

# 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:

Approval of Minutes – Personnel – Payment of Bills – Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds – Advertisement for Bids – Awards of Contracts

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

### **Announcements**

Dr. Jeffrey Fecher provided an update on local COVID-19 health metrics and data from Abington schools. He also reminded parents/guardians of the questionnaire that was sent via Skyward regarding planning for the fall of 2021 and the 2021-2022 school year.

### **Honors**

- Dr. Fecher was proud to share that for the 14th 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. The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. Dr. Fecher thanked the K-12 music teachers for their dedication to educating students, as well as Supervisor of Fine Arts, Mr. Matthew Harris.
- Dr. Fecher also shared a segment from 6abc Action News about the Class of 2021 Flock a Friend Fundraiser, supported by the Abington Educational Foundation, in which community members can pay a small fee to have a flock of plastic flamingos placed on a senior student's front lawn.
- Mr. Angelo Berrios introduced Abington Senior High School student, Jessica Derricks, the April 2021 Student of the Month at the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN). Jessica, a senior, was recognized for her outstanding work in EASTERN's Cosmetology program.

### **Orientations**

Jeff Machik, an engineer specializing in K-12 facilities and president of Snyder Hoffman Associates, Inc., provided an orientation regarding the recommended and optional steps that were presented in their HVAC Systems Study in the fall. As the District has already implemented the recommended actions from Snyder Hoffman Associates, Inc., Dr. Fecher recommended that the District complete a long-term Facilities Condition Assessment as well as Air Balancing and HVAC Commissioning Services to provide additional information for short-term and long-term facilities and budget planning.

### **Personnel**

The Board approved the retirements of Ms. Susan Patton, the Family and Consumer Science teacher at Abington Junior High School, who has served the district for 36 years; Ms. Theresa Krebs, an administrative assistant in the Special Education Department, who has served the district for 19 years; and Mr. Louis Ludwig, the custodial foreman at Abington Senior High School, who has served the district for 27 years.

### **Advertisement for Bids**

- The Board authorized advertisement for bids for:
  - The supply and installation of Engineered Wood Fiber Playground Surfacing for all playgrounds across the school district to make them more accessible
  - Equipment and materials related to playground accessibility improvements at the elementary schools
  - Twelve categories of supply items that will be used during the 2021-2022 school year
  - Toilet and shower partitions for Phase 8 (the Auxiliary Gymnasium) of the Abington Senior High School Additions and Renovations Project

### **Awards of Contracts**

- The Board awarded contracts to:
  - CDW Government, LLC, for two TEQ-MB-Sketch MakerBot Sketch 3D Printer Classroom Bundles
  - H.T. Lyons Engineers for Air Balancing and HVAC Commissioning Services for each elementary school and the junior high school
  - CDW Government, LLC, for 1,448 Chromebooks for students in grades 2 and 3 as part of the one-to-one initiative
  - CDW Government, LLC, for data backup software

- Blackney Hayes Architects for design consulting services related to the bus garage
- SitelogIQ for a Facilities Condition Assessment to assist in the development of a 10-year major projects plan related to systems in need of repair or replacement at sites across the school district, including plumbing, HVAC systems and more
- Singer Equipment Company for a replacement convection oven for McKinley Elementary 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 Developers, Inc., for general construction and electrical work related to the Abington Senior High School Additions and Renovations Project.

#### Next Board Meeting

April 27, 2021, 7:30 p.m., <https://www.YouTube.com/AbingtonSchoolDistrict/live>

### **REMINDER:**

**Please complete the parent/guardian questionnaire that was sent via Skyward regarding planning for the fall of 2021.**

**Responses due by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021.**

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