

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

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

Honors

- Dr. Jeffrey Fecher congratulated Abington Senior High School administration and AP Computer Science Principles teacher, Mr. Jaeson Han, on being recognized by Code.org for their work in engaging students in computer science learning and for taking part in the AP Computer Science Principles exam. As a result, Code.org has included Abington Senior High School in the Computer Science Principles Hall of Fame for contributing to the growth in participation of young women and students of color.
- Mr. Angelo Berrios recognized the Abington Senior High School chess team and its winners from the U.S. Chess Federation High School Nationals competition, including Yonatan Wiese-Namir, Albert Hatton, Ethan Weilheimer and Nathaniel O, along with their coach, English teacher Mr. Shawn Simmons.
- Dr. James Etlen shared NBC10 and 6abc Action News videos covering Highland Elementary School's Pi Day celebration and kickoff of the "One Book, One Highland" program, for which students will read the book *Pie*.
- Mr. Thomas Schneider, Director of Facilities, and Dr. Kevin Osborne recognized the heroic actions of Mr. Joshua O'Hannon, a custodian at Roslyn Elementary School who quickly and effectively performed the Heimlich maneuver on a choking student.
- Dr. James Melchor recognized Ms. Allie Artur, Communications Coordinator, for earning an award of excellence for Abington School District in the digital media category of the annual PenSPRA Excellence in Education Communications Contest for the #81DaysofSummer social media campaign.

Personnel

- The Board approved the change of status of Mr. Thomas Keely, who will assume the position of Acting Supervisor of Special Education, effective April 1, 2019.
- In addition, the Board approved the retirements of:
 - Ms. Michelle Begley, an itinerant speech therapist, who has served the District for 29 years
 - Ms. Holly Horner, an itinerant school nurse, who has served the District for 34 years
 - Mr. Richard Metz, an art teacher at Abington Senior High School, who has served the District for 29 years
 - Mr. Raymond Martino, a part-time bus monitor, who has served the District for 8.5 years
 - Ms. Pauline Tack, a part-time bus driver, who has served the District for 40 years
 - Mr. Gerald Mignogno, an electrician, who has served the District for 31 years

Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds

The Board approved permits for the use of District buildings and grounds, including for the Abington Community Taskforce (ACT) to host its annual Recognition Reception on May 9, 2019, at the Abington Junior High School Little Theatre.

Next Board Meeting

April 9, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building

Tickets are on Sale for the Harlem Wizards Family Fun Event!

Saturday, March 30 – 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. games

(Proceeds benefit the Abington Educational Foundation)

Visit www.aef-pa.org for tickets and more info

This communication from Abington School District and its Board of School Directors is meant to be a summary of actions taken at the most recent Board meeting, and is not intended to serve as minutes of the meeting. Materials presented at all meetings of the Abington Board of School Directors are available on BoardDocs, accessible via the ASD homepage. Recordings of the meetings are also found on the ASD website, in addition to being broadcast on Comcast XFINITY channel 968/Verizon Fios channel 34. For more information, please visit www.abington.k12.pa.us/board-of-directors or call 215-884-4700. Compiled by Allie Artur.