

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 December Board Meetings – Personnel – Payment of Bills – Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds – Advertisement for Bids – Awards of Contracts – Proposed Preliminary General Fund Budget – Advertisement for Adoption of the Preliminary General Fund Budget on Feb. 5

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

Honors

- Dr. Jeffrey Fecher congratulated the Abington Senior High School students who attend the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology and won awards at the annual SkillsUSA Leadership Conference. Senior, Kelly Gibson (veterinary science), junior, Hannah Listokin (cosmetology), and junior, Zaire Ruiz (heating, ventilation and air conditioning), earned first place in the Notebook competition, while juniors Emma Rose (business and technology professional) and Nicholas Bednarek (automotive technology) won third place in the category.
- Dr. Fecher also commended the APEX students of Overlook and Roslyn elementary schools, who were named finalists in the annual Citizenship Challenge, hosted by The Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement. Classroom teams were asked to write an essay that addresses their point of view on an assigned civics issue facing our democracy, and as a result of their finalist placement, the Overlook and Roslyn students were invited to the National Constitution Center to present their position to a panel of moderators.
- In addition, Dr. Fecher congratulated 10 Abington Junior High School students who participated in the nationally recognized AMC8 mathematics competition at Chestnut Hill College. Of Abington's 10 participants, six placed in the top 25 percent among all student competitors nationally. Darren Mo, an eighth-grader, was the top-scorer of all participants at Chestnut Hill College, and in the top five percent of all participants nationally. Abington also had students tie for second and third place among the participants at Chestnut Hill College, including seventh-grader Peter Murray and eighth-grader Jeremy Slotter, respectively.
- Dr. Kevin Osborne shared two videos from 6abc Action News and CBS3 Eyewitness News covering the cancer journey of Roslyn Elementary School second-grader Cadence Lindley, who received a warm welcome home from her classmates after 100 days at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where she underwent treatment. Cadence's mom recorded a video of the celebration that students and staff held outside for Cadence one afternoon, and her accompanying social media post quickly went viral.
- Mr. Angelo Berrios congratulated senior Hallie Ahrens, who won first place in the Montgomery County Suicide Prevention Taskforce Poster Contest and was honored at a recent meeting of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners.

Orientations

- *The Little Mermaid Jr.* – Dr. Stephanie Viola introduced performers from Copper Beech Elementary School's production of *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, which will debut on Friday, January 25 at 7 p.m., with additional performances on Saturday, January 26 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Table of Organization – Dr. James Melchor provided an orientation on the updated Superintendent's Administrative Procedure (SAP), entitled "Table of Organization", which outlined a revised organization of the student services and teaching and learning departments, formerly known as the pupil services and curriculum departments, respectively.
- 2019-2020 Projected Enrollment and Staffing, and the Preliminary General Fund Budget – Dr. Fecher, Mr. Christopher Lionetti, Business Manager, and Dr. Melchor presented and reviewed the proposed preliminary general fund budget for the 2019-2020 school year, as well as the projected student enrollment and staffing. The proposed preliminary general fund budget conforms to the state's 2.3% index, and was adopted by the Board in the amount of \$165,701,098. The preliminary general fund budget is planned for adoption at the February 5 meeting, with final adoption of the budget planned for the June 11 meeting.

Personnel

The Board of School Directors approved the retirement of Mr. Stephen Foell, a locksmith who has served the District for 27 years.

Advertisement for Bids

The Board authorized advertisement for bids, including for:

- Two, 275-ton magnetic bearing centrifugal chillers for Abington Junior High School to replace the two existing centrifugal chillers that provide air conditioning for the school
- Portable wheelchair lifts for Rydal East and Rydal West Elementary Schools
- The addition of 15 school bus camera/DVR units

Awards of Contracts

The Board awarded three contracts, including to:

- Liberty Door Systems for exterior door hardware installation at Copper Beech Elementary School
- Collins Sports Medicine and Henry Schein, Inc., for first aid supplies at Abington Senior High School
- Telecom Advisors Group, Inc., for telecommunications consulting services

Next Board Meeting

January 22, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Board Room of the Administration Building

Happy New Year!
We look forward to a great 2019 in Abington School District

This communication from Abington School District and its Board of School Directors is meant to be a summary of actions taken at the most recent Board meeting, and is not intended to serve as minutes of the meeting. Materials presented at all meetings of the Abington Board of School Directors are available on BoardDocs, accessible via the ASD homepage. Recordings of the meetings are also found on the ASD website, in addition to being broadcast on Comcast XFINITY channel 968/Verizon Fios channel 34. For more information, please visit www.abington.k12.pa.us/board-of-directors or call 215-884-4700. Compiled by Allie Artur.