

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 – Financial Report – Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds – Advertisement for Bids – Awards of Contracts – Federal and State Programs E-Signatures – Second Reading of Two Board Policies

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Honors

- Dr. Jeffrey Fecher congratulated the Abington Senior High School choral students who participated in auditions for the PMEA District 11 Chorus Festival. Five students qualified for the event, which will be held at Wissahickon High School in February, including: Arielle Baril (Soprano 1), Gabby Olsen (Soprano 2), Isabella DiPasquale (Alto 2), Shelby Mellon (Tenor 1), and Nick Hilliard (Bass 2).
- In addition, Dr. Fecher acknowledged Ms. Judy Bomze, Director of Pupil Services, for securing another grant for Abington School District through an application that was submitted to the School Safety and Security Program. As a result, the District will receive \$25,000, which will be used for the purchase and installation of 15 cameras on school buses.
- Mr. Angelo Berrios shared a video clip from *6abc Action News* and recognized Abington Senior High School's 10 students who committed to continuing their athletic careers in college at the National Letter of Intent Signing Day Celebration, held earlier this month.

Orientation

Dr. James Melchor and Ms. Bomze provided an orientation to the Pennsylvania Department of Education's new Future Ready PA Index (FRPI), highlighting features of the Index and reviewing Abington School District's FRPI data. The presentation also included an overview of 2018 PSSA and Keystone Exam data.

Personnel

The Board approved the retirements of Ms. Kim Beaumont, administrative assistant in the Teaching and Learning Department, who has served the District for 26 years, and Mr. Laurence Daly, receiving clerk, who has served the District for 22 years.

Advertisement for Bids

The Board authorized advertisement for bids for two, one-ton, 4-wheel drive trucks with landscape dump bodies as replacements for the Facilities Department. The trucks will be used for day-to-day grounds work, including plowing snow.

Awards of Contracts

- The Board awarded three contracts to:
 - Jones Turf Management, Inc., for the maintenance of athletic fields used by the varsity baseball and softball teams
 - GeoStructures, Inc., for professional construction testing and inspection services for the Abington Senior High School Additions and Renovations Project
 - Land Mobile Corporation for two-way radios and related accessories

Miscellaneous Items

- The Board also approved the following:
 - The authorization for the new Superintendent of Schools to utilize an electronic signature on the Pennsylvania Department of Education's e-grant system to file applications for Federal and state grants
 - The second reading of the Board Policies entitled, "Reporting of Waste and Wrongdoing in District Operations (Whistleblower)" and "Outside Employment and Outside Business Interests," which fall under the Human Resources section

Next Board Meeting

- December 3, 2018 (Reorganization Meeting), 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building
- December 11, 2018, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building

Next Parent Council Meeting:
"A Guide to Teenagers' Vaping and Substance Abuse"
from the Montgomery County Office of Drug and Alcohol
Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Rydal (East) Elementary School, 1160 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley, PA

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