

# 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 – Awards of Contracts – Districtwide Assessments – Board Policies – Title I Schoolwide Plans – Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Age of Beginner – Revised Emergency Instructional Time Plan – Right of Way

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

### **Announcements**

- Dr. Jeffrey Fecher, Dr. James Melchor and Ms. Judy Bomze, Director of Student Services, provided a COVID-19 update with clarifications on the Health and Safety Plan for 2021-2022 and health metrics to watch in Abington School District.
- Mr. Daniel Kaye, School Director, announced that he is donating copies of his latest children's book, "Never Tell a Hermit Crab We Can't Repair the World", to the libraries of all seven Abington School District elementary schools.

### **Personnel**

- The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Todd Bergey as Director of Facilities. He most recently worked in the Southern Lehigh School District, where he served as the Support Services Director since 2005.
- In addition, the Board approved the change of status of Mr. Paulo Vitoria to Assistant Business Administrator as part of the restructuring of the Business Office, which includes changing the title of Mr. Christopher Lionetti, Business Manager, to Chief Financial Officer, and the title of Mr. Charles O'Neill, Assistant Business Manager, to Business Administrator. The Abington School District Table of Organization was also revised to change the title of Human Resources Coordinator to Supervisor of Human Resources to better reflect the scope of the position.
- Further, the Board approved the retirement of Mr. Reginald Manson, a Night Line Custodial Foreman, who has served the District for 12 years.

### **Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds**

- The Board approved permits for the use of District buildings and grounds, which are contingent upon the provisions of the Health and Safety Plan pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic. The permits include:
  - Open Houses to be held at Rydal West Elementary School on September 20<sup>th</sup>, McKinley Elementary School on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Rydal East Elementary School on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Willow Hill Elementary School on September 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - The Bands in the Boneyard Marching Competition to be held at Schwarzman Stadium on Saturday, October 30, 2021
  - College and Career Night to be held at Abington Senior High School on Thursday, March 10, 2022

### **Awards of Contracts**

- The Board awarded contracts to:
  - W.B. Mason Co., Inc., for air purifiers
  - CDW Government, LLC, for cybersecurity and endpoint protection software
  - Educational Furniture Solutions for folding tables to be used in cafeterias and other large group spaces during meal times
  - CDW Government, LLC, for interactive flat panel monitors for classrooms and other instructional areas at Abington Senior High School as part of the additions and renovations project
  - CDW Government, LLC, for the installation of Promethean ActivPanels in classrooms at the Senior High as part of the additions and renovations project
  - Alan Tye & Associates for two replacement bus garage lifts
  - H.T. Lyons Engineers for repairs to a rooftop HVAC unit at McKinley Elementary School that was damaged as a result of an electrical surge incident
  - Window Film Depot for safety and security window film for all schools and the Administration Building
- In addition, the Board approved two change orders to the contracts with:
  - H.T. Lyons Engineers for balancing and commissioning work and related HVAC system repairs at Abington Junior High School and the seven elementary schools
  - Staples, Inc., for folding tables and chairs

## Board Policies

- The Board approved the following Board Policies in one reading: Conflict of Interest – Employees; Distribution of Information by Outside Agencies; Payment of Bills; Web Content, Hosting and Maintenance.
- In addition, the Board approved in one reading the Board Policies regarding Agendas and regarding Procedures for Board Meetings due to changes in state law as part of Act 65 of 2021.
- Further, the first readings of the following Board Policies were approved: Harassment by and of District Employees; Nondiscrimination – All Employees; and Personal Days – Central Staff Professional Employees, all of which will be presented for a second reading at a future Board meeting.

## Miscellaneous

- Further, the Board approved:
  - The districtwide assessment program, thereby providing representational consent for this method of collecting information about students with the stipulation that parents/guardians be provided with written notification of the name and purpose of each assessment to be administered
  - The 2021-2022 Title I Schoolwide Plans for Abington Junior High School, Highland School, Overlook School, Roslyn School and Willow Hill School, and the authorization for the Superintendent or designee to submit such plans to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) in the manner prescribed by PDE
  - Payments to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for Age of Beginner students for the 2021-2022 school year for costs associated with early intervention services
  - The revised Abington School District Emergency Instructional Time Plan, pursuant to Section 520.1 of the Public School Code, and authorization for the Superintendent or designee to submit such plan to PDE. Section 520.1 of the School Code provides flexibility to meet minimum instructional time requirements in the event of an emergency that prevents a school entity from providing for the attendance of all pupils or usual hours of classes at the school entity.
  - Authorization for the Administration to enter into a Right of Way agreement with Verizon Pennsylvania LLC

## Next Board Meeting

September 14, 2021, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building

## **REMINDER:**

**Skyward Family Access is now open for the 2021-2022 school year!**

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