

ASD Board Brief

Summary of the latest meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Abington School District

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Approval Highlights:

Personnel Appointments and Changes – Financial Report – Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds – Awards of Contracts – Personnel Assignment Book for 2018-2019 – Revised Public Board Meeting Dates

Please note: Meeting materials are available on BoardDocs, accessible via the ASD homepage

Announcements

Dr. Amy Sichel announced that the groundbreaking for the Abington Senior High School additions and renovations and Stephen A. Schwarzman Center for Science and Technology is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 2, 2018, at 1:45 p.m.

Honors

- Dr. Sichel; Dr. Jeffrey Fecher; Dr. James Melchor, Assistant Director of Curriculum; and Ms. Allie Artur, Communications Coordinator, provided an overview of the 2017-2018 District Accomplishments.
- Dr. Fecher recognized Dr. Sichel for being named the recipient of the 2018 Service to the Profession Award from the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators at the organization's PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference and PASA Recognition Luncheon in Hershey, PA. The award is provided annually to a school system leader who demonstrates a commitment to excellence as evidenced through notable service to the profession.
- Board President Raymond McGarry, Esquire, recognized Dr. Sichel for her service to the Abington School District over the past 42 years, and leadership of the District as Superintendent of Schools for 18 years. On behalf of the Board of School Directors, Mr. McGarry presented Dr. Sichel with a framed rendering of the future Abington Senior High School, which is the largest — and final — project she has helped envision for Abington School District. Board members, as well as Dr. Fecher, shared their own personal reflections of working with Dr. Sichel, expressing their gratitude for her dedication and commitment, and wishing her the best in retirement.

Orientations

Mr. Angelo Berrios introduced a public service announcement — “Head UP! Phone DOWN.” — created by students at Abington Senior and Junior High Schools about the dangers of walking while talking, texting or surfing on your phone.

Personnel

- The Board approved the resignation of Assistant Director of Curriculum, Dr. Charles Lentz, who has accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools for the New Hope-Solebury School District. With this curriculum position vacancy, and the appointment of Dr. Melchor from Assistant Director of Curriculum to Assistant Superintendent, it was recommended to engage Dr. Ann Bacon to serve in a consultant capacity on an emergency basis until the District fills the curriculum positions. Dr. Bacon retired last spring as the Director of Curriculum after 54 years in Abington School District.
- In addition, the Board approved the retirement of Ms. Bonnie Kash, an Administrative Assistant in the Office of Pupil Services, who has served the District for 30 years.

Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds

The Board approved permit applications, including for this year's Abington Senior High School musical, *Sister Act*, to be held February 28 through March 2, 2019, in the Auditorium.

Awards of Contracts

- The Board awarded a contract to J. Lorber Company for a domestic water backflow preventer for Abington Senior High School.
- Additionally, one Montgomery County Consortium of Communities award was approved for bulk rock salt for snow removal during the 2018-2019 winter season from Morton Salt.

Revised Public Board Meeting Dates

- The Board approved a revision to the Public Board Meeting Dates for 2018-2019. The meeting that was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019 will now be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019.

Next Board Meeting

- Nov. 13, 2018, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building
- NOTICE: The Feb. 12, 2019, meeting of the Board of School Directors has been rescheduled to Feb. 5, 2019.

Groundbreaking of the Abington Senior High School Additions and Renovations & Stephen A. Schwarzman Center for Science and Technology**Friday, Nov. 2, 2018, 1:45 p.m.****Contact Allie Artur with Questions: cr@abington.k12.pa.us or 215-881-2570****Abington Senior High School Sports Passes for Sale****A flat fee grants students, adults and families access to all 2018-2019 athletic events. Contact the Athletic Dept. for details.**

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