

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 – Abbreviated School Day – Membership Services Intermediate Unit Budget for 2019-2020 – Guaranteed Energy Savings Act

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

Honors

- Dr. Jeffrey Fecher wished good luck to the boys and girls basketball teams at Abington Senior High School as they competed in their respective District semifinals.
- Dr. Fecher also recognized the recent accomplishments of Abington Senior High School art students, including:
 - Ellie Perez, Mary Perkins and Chloe Rajauski, who had their artwork displayed in this year's "Clay Programs of Excellence: Philadelphia Area High Schools" exhibit at Temple University's Tyler School of Art
 - The students who had their pieces selected for the annual Wharton Esherick Imprint Exhibit, who include Jeehae G. Young (third place), Fernanda Arcos (Viewer's Choice winner, finalist), Olivia Schrecengost (finalist), Amber Gibson (finalist)
- Dr. Fecher congratulated senior Jason Hong, a violinist, and junior Nicholas Hilliard, a cellist, for representing Abington Senior High School at the PMEA Region VI Orchestra Festival, held at Downingtown West High School.
- Mr. Angelo Berrios recognized Abington Senior High School student Kiah Thorne, who was named the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology January Student of the Month, where she is enrolled in the commercial art program. The Student of the Month Award is sponsored by EASTERN's faculty, Joint Committee and the Willow Grove Rotary Club to highlight student excellence, success and service.
- Mr. Berrios also shared a 6abc Action News clip of Abington Senior High School's mini-THON, where students raised close to \$55,000 to benefit pediatric cancer treatment and research.
- Dr. Damon Jordan shared two news videos—one from CBS3 Eyewitness News and one from 6abc Action News—covering Willow Hill Elementary School's participation in the National African American Read-in.
- Mr. Joshua Perlman shared 6abc Action News coverage of Overlook Elementary School students attending a floral arrangement workshop at Kremp Florist in preparation for the school's annual Junior Flower Show.

Orientation

Update on Superintendent's 90-Day Entry Plan – Dr. Fecher provided an orientation that outlined the progress and status of his Superintendent's 90-day Entry Plan, which was previously presented at the community meet and greet on September 13, 2018, prior to his appointment.

Personnel

The Board approved the retirements of:

- Mr. Fernando Garcia-Esteban, a Spanish teacher at Abington Senior High School, who has served the District for 28 years
- Dr. Denise Mendez, coordinator of mathematics and elementary science, who served the District for 24 years
- Ms. Diane Black, a paraprofessional at Highland Elementary School, who served the District for 30 years

Advertisement for Bids

The Board authorized advertisement for bids, including for:

- Twelve categories of routine supply items that will be used during the 2019-2020 school year
- A food service contractor for the 2019-2020 school year, with the option for four additional years of renewal

Awards of Contracts

The Board awarded nine contracts, including to:

- CDW Government LLC for Chromebooks and licensing for all nine schools
- Four vendors for firewall, DDOS appliance, network switches, wireless access points and related components
- Advantage Sport & Fitness, Inc., and Fitness Equipment Services for ellipticals and upright stationary bicycles at Abington Junior and Senior high schools

- Mohawk Resources Ltd. for the purchase and installation of a heavy-duty runway lift at the Bus Garage
- Constellation Energy Resources, LLC, for natural gas for all District buildings
- Mobile Technology Graphics for a large-screen LED rental for Abington Senior High School's commencement ceremony
- Fraser Advanced Information Systems for replacement network copiers with 60-month operating leases for the elementary schools
- Ampro Sports, Inc., for spring sports uniforms at Abington Senior High School
- American Printing House for the Blind, Inc., for vision assistive technology

Miscellaneous Items

The Board also approved the following:

- The schedule of early dismissals for the 2019-2020 school year at both the elementary and secondary levels
- The Intermediate Unit #23 Membership Services Budget in the amount of \$1,800,236 for the 2019-2020 school year. The Membership Services Budget reflects the various budget functions of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU) and is voted upon by all Montgomery County School Districts. Abington School District's contribution to the budget is \$105,630.
- The authorization for the Administration to advertise the District's intention to enter into a guaranteed energy savings contract on March 12, 2019, with Reynolds Energy Services, Inc.

Next Board Meeting

March 12, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building

The 22nd Annual Abington Art Fest
Tuesday, March 19 through Thursday, March 21, 2019
1:30–7:30 p.m.
Gymnasium, Abington School District Administration Building
Come see more than 750 pieces of student artwork!

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