



Wednesday Morning

Highlights of Tuesday Evening's Abington School Board Meeting
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**WEDNESDAY MORNING AND MATERIALS PRESENTED AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT LAST NIGHT'S SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

The School Directors approved: Personnel Appointments and Changes ... Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds ... Advertisement for Bids and Award of Contract ... The 2018-2019 School Calendar ... The Eastern Center for Arts and Technology 2018-2019 Budget ... The Preparation and Submittal of "PlanCon Part A: Updated Project Justification" and "PlanCon Part B: Updated Schematic Design Preparation" to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for Abington High School Additions and Renovations

BOARD ORIENTATION ... Abington High School Additions and Renovations ... Mr. Scott Adams of Gilbert Architects, Dr. Jeffery Fecher, Mr. Thomas Schneider and Dr. Amy Sichel provided an update on the architectural plans for the additions and renovations to Abington High School. This included building plans for a new Science and Technology Center and new auxiliary gymnasium, additions to the administrative and guidance areas, as well as other planned renovations for the 1956 school. Last night's presentation can be viewed via BoardDocs, available on the District's website.

BOARD HONORS ... The Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) designates January as School Board Director Recognition Month. Last night Dr. Sichel presented certificates to the School Board Directors in recognition of their dedication and commitment to serving the Abington School District and the communities of Abington and Rockledge. PSBA Honor Roll certificates were presented to all Board Members, with an emphasis on Raymond McGarry, Esquire, for 20 years of service, and Adam M. Share, Esquire, for 8 years of service. Mr. Barry J. Stupine was presented with a plaque in honor of his 24 years of service. All School Board Directors also received a bouquet of flowers arranged and delivered by Abington's A.C.T.I.V.E. Academy students.

Mr. Berrios presented plaques to 22 Abington Senior High School students who have been identified by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as semifinalists or commended students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. Of the 22 students, 10 are semifinalists and 12 are commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The semifinalists include: Micah Cheng, Joshua Coleman, Dionna Dash, Aidan Gales, Timothy Gallagher, Jiayue Gao, Stephen Maransky, Julian Miltenberger, M. Amin Mojarad and Peirce Robinson. Commended students include: Elizabeth Belka, Victoria Belka, Jordan Denish, Melissa Denish, Benjamin Forst, Emily Goldfarb, Fiona Jenkins, Mark Kilimnik, Zachary O'Leary, Paul Perumaly, Grace Spurrier and Maya Stevenson.

Mr. Leonard Rizzotti and Ms. Kelly Miller from The Forst Foundation presented a donation of \$10,000 to Ms. Erin Zimmerman, Executive Director, and Ms. Christine Strange, Board Chair, of the Abington Educational Foundation (AEF), which will go toward Chromebooks and equipment for school plays. Dr. James Eten shared a news clip from PHL17 News, covering Highland Elementary School's Thirteenth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

BOARD AUTHORIZES ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT ... The Board authorized advertisement for bids for supply items, as well as four, 9-passenger student transportation school vans and a 30-passenger school bus.

The Board awarded a contract to Ampro Sports for softball supplies and uniforms at Abington Junior and Senior High schools.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE ... Last night, the Board approved the retirement of Ms. Mary Alice Wynne, a kindergarten teacher at Willow Hill Elementary School, who has served the District for ten years.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ... (meetings at the Administration Building, unless otherwise noted)

Next Board Meeting:

February 13, 2018

7:30 p.m.

NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING:

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

7:30 p.m.

Overlook Elementary School

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