

Boards of Milton Hershey School and Hershey Trust Company Elect Three New Members

HERSHEY, Pa. – The Milton Hershey School Board of Managers and the Hershey Trust Company Board of Directors today elected three new members to serve on the Boards, effective April 1.

“The selection of Managers/Directors is among the most important decisions that the Boards make, and I am pleased that we have elected these three new members,” said Chairman Velma A. Redmond. “As part of our thorough effort, we worked with a nationally respected recruiting firm, which conducted in-depth reports on potential candidates. We received more than 240 resumes and letters of interest from prospective candidates and a thorough selection process identified the three superbly qualified individuals we have elected. I believe they will bring a rich mosaic of relevant skills to the Boards. Their education, training and experience reflect the full range of the Boards’ responsibilities including working with at-risk/dependent children, residential childhood education, and financial and business investment. They also have the good governance temperament and personal attributes to be effective Board members and, very importantly, they are committed to the mission of the Milton Hershey School.”

The new Managers/Directors include:

- **Melissa L. Peeples-Fullmore:** An alumna of the Milton Hershey School, Melissa L. Peeples-Fullmore is an education professional, who has worked as a teacher and administrator in public schools, and in residential environment facilities. Through her work in Title I schools and with AMIKids, she has extensive experience with children from low-income families, as well as children who attend residential educational programs. She is currently the Program Officer for the Aspiring Leaders Program at Teaching Trust in Dallas, TX which prepares principals to be transformational leaders in urban environments. Mrs. Peeples-Fullmore has an undergraduate degree from Lynn University in Florida, earned a master’s degree in educational leadership and elementary education at Florida A&M University, and recently received a second master’s of education specializing in leadership development and policy reform at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is currently studying for her doctorate in education policy and leadership at Southern Methodist University, where she also is an adjunct instructor, teaching select master's level courses in SMU’s Simmons School of Education and Human Development.
 - **Jan Loeffler Bergen:** Jan Loeffler Bergen is a well-known and highly-regarded healthcare executive who is currently President & Chief Executive Officer of Lancaster General Health/Penn Medicine. A native of Pennsylvania, she has exceptional leadership and management experience in complex organizations operating in a highly regulated environment. She is also a trained social worker with a real understanding of the issues and challenges facing children in need and their families. Ms. Bergen has served on numerous community, philanthropic and healthcare related boards, giving her extensive experience in how boards work and how to effectively and efficiently guide a nonprofit institution. She
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is a graduate of Lafayette College and completed masters-level course work in business and social work at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University.

- **James C. Katzman:** James C. Katzman is a retired partner of Goldman Sachs, with extensive experience in investment banking. Born in Central Pennsylvania, Mr. Katzman brings sophisticated skills in the financial area and has a personal interest in education and childhood development. He is a Trustee of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix, a Trustee of the San Francisco Ballet, a member of the President's Leadership Council at Dartmouth College, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Program for Financial Studies at Columbia Business School. Mr. Katzman graduated with an A.B. in Economics from Dartmouth College and received an MBA from Columbia Business School.

Founded in 1905, the Hershey Trust Company is a state-chartered trust company with over a hundred years of strength, heritage and stability. It serves as the trustee for the Milton Hershey School Trust, the M.S. Hershey Foundation Trust and the Hershey Cemetery Trust.

Names, qualifications and other pertinent information regarding the candidates were provided 30 days in advance to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, whose office stated no objection to these new Managers/Directors of exceptional quality. This election brings the total number of Managers/Directors to nine, and the Boards will continue the search process throughout 2017 with the goal of identifying additional potential candidates.

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