



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: Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for Abington Junior High School ... Title I, IIA, and IV Services to Non-Public Schools ... Comprehensive Plan Facilitator Services ... Personnel Appointments and Changes ... Permits for Buildings and Grounds Use ... Awards of Contracts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS ... Mr. McGarry and Board members noted that the meeting last night was the last official meeting for Dr. Mark Pellico and wished him a healthy and happy retirement.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT ... Dr. Sichel wished Dr. Pellico a happy and healthy retirement and stated that it has been a pleasure working with him.

BOARD ORIENTATION ... Dr. Jeffrey Fecher and Mr. Charles Rehm, Supervisor of Transportation, provided an orientation on the 2017-2018 transportation schedule for Abington School District students and school-age children who attend independent schools. The orientation and information is available on the district website with the BoardDocs materials for last night.

Mr. Rehm explained that the Education Logistics, Inc., (EDULOG) bus routing and planning software program was used to help improve efficiencies in routing and establish new bus routes. The system is updated on a daily basis. Dr. Fecher and Mr. Rehm reviewed the plans to inform parents/guardians about the new system and its advantages.

The system will generate letters to parents/guardians of all riders and walkers, and is planned to be sent with the mailed home packet by the end of this week. Mr. Rehm presented examples of letters to be sent to parents/guardians of bus riders and walkers. The system directly interfaces with the Skyward system and Dr. Fecher illustrated how the information can be accessed via Skyward. The instructions to access the information were presented in the orientation last night and will be presented on the District website. Since the information on the system will be updated every day, no schedules will be sent to newspapers since their reports are very static.

Skyward Family Access for the 2017-2018 school year is scheduled to be open on August 25, 2017.

BOARD APPROVES AWARDS OF CONTRACTS ... Last night the Board awarded contracts to: Guardian Network Solutions for Anti-Malware Software; Kufen Motor and Pumps Technologies, Inc, for replacement storm water ejector pump at the Junior High School; and to several vendors for first aid supplies.

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

Next Board Meeting:

September 12, 2017 7:30 p.m.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER INFORMATION

OPENING OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 5, 2017: School opens for all schools and all grade levels.
See the 2017-2018 School District Calendar on the School District website.

Bus stop and bus schedule information will be available via Skyward Family Access beginning August 25, 2017. View instructions for accessing the information on the District website and with the Transportation Presentation from last night's School Board meeting on BoardDocs.

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