

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:

Minutes of the August Board Meetings – Personnel Appointments and Changes –
Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds – Awards of Contracts – Board Policies – PlanCon Part F: Attachment C

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

Announcements

- Raymond McGarry, Esquire, provided a review of the process to appoint the next Superintendent of Schools, and announced that the Board of School Directors has identified Dr. Jeffrey S. Fecher as the finalist to fill the position upon the retirement of Dr. Amy Sichel on November 9, 2018. A Meet & Greet with Dr. Fecher will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Abington Senior High School. Guests should enter via the doors to the Auditorium Lobby.
- Dr. Sichel updated the Board of School Directors regarding student enrollment numbers and shared that last week an additional kindergarten section had been added to Roslyn Elementary School.

Honors

Dr. Sichel congratulated the Copper Beech Elementary School PTA for being named a National PTA School of Excellence for 2018-2020. The recognition program supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being of all students.

Board Orientations

- Future Ready Pennsylvania Index – Assistant Directors of Curriculum, Dr. James Melchor and Dr. Charles Lentz, provided an orientation on the indicators included in the new Future Ready Pennsylvania Index dashboard, a comprehensive, public-facing school progress report designed to increase transparency around school and student group performance, and build upon the School Performance Profile, which the Pennsylvania Department of Education will release this fall.
- Bullying Prevention – Ms. Judy Bomze provided an update on bullying prevention initiatives across Abington School District, including an overview of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, as well as other new strategies, programs, and positive school climate activities.

Awards of Contracts

- The Board awarded 10 contracts last night, including:
 - Del Val International Trucks, Inc. for replacement bus engine parts
 - Malmark, Inc. for a replacement handbell set at Overlook Elementary School
 - CM Regent and Willis Towers Watson for an Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) for the additions and renovations project at Abington Senior High School
- In addition, the Board awarded seven prime contracts for the additions and renovations project at Abington Senior High School to:
 - Boro Construction for general construction work
 - Guy M. Cooper, Inc. for fire suppression construction work
 - Jay R. Reynolds, Inc. for plumbing construction work
 - Myco Mechanical, Inc. for HVAC construction work
 - Boro Construction for electrical construction work
 - 11400, Inc. for food service construction work
 - Neuber Environmental Services, Inc. for asbestos abatement construction work

Board Policies

The Board of School Directors passed two new Board policies in the Community Relations section — entitled “Title I Parent and Family Engagement” and “Nonpublic Services Complaint Resolution Procedures” — which are requirements of Federal law.

Miscellaneous Items

- The Board of School Directors also approved the submission of PlanCon Part F: Attachment C to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the additions and renovations project at Abington Senior High School.

Next Board Meeting

- September 25, 2018, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building

#ASDBackToSchool

Welcome back, Abington School District students! We look forward to another award-winning school year.

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