

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 December Board Meetings – Personnel – Financial Report – Payment of Bills – Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds – Advertisement for Bids – Awards of Contracts – Instructional Materials Adoptions – Proposed Preliminary Budget

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

Announcements

- Mrs. Shameeka Browne, Board President, announced that she will be taking a maternity leave of absence and that Mrs. Jennifer O'Rourke, Board Vice President, would fill her role during this time.
- Dr. Jeffrey Fecher announced that on Monday, January 18th, Abington School District will join Abington Township in honoring the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Township's 36th annual memorial service. This year's event will be held virtually, and will be available to watch on the Abington School District YouTube channel beginning at noon.
- Dr. Fecher also reminded parents and guardians that as elementary schools returned to in-person learning this week, and as the hybrid program is implemented in the secondary schools in the coming weeks, a dashboard tracking COVID-19 cases in Abington schools, including identification of cases over a rolling 14-day period, is available on the [Coronavirus Resource Center](#).

Honors

Mr. Angelo Berrios honored Abington Senior High School 12th grade student, Greg Destefano, the December 2020 Student of the Month at the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN), who was recognized for his outstanding work in EASTERN's Veterinary Science program. EASTERN's Student of the Month Award is sponsored by EASTERN's faculty, the Joint Operating Committee, and the Willow Grove Rotary Club, and highlights student excellence, success and service.

Orientation

2021-2022 Enrollment and Staffing, and Proposed Preliminary Budget – Dr. Fecher, Dr. James Melchor and Mr. Christopher Lionetti, Business Manager, provided a budget orientation that included projected enrollment and staffing, as well as the total expenditures and revenue for the 2021-2022 Proposed Preliminary General Fund Budget. The presentation also outlined the use of fund balance and the real estate tax millage rate. The Proposed Preliminary General Fund Budget conforms to the state's 3.0% index, and was adopted by the Board in the amount of \$174,817,054. The Board also authorized the Administration to advertise the Board of School Directors' intent to adopt the 2021-2022 Preliminary General Fund Budget at the Board meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

Personnel

The Board approved the retirements of Ms. Ingrid Daubert, a teacher at Roslyn Elementary School, who has served the District for 28.5 years; Ms. Dawn McGee, a librarian at Copper Beech Elementary School, who has served the District for 24.5 years; Ms. Doreen Breitreutz, a paraprofessional at Abington Junior High School, who has served the District for 11 years; Mr. Russell Saunders, the head custodian at McKinley Elementary School, who has served the District for 13 years; and Ms. Lee Ann Jorett, a bus driver in the Transportation Department, who has served the District for 14 years.

Advertisement for Bids

The Board authorized advertisement for bids for playground equipment for the former Glenside Weldon school playground. Equipment will be purchased by the District and reimbursed using funds raised by the non-profit organization, Friends of Glenside Weldon, as well as, grant funding awarded from the Keystone Communities Program through the office of State Senator Art Haywood.

Awards of Contracts

- The Board awarded contracts to:
 - Twelve vendors for art supplies for the 2020-2021 school year, such as paint, pencils, pastels, clay, etc.
 - Six vendors for physical education supplies for the 2020-2021 school year, such as balls, helmets, mouth guards, etc.
 - Land Mobile Corporation for 19 digital radios to serve as replacements to the blue band radios located in each schools
 - Land Mobile Corporation for upgrades to the District's current radio repeater system

- In addition, the Board awarded retroactive contracts to:
 - W.B. Mason Co., Inc., for 202 trash containers with lids and dollies to support the school breakfast and lunch programs that are occurring in alternate locations during hybrid learning, including elementary school classrooms
 - CDW Government LLC for 650, 10-foot USB cables to support live-streaming technology in classrooms during the hybrid instructional model
 - CDW Government LLC for 14, 2-in-1 Dell Latitude computers for teachers, with a three-year accidental damage protection policy
 - W.B. Mason Co., Inc., for 55 air purifiers for Abington Junior High and Abington Senior High
 - W.B. Mason Co., Inc., for replacement air purifier filters in the seven elementary schools
 - T3 Expo LLC for Plexiglas sneeze guards for Abington Junior High and Abington Senior High

Miscellaneous Items

Further, the Board approved the adoption of instructional materials for the 2020-2021 school year.

Next Board Meeting

January 26, 2021, 7:30 p.m., <https://www.YouTube.com/AbingtonSchoolDistrict/live>

**The 36th Annual Memorial Service Honoring
Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Virtual Event Hosted by Abington Township
Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, Noon
For more information, [click here.](#)**

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