

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:

Minutes of the March Board Meetings – Personnel – Payment of Bills – Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds – Awards of Contracts – Candidate Nomination for the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board

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

Honors

- Dr. Jeffrey Fecher proudly shared that for the 12th consecutive year, Abington School District has been honored with the “Best Communities for Music Education” designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.
- Dr. Fecher congratulated the Abington Senior High School World Language Department under the direction of Supervisor of World Language, Ms. Allison Renye, for being named a 2019-2020 PSMLA Exemplary Program Award School. PSMLA is the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association, and this is Abington Senior High's seventh consecutive year being recognized by the organization for exemplifying excellent world language programs. This year, the Senior High earned a Silver Globe Award.
- Dr. Fecher also congratulated the Abington Junior High School students who earned top honors at the Montgomery County Science Research Competition. Twenty-two seventh-grade students competed, bringing home two first-place awards, three second-place awards and two honorable mentions, which led to Abington Junior High's ranking of first place in the overall competition.
- Mr. Angelo Berrios shared a FOX 29 News video highlighting the Abington Senior High School A.C.T.I.V.E. Academy's “Delivering Smiles” program in partnership with Abington-Jefferson Health and Kremp Florist. He commended special education teachers Ms. Kathleen Rafter and Ms. Caroline Gimbel for their hard work in forging relationships with area businesses in order to provide job sites and mentoring opportunities for students.
- Mr. Berrios and Mr. Todd Vaccaro, Athletic Director, recognized the accomplishments of fall and winter sports athletes, including members of the boys and girls soccer teams, boys swimming and diving teams, and boys and girls basketball teams.

Personnel

- The Board approved the retirements of:
 - Ms. Patricia O'Hara, an itinerant school nurse, who has served the District for 31 years
 - Ms. Shelley Engel, a paraprofessional at Abington Senior High School, who has served the District for 23 years
 - Ms. Cecile Rapport, a part-time bus monitor and cafeteria aide at Abington Junior High School, who has served Abington School District for 13 years
 - Ms. Linda Rupp, a paraprofessional at Abington Senior High School, who has served the District for 26 years

Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds

The Board approved permits for the use of District buildings and grounds, including Commencement at Abington Senior High School on the evening of Wednesday, June 12, 2019, with a rain date of Thursday, June 13, 2019.

Awards of Contracts

The Board awarded three contracts, including to:

- West Interactive Services Corporation for the annual renewal of the District's automated communication system, School Messenger, and the custom mobile application, ASD ToGo.
- CDW Government LLC for five Chromebook carts to be used to accommodate the additional Chromebooks awarded at the February 26, 2019 Board meeting. The remaining Chromebooks from that purchase are being placed in existing carts.
- The Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) for the annual renewal of the electronic Board document management system, BoardDocs, which is provided by Diligent Growth Brands.

Miscellaneous Items

In addition, the Board of School Directors nominated Mr. Brian Allen as its representative to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2019.

Next Board Meeting

April 23, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building

SAVE THE DATE!**Abington Community Taskforce (ACT) Annual Recognition Reception****Thursday, May 9, 2019****5:30-8 p.m.****Abington Junior High School Little Theatre**

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