

# 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 January Board Meetings – Personnel – Payment of Bills – Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds – Advertisement for Bids – Awards of Contracts – 2021 YMCA Summer Camp Program – 2021-2022 Preliminary General Fund Budget – Tax Collectors' Remuneration – Current and Advance Refunding of General Obligation Bonds – Instructional Materials Adoption for the 2020-2021 School Year – Montgomery County Agreement for School-Based Outpatient Services

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

## **Announcements**

- Dr. Jeffrey Fecher congratulated Board President, Mrs. Shameeka Browne, on the birth of her son.
- Dr. Fecher also shared with a heavy heart the passing of Ms. Valerie Ward, president of the Willow Grove Branch NAACP, and longtime member and volunteer of countless other community organizations across Abington Township and the Borough of Rockledge, including the Police Athletic League (PAL) and the Abington Community Taskforce (ACT). Ms. Ward worked very closely with the Abington School District for decades in many capacities, including the Abington Human Relations Advisory Council and more recently, the Superintendent's Committee Regarding Equitable Practices. She will be missed greatly.
- Additionally, Dr. Fecher provided an update on local COVID-19 health metrics and data from Abington schools. He outlined next steps in Abington School District's planning for the remainder of the school year, as well as the fall of 2021. Parents/guardians can expect to receive a questionnaire about these topics.

## **Orientations**

- Comprehensive Plan Timeline – Dr. James Melchor provided an orientation regarding the timeline for development of the Abington School District Comprehensive Plan for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Every three years the school district develops a Comprehensive Plan which is presented to the Board for approval and then submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Plans are due to PDE no later than March 30, 2022.
- 2021-2022 Preliminary General Fund Budget – Dr. Jeffrey Fecher and Mr. Christopher Lionetti, Business Manager, reviewed the 2021-2022 Preliminary General Fund Budget, including total revenue and expenses. Mr. Lionetti also provided an update on the 2021-2022 state budget address that Governor Wolf announced on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 regarding subsidy funding. The School Directors voted to adopt the Preliminary General Fund Budget of the Abington School District for the 2021-2022 school year, with the referendum exception, in the amount of \$173,867,785, which includes the millage rate of 32.86 mills.
- Current and Advance Refunding of General Obligation Bonds – Mr. Lionetti, along with financial advisor, Ms. Audrey Bear, Director of Piper Sandler Pennsylvania, provided an orientation regarding the results of Abington School District's bond refinancing, including the auction sales results and new debt service schedule and savings of \$2.91 million. Mr. George T. Magnatta, Bond Counsel, reviewed the formal resolution, which included the refinancing transactions, a history of the five bond series that are being refunded, and the authorization for the sale and execution of the new bonds and the new debt. The Board adopted the resolution to proceed with the issue of the Series A of 2021 and Series AA of 2021 General Obligation Bonds in the amounts of \$16,145,000 and \$13,680,000, respectively, to refund General Obligation Bond Series 2014, 2015, 2015A, 2016, and 2016A.

## **Advertisement for Bids**

The Board authorized advertisement for bids for the roof replacement of two sections of roof at Abington Senior High School in order to maintain the integrity of the roof areas over the newly, and future, renovated portions of the Abington Senior High School project.

## **Awards of Contracts**

- The Board awarded contracts to:
  - RZ Associates, LLC for roof installation monitoring services at Abington Senior High School
  - Munn Roofing Corporation for roof repairs and replacement at Abington Senior High School

- In addition, the Board approved two contract change orders between the District and Boro Construction for general construction work and electrical construction work as part of the Additions and Renovations to Abington Senior High School.

### Miscellaneous Items

- Further, the Board approved:
  - Authorization for the Administration to enter into an agreement with the Greater Philadelphia YMCA for its use of facilities at Copper Beech Elementary School to operate a summer camp in adherence with health and safety guidelines related to the current COVID-19 pandemic
  - The adoption of instructional materials for the 2020-2021 school year
  - Authorization for the Administration to enter into an agreement with Child and Family Focus, Inc. (CFF) for school-based outpatient services

### Next Board Meeting

February 23, 2021, 7:30 p.m., <https://www.YouTube.com/AbingtonSchoolDistrict/live>

### REMINDER:

**Schools are closed on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> for Professional Development and on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day.**

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