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Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary

Abington School District
Administration Building - Board Room
970 Highland Avenue
Abington, PA 19001
7:30 p.m.

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1. Meeting Opening

Subject 1.1 Call to Order

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 1. Meeting Opening
Type Procedural

Subject 1.2 Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 1. Meeting Opening
Type Procedural

Subject 1.3 Announcements-Additional Agenda Items

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 1. Meeting Opening
Type Procedural

Subject 1.4 Comments of Board Members, Superintendent, and Solicitor

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 1. Meeting Opening
Type Information

2. Student Council Representatives

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 4. Board Orientation
Type Report

File Attachments
[2019-2020 Preliminary Budget Presentation - February 5, 2019.pdf \(764 KB\)](#)

5. Comments from Citizens

Subject **5.1 Comments from Citizens (A 40-minute limit on this item, with approximately 20 minutes for comments on the agenda and 20 minutes for comments on any matter regarding school affairs. A citizen will be recognized once during this period of the meeting, and each citizen's comments will be limited to a total of three minutes, except at the discretion of the President. Time may not be yielded or otherwise transferred by one speaker to another for purposes of extending a given speaker's time allotment.)**

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Category 5. Comments from Citizens
Type Information

6. Approval of Minutes

Subject **6.1 Approval of Minutes**

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 6. Approval of Minutes
Type Action
Recommended Action That the Board of School Directors approve the minutes of the Board meetings on January 8, 2019 and January 22, 2019.

File Attachments
[Minutes of the Board Meeting - January 8, 2019.pdf \(121 KB\)](#)
[Minutes of the Board Meeting - January 22, 2019.pdf \(97 KB\)](#)

7. Personnel

Subject **7.1 Personnel**

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 7. Personnel
Type Action
Recommended Action That the Board of School Directors approve the changes in personnel as listed in Personnel Addendum No. 7.1.

File Attachments
[Addendum No. 7.1 - Personnel.pdf \(153 KB\)](#)

8. Payment of Bills

Subject	8.1 Payment of Bills for the period ending January 25, 2019
Meeting	Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category	8. Payment of Bills
Type	Action
Recommended Action	That the Board of School Directors approve the Payment of Bills for the period ending January 25, 2019 as listed in Addendum No. 8.1.

9. Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds

Subject	9.1 Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds
Meeting	Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category	9. Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds
Type	Action
Recommended Action	That the Board of School Directors approve the applications for Permits for Use of Buildings and Grounds as listed in Addendum No. 9.1.

File Attachments
[Addendum No. 9.1 - Permits.pdf \(88 KB\)](#)

10. Awards of Contracts

Subject	10.1 Awards of Contracts
Meeting	Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category	10. Awards of Contracts
Type	Action
Recommended Action	That the Board of School Directors approve the Awards of Contracts as listed in Addendum No. 10.1.

File Attachments
[Addendum No. 10.1 - Awards of Contracts.pdf \(130 KB\)](#)

11. Preliminary Budget

Subject	11.1 Preliminary Budget
Meeting	Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category	11. Preliminary Budget
Type	Action
Recommended Action	That the Board of School Directors adopt the Preliminary Budget of the Abington School District for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$165,701,098 as shown in Addendum No. 11.1, which includes a millage rate of 32.50 mills.

Subject **11.2 Preliminary Budget**

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Category 11. Preliminary Budget

Type Action

Recommended Action That the Board of School Directors authorize the appropriate expenditures of the funds as itemized in said Preliminary Budget during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2019; that the necessary revenue for same shall be provided by a real estate transfer tax of one-half percent and by a tax of 32.50 mills on the dollar on the total amount of the market valuation of all property taxable for school purposes in the Abington School District (or at a rate of \$3.250 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property), and by an Earned Income Tax of one-half of one percent (0.5%) on residents of Abington School District.

Subject **11.3 Preliminary Budget**

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Category 11. Preliminary Budget

Type Action

Recommended Action That the Board of School Directors authorize the Administration to advertise its intent to request approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the use of a referendum exception and for the Administration to submit the request to the Department of Education.

12. Tax Study Commission

Subject **12.1 Tax Study Commission**

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Category 12. Tax Study Commission

Type Action

Recommended Action That the Board of School Directors, in accordance with Act 1, desire to exercise its option to submit a resolution question for the November 2019 ballot that seeks voter approval for an Earned Income Tax or a Personal Income Tax to fund a homestead exclusion and further authorizes the Administration to advertise for residents to serve on a Local Tax Study Commission.

Act 1 provides that Abington School District, at its option, may place a referendum on the November 2019 ballot for the purpose of seeking voter approval to levy, access, and collect an Earned Income Tax with a new Net Profit Tax or a new Personal Income Tax for the purpose of annually funding additional property tax relief. If the Board of School Directors selects this option, then the law mandates the inception of a Tax Study Commission, certain actions, and timelines. In order to meet the mandated actions and timelines, the above recommendation is appropriate.

13. Penn State University Exemption Appeals

Subject **13.1 Penn State University Exemption Appeals**

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 13. Penn State University Exemption Appeals
Type Action
Recommended Action That the Board of School Directors authorize the District's Solicitor's office to sign the settlement stipulation agreements and scholarship agreement regarding the assessment appeal of the properties identified as Parcel No. 30-00-49704-009 and Parcel No. 30-00-61084-005 as submitted to the Board.

14. Confidential Student Matters

Subject 14.1 Confidential Student Matters

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 14. Confidential Student Matters
Type Action
Recommended Action That the Board of School Directors approve the Confidential Student Matters as attached in Addendum No. 14.1.

15. Reports and Recommendations by Administration

Subject 15.1 Report of the Superintendent

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 15. Reports and Recommendations by Administration
Type Report

Subject 15.2 Conference Attendance and Professional Leaves

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 15. Reports and Recommendations by Administration
Type Report

File Attachments
[Conference Attendance and Professional Leaves.pdf \(121 KB\)](#)

Subject 15.3 Capital Improvement Projects

Meeting Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category 15. Reports and Recommendations by Administration
Type Report

File Attachments
[Capital Improvement Report - January 2019.pdf \(19 KB\)](#)

16. Any Other Business that Appropriately May be Brought to the Attention of the Board of School Directors

Subject	16.1 Announcements of Committee Meetings
Meeting	Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category	16. Any Other Business that Appropriately May be Brought to the Attention of the Board of School Directors
Type	Information

Subject	16.2 Committee Reports and Minutes
Meeting	Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category	16. Any Other Business that Appropriately May be Brought to the Attention of the Board of School Directors
Type	Minutes, Report

17. Comments of Citizens

Subject	17.1 Comments of Citizens on Matters Regarding School Affairs, excluding personnel (A 20-minute time limit on this agenda item. A citizen will be recognized once during this period of the meeting, and each citizen's comments will be limited to three minutes, except at the discretion of the President. Time may not be yielded or otherwise transferred by one speaker to another for purposes of extending a given speaker's time allotment.)
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Category	17. Comments of Citizens
Type	Information

18. Closing Comments of School Directors

Subject	18.1 Closing Comments of School Directors
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Category	18. Closing Comments of School Directors
Type	Information

19. Adjournment

Subject	19.1 Adjourn
Meeting	Feb 5, 2019 - Combined Report and Agenda of the Superintendent and Board Secretary
Category	19. Adjournment
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to Adjourn