



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: The District-Wide Assessment Program for 2017-2018 ... A Project ACCESS Agreement for Processing School-Based ACCESS Program Claims ... Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services for the District's Special Education Program ... Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) Services for the District's Special Education Program ... Personnel Appointments and Changes ... The District's Financial Report and Payment of Bills ... Permits for Buildings and Grounds Use ... Awards of Contracts.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS ... Board members complimented the High School Guidance Department on its series of College Seminars for parents/guardians of high school students and encouraged parents/guardians to attend to gain useful information and insights on the college admissions process. The first seminar takes place on September 19, 2017 and the series dates can be viewed on the school district calendar and the High School website.

REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT ... Dr. Sichel noted that the Single Audit Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2016 was acceptable and in compliance as reviewed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for the District's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

HONORS ... Congratulations to Abington Junior High School music teacher **Ms. Melinda "Mindy" Walker** for being selected as the winner of the American Choral Directors Association of Pennsylvania 2017 Eileen M. Hower Memorial Award. The award is presented in honor of Eileen M. Hower, a gifted choral musician and choral educator. The award is given to a Pennsylvania choral music educator who has been teaching for more than 15 years; has a proven record of commitment to developing voices, particularly at the middle school level; maintains high artistic standards; is actively involved in the American Choral Directors Association or another professional leadership association; and models a passionate, positive, energetic, and joyful approach to their work.

Congratulations to Abington Senior High School's 2017 Congressional Award Gold Medalists. They are: **Elizabeth Belka, Victoria Belka, Noah Berkowitz, Lindsay Fullerton, Samantha Gable, Jasna Janikic, Erin Markham, Swathi Prakash, Anthony Radcliffe, Kristen Sparhawk, and Stephanie Waldstein.** These Gold Medalists were recognized at the 2017 Gold Medal Ceremony in Washington, D.C. in June. This year's Gold Medalist group consisted of 373 young people across 39 states. This is the largest class in the 38 year history of the award, representing an unprecedented year of service and leadership.

Congratulations to Abington Senior High School students who competed as National Finalists at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Conference, competing against top finalists from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, US Territories, and American schools in China.

Winning sixth place among all the finalists in the Computer Game Design and Simulation Programming area were **Lillian Sall, Jarred Hammer, and Andrew Nolan, Jr.** These students spent hundreds of hours developing a 1980s-like arcade game for the PC. In addition to developing the game they were required to present their game to judges in the form of an interactive presentation.

Winning second place among all the finalists in the Network Design area were **Griffin Timm and Danylo Sandurskyy.** They were first given an objective test in all areas of Computer Networking (Software, Hardware, Security, etc.) and then as one of the top 15 teams selected they were given a case study of an organization's current computer network and the organization's needs and then developed a solution for the organization and presented their solution to a panel of expert judges.

The faculty sponsor is **Mr. Dave Daubenspeck.**

BOARD APPROVES AWARDS OF CONTRACTS ... Last night the Board awarded contracts to CDW Government for Chromebooks and related components for Abington Senior High School and to Kurzweil, Inc. for Kurzweil 3000 Firefly Special Education Software.

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

Next Board Meeting:

August 22, 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 our website.

Bus stop and bus schedule information will be posted on our website and on Skyward when complete.

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