

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 –
2022 Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Officer Elections Procedures –
Superintendent's Secondary Sub-Committee Regarding Reconfigured Grade Spans

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Announcements

- Dr. Jeffrey Fecher and Dr. James Melchor provided a COVID-19 update, which included health metrics to watch in Abington School District.
- Dr. Fecher congratulated School Director, Dr. Melissa Mowry, on the publication of her book, "Collective Understanding, Radicalism, and Literary History 1645-1742", through Oxford University Press. The book will be released in the U.S. and the U.K. this fall.

Board Honors

- Dr. Fecher recognized two Rydal Elementary School students, Carter and Connor Shannon, whose statistical poster, "The Rotten Race", won third place in the 2021 American Statistical Association's National Data Visualization Poster Competition in the grades 4-6 category.
- Mr. Angelo Berrios honored Abington Senior High School senior, Lorraine Praeger, the September 2021 Student of the Month at the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN). Lorraine was recognized for her outstanding work in EASTERN's Protective Services program.

Orientation

Ms. Laura Enama, Assistant Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, Mr. Berrios and Mr. Daniel File provided an update on the work of the Superintendent's Secondary Sub-Committee Regarding Reconfigured Grade Spans, including the committee's recommendations, which were approved by the Board. Beginning in September 2022—in conjunction with the completion of the Additions and Renovations Project at Abington Senior High School—the expanded high school building will become a school for grades 9-12, with a reimagined curriculum to help students transition to college and careers. As a result of the ninth grade moving up to the Senior High, Abington Junior High School will become a middle school for grades 6-8, while all seven Abington School District elementary schools will serve grades K-5 beginning in September 2022.

Personnel

The Board approved the retirement of Ms. Lynne Coulter, an Administrative Assistant at Abington Senior High School, who has served the district for 29 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:
 - Abington Senior High School Select Choir's Coffee House performance at Schwarzman Stadium on October 5th
 - The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on November 4th at Abington Senior High School
 - A tree planting event organized by the Friends of Glenside Weldon and Abington Shade Tree Commission on the former Glenside Weldon property on November 19th and 20th
 - Abington Junior High School's musical production of "All Together Now" with performances to be held on November 12th and 13th, and spring performances of a to-be-determined production to be held on February 19th, 24th, and 25th

Next Board Meeting

October 12, 2021, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building

Beginning September 2022: Abington School District Grade Span Reconfiguration! More information to follow.

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