo J. Bernabei, PRSBO, Director of Operations, Radnor Township SD

Mary J. Eckart, PRSBO, Assistant Director of Finance, Northwest Tri-County IU #5

Jeffrey L. Kimball, PRSBO, Coop. Purchasing Services Director, Central Susquehanna IU #16

Terry A. Leh, PRSBO, Business Administrator, Northampton Area SD

### Pennsylvania Registered School Business Specialist

#### Renewal

Frederick V. Daubert, PRSBS, Coord. of Trans./Food Svcs./Federal Programs, Cornwall-Lebanon SD

Franklin W. Lambert, PRSBS, Director of Transportation, Neshaminy SD