

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

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

Announcements

- Dr. Jeffrey Fecher announced that the Dec. 1 ASD Parent Council Meeting to review the Grade Span Reconfiguration is being rescheduled to Wednesday, January 5, 2022. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Abington Senior High School, and will be available via YouTube livestream.
- Dr. Fecher and Ms. Judy Bomze, Director of Student Services, provided a COVID-19 update, which included health metrics to watch in Abington School District. Ms. Bomze also provided a reminder about the COVID-19 vaccination clinic for students ages 5-11 that will be held on Saturday, December 4 for any children that reside in Abington Township or the Borough of Rockledge who need a first or second dose. Advanced registration is required (walk-ins will not be accepted).

Honors

- Dr. Fecher recognized School Directors, Raymond McGarry, Esquire, Mrs. Jocelyn Pickford, and Adam Share, Esquire, for their outstanding dedication and commitment to serving the Abington School District and the students and communities of Abington Township and the Borough of Rockledge. In addition, Dr. Heather Bennett, Director of School Equity Services for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), acknowledged Mr. McGarry for his 24 years of service, and Mr. Share for his 12 years of service to Abington School District. PSBA's Honor Roll Program recognizes School Board members who have served from 8 to 44 years as PSBA's way of saying thank you to those individuals who exemplify positive public service by giving their time and talents to benefit public education.
- Mr. Daniel File, Principal of Abington Junior High School, introduced 8th grade student, Madeline Krassner who was selected as a winner in Sandy Hook Promise's Start With Hello Student Voices Contest. Her video will be showcased among other winners' works at the 2022 Students Against Violence Everywhere Promise Club Summit.

Orientations

- Ms. Bomze provided a review of the Board Policy and Superintendent's Administrative Procedure regarding Bullying, Cyberbullying, and Unlawful Harassment, as well as bullying prevention interventions and efforts.
- Mr. Todd Bergey, Director of Facilities, provided a facilities update and review of the information available on the Facilities Department webpage.
- Dr. Toni Butz, Director of Teaching and Learning, along with members of the Teaching and Learning Department and school principals, reviewed student achievement data and the continuous improvement cycle.

Personnel

- The Board approved the 2022-2023 changes of assignment for teachers as part of the grade span reconfiguration.
- The Board approved the retirement of Ms. Ruth Hager, a bus driver in the Transportation Department, who has served the district for nine 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 the rescheduled Parent Council meeting to review the grade span reconfiguration from Wednesday, December 1, 2021, to Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

Awards of Contracts

- The Board awarded contracts to:
 - Armadillo Construction Services, LLC, for Boys' and Girls' Varsity Baseball and Softball Dugouts for the Varsity fields
 - GIANT Food Stores, LLC, for grocery store gift cards to be distributed to school families in need. Funding will come from a grant awarded to Abington School District as part of the GIANT Feeding School Kids Program.
 - H.T. Lyons Engineers for a rooftop HVAC controller for Rydal East Elementary School
 - Grove Supply, Inc., for a replacement water heater for Overlook Elementary School
- In addition, the Board approved the following 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
- Boro Construction for general construction work related to the Additions and Renovations to Abington Senior High School
- Guy M. Cooper, Inc. for fire suppression construction work related to the Additions and Renovations to Abington Senior High School
- Jay R. Reynolds, Inc. for plumbing construction work related to the Additions and Renovations to Abington Senior High School
- Boro Construction for electrical construction work related to the Additions and Renovations to Abington Senior High School
- Munn Roofing Corporation for roofing construction work related to the Additions and Renovations to Abington Senior High School

Next Board Meeting

December 6, 2021, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building (Reorganization Meeting)

Next ASD Parent Council Meeting: Grade Span Reconfiguration

Rescheduled to Wednesday, January 5, 2022

7:30 p.m., Abington Senior High School and [YouTube livestream](#)

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