

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 – Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds – Award of Contract – Superintendent’s Administrative Procedure – School Calendar for 2019-2020 – Public Board Meeting Dates for 2019-2020 – Eastern Center for Arts and Technology 2019-2020 Budget

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

Honors

- Board President Raymond McGarry, Esquire, and Dr. Jeffrey Fecher congratulated Abington Senior High School senior Eric Dixon on scoring his 2,000th point at the January 17 varsity boys basketball game against Springfield Township High School. Dixon is the first student in school history to reach this milestone.
- The Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) designates January as School Board Director Recognition Month. Dr. Fecher presented certificates to the School Board Directors in recognition of their dedication and commitment to serving the Abington School District and the communities of Abington and Rockledge. In addition, a PSBA Honor Roll certificate was given to Board Vice-President, Ms. Susan Arnhold, for her 12 years of service.
- Mr. Angelo Berrios presented plaques to 11 Abington Senior High School students who have been identified by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as semifinalists or commended students in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. Of the 11 students, two are semifinalists, nine are commended, and one of the commended students is also a special scholar as designated by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- Dr. Fecher and Dr. Toni Butz, Director of Teaching and Learning, recognized the Highland Elementary School students and staff, as well as Dr. James Eten and the administration team, for being selected as a 2018-2019 Title I Distinguished School for High Progress as a result of performance in the top five percent in the state with regard to growth scores in ELA and Mathematics PSSAs.
- Mr. Berrios shared media coverage from Abington Senior High School’s January 17 basketball game that honored Mr. John “Woody” McGoldrick for his 50 years of spirit and dedication as Abington’s No. 1 fan. Mr. McGoldrick, a custodian at Abington Senior High School, began working for the District in 1969 at the age of 20, and is best known for his attendance at nearly every home sporting event since then, where he can often be seen sporting the Abington “A” mascot costume and cheering enthusiastically for the players.

Personnel

- The Board of School Directors approved the retirements of:
 - Mr. Jeffrey Slemmer, an itinerant English Language Development teacher who has served the District for 15 years
 - Ms. Miriam Hulshizer, Benefit Specialist in the Human Resources Department, who has served the District for 29.5 years
 - Mr. Daniel Spang, a Mechanic in the Facilities Department, who has served the District for nine years

Award of Contract

The Board awarded a contract to The Jaydor Company for the replacement of overhead doors at the bus garage.

Miscellaneous Items

- The Board also approved the following:
 - Superintendent’s Administrative Procedure (SAP) entitled “Table of Organization”, for which an orientation was provided at the January 8 meeting that outlined a revised organization of the Student Services and Teaching and Learning Departments
 - The school calendar for 2019-2020
 - The Board meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year, and the advertisement of those dates
 - The annual operating budget of the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$10,950,316

Next Board Meeting

February 5, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building (previously rescheduled from February 12, 2019)

**The 2019-2020 school year calendar is now available on the ASD website under
About ASD → District Calendars**

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