

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 – Payment of Bills – Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds – Advertisement for Bids – Awards of Contracts – Appointment of Voting Delegates to the PSBA 2021 Delegate Assembly – Abington School District Emergency Operations Plan – Authorization to Issue Construction Change Directives – 2021-2022 Final General Fund Budget – Budget Transfers – Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 – Taxpayer Relief Act – Charge to Tax Collectors – Real Estate Transfer Tax Resolution – School Security Services – School Resource Officer Agreement – Abington School District Health and Safety Plan for Summer Programs and Activities

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Announcements

- Dr. Jeffrey Fecher provided an update on local COVID-19 health metrics and data from Abington schools, including next steps for Summer Programs and Activities and Fall 2021.
- Dr. Fecher announced that as a result of Juneteenth being declared a Federal holiday by President Biden, Abington School District administration will present a revised academic calendar for the 2021-2022 school year at the August 10, 2021, meeting of the Board of School Directors.
- Dr. Kristopher Brown, Equity Officer, gave a statement that clarified the equity efforts of Abington School District, providing a historical perspective of initiatives undertaken to benefit all students over the past 20 years, and highlighting how inclusionary practices have been a long-held value that is reflected in Abington School District's mission and vision statements.

Honors

- Dr. Fecher shared a 6abc Action News clip of a special Flag Day retirement celebration for Ms. Kathryn Schuyler, a second grade teacher at Copper Beech Elementary School, who has served the District for 28 years.
- Mr. Angelo Berrios introduced Abington Senior High School student, Emilia Wanders, the June 2021 Student of the Month at the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN). Emilia was recognized for her outstanding work in EASTERN's Cosmetology program.
- Mr. Daniel File recognized Ms. Alisha DiMarzio Brown, a physical education teacher at Abington Junior High School, who has won the Middle School Teacher of the Year Award from the Southeastern District of Pennsylvania's Chapter of the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (SED of PSAHPERD). SED of PSAHPERD recognizes the work of outstanding physical education teachers at the county level.

Orientations

- Dr. Fecher and Ms. Judy Bomze, Director of Student Services, presented the Health and Safety Plan for Summer Programs and Activities—based on the most recent guidance from the Montgomery County Office of Public Health (MCOHP)—which was approved by the Board of School Directors.
- Dr. Fecher, Ms. Judy Bomze, Director of Student Services, and Dr. Toni Butz, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided an update regarding the ESSER 2 and ARP ESSER Federal program grants.
- Dr. Fecher and Mr. Christopher Lionetti, Business Manager, presented a final general fund budget for the 2021-2022 school year, which included revenue, expense, and transfer budgets of \$176,932,262. The Board approved the final general fund budget at the index of 3.0%, or a tax rate of 32.72 mills.

Personnel

The Board approved the retirement of Ms. Carol D'Aniello, a staff nurse at Roslyn Elementary School, who has served the District for 20.5 years.

Advertisement for Bids

The Board authorized advertisement for bids for pricing regarding HVAC work at Abington Junior High School that will include replacement of rooftop air handler units. Recommendation for this work was made by H.T. Lyons, Inc. as a result of their recent balancing and commissioning of Abington Junior High School's HVAC system.

Awards of Contracts

- The Board awarded contracts to:
 - Third Dimensions Specialties for supply and installation of changing rooms and shower partitions for Phase 8 (the Auxiliary Gymnasium) of the Abington Senior High School Additions and Renovations Project
 - CDW Government, LLC, and SHI International Corp. for components for a classroom technology refresh pilot, to investigate replacement technology for the existing Promethean Boards at the elementary schools and Junior High School
 - CDW Government, LLC, for renewal of Lightspeed Systems' filtering and classroom management solution
 - Staples, Inc., for folding tables and chairs
 - Five vendors for music supplies for the 2021-2022 school year, such as instruments, reeds and drum heads
 - Three vendors for physical education supplies for the 2021-2022 school year, such as uniforms, balls and helmets
 - B&H Photo-Video, Inc. and SHI International Corp. for components to replace projectors and projector mounts in elementary schools and the Junior High School
 - Five vendors for science supplies for the 2021-2022 school year, such as laboratory glassware, models, and chemicals
 - Brandywine Virtual Academy (BVA) for a virtual learning program that will be utilized as part of the Abington Cyber Education (ACE) program for the 2021-2022 school year
 - Waste Management of PA, Inc., for a three-year contract for trash and recycling services
- In addition, the Board approved two change orders to the contracts with Boro Construction for general construction and electrical construction work.

Miscellaneous

- Further, the Board approved:
 - The appointment of Dr. Tamar Klaiman as a voting delegate to the PSBA 2021 Delegate Assembly and that the Board Secretary complete and submit the Certification of Voting Delegates
 - The revised Abington School District Emergency Operations Plan and authorization for the Superintendent to submit a copy to the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management, along with a signed copy of the Review, Maintenance, and Concurrence document
 - Authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to issue Construction Change Directives, at a value per contract not to exceed \$500,000, until the next Board meeting
 - Authorization for the Administration to enter into an agreement with U.S. Security Care, Inc. for school security services
 - Authorization for the Administration to enter into an agreement with Abington Township Police Department for School Resource Officer (SRO) services

Next Board Meeting

August 10, 2021, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building

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