

# 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 – Proposed Final Budget for 2019-2020 – Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Services Contract/Cost Plan

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

## Announcements

Dr. Jeffrey Fecher announced that with only two snow closures this school year, as well as a closure at Abington Junior High School due to a water main break, Abington School District has met the instructional time provisions of the Pennsylvania Code for student attendance; therefore, a calendar adjustment will not be needed for the 2018-2019 school year. As such, the last day of school will remain on Monday, June 17, 2019.

## Honors

- Dr. Fecher congratulated senior basketball player Eric Dixon on being named the *USA TODAY High School Sports* ALL-USA Pennsylvania Boys Basketball Team Player of the Year for the 2018-2019 season.
- Ms. Judy Bomze, Director of Student Services, recognized Ms. Brooke Jacobs, Home and School Visitor, who was selected as a recipient of the Pennsylvania Association of Pupil Services Administrators Distinguished Service Award for her hard work and dedication to the students and families of Abington School District.
- Ms. Marie Kim shared a FOX 29 News video of McKinley Elementary School's annual Autism Awareness Event, held in honor of World Autism Day, which is celebrated every April 2.
- Mr. Daniel File shared a Philadelphia Phillies video of the Abington Junior High School chorus singing the National Anthem before the Phillies game on Sunday, April 7, 2019.
- Mr. Angelo Berrios congratulated junior Sofiya Lysenko on being named the 2018 U.S. State Google Science Fair Winner for Pennsylvania. Her project, about intelligent nanorobotic systems for neurodegenerative disease treatment, was related to research she conducted as part of her enrollment in Abington Senior High School's Advanced Placement Capstone Program.

## Orientations

- Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Program – Mr. Berrios, Dr. Kelly Murray, Assistant Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, and teachers Ms. Melissa Lindinger and Mr. Shawn Simmons shared an update regarding the AP Capstone Program, which included an overview of student projects from Sofiya Lysenko and Erica Simon. AP Capstone is an interdisciplinary, project-based program that engages students in topics pertaining to their interests. The 2018-2019 school year marks the inaugural year of AP Seminar, and the 2019-2020 school year will continue the program with the AP Research course. The program encourages students to analyze scholarly articles, collaborate with peers, reflect, and provide peer feedback for growth on student projects and presentations.
- Proposed Final Budget for 2019-2020 – In preparation for its March 12, 2019 public meeting, the Board of School Directors had requested that the administration prepare a draft 2019-2020 budget with a 0% millage increase. After examining the no millage increase budget, the Board of School Directors requested that the 2019-2020 Proposed Final Budget be presented for approval on April 23 with no millage rate increase. Mr. Christopher Lionetti, Business Manager, presented the Proposed Final Budget with no tax increase, which was approved unanimously by the Board in the amount of \$165,701,098. The Proposed Final Budget is available now for no less than a 20-day public inspection and review period before final adoption, which is scheduled for June 11, 2019. The presentation is available on BoardDocs, as well as on the Business Office page, under the Administration tab on the ASD website.

## Advertisement for Bids

The Board authorized advertisement for bids for four, 72-passenger school buses; one wheelchair-equipped school bus; and one, nine-passenger student van.

## Awards of Contracts

- The Board awarded two contracts:
  - Jones Turf Management, Inc. for athletic field maintenance for the Abington Junior High School baseball field

- John Kennedy Ford for a replacement maintenance cargo van

### **Miscellaneous Items**

In addition, the Board of School Directors authorized an agreement between the Abington School District and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU), where the MCIU will provide the school district with special education services for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Next Board Meeting**

May 14, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building

**Tickets Now on Sale!**  
**Abington Community Taskforce (ACT) Annual Recognition Reception**  
**Thursday, May 9, 2019**  
**5:30-8 p.m.**  
**Abington Junior High School Little Theatre**  
***Visit "Abington Community Taskforce" on Facebook for more info***

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*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](http://www.abington.k12.pa.us/board-of-directors) or call 215-884-4700. Compiled by Allie Artur.*