

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
Special Meeting: April 20, 2023

Purpose of Special School Board Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report from special counsel who has conducted the investigation into the allegations contained in the complaint against the school district filed by the ACLU with the United States Department of Education. The board will also consider the dissemination of the report.

At the April 20, 2023 Special School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that no Executive Sessions have been held since the last School Board Meeting.

Approved limiting Public Comment to a one-hour period and to agenda items only since this is a Special Meeting.

Heard Public Comment:

1. *Barbara Kielbania of Doylestown Township* yielded her speaking time to Marlene Pray.
2. *Marlene Pray of Doylestown Borough* spoke about her 2 ½-hour interview with Mr. Rinaldi. Ms. Pray spoke about the report never being intended to be impartial, Mr. McSwain being hostile to the LGBTQ+ issues, taking Pride flags down, how LGBTQ+ students are treated in CB schools, Human Growth and Development classes, and read aloud part of a speech given by Superintendent Lucabaugh a year ago. Ms. Pray said to LGBTQ+ students that they are valued and that we will never stop fighting with and for them.
3. *Lily Freeman, CB student*, spoke about students sharing the harassment they've received in the district to the Superintendent at some of his meetings with LGBTQ+ students. Ms. Freeman spoke about the Superintendent's statements about the community and parents doing better and moving on. Ms. Freeman said that getting back to education is impossible if students feel unwelcome and unsupported.
4. *Brett Freeman of Buckingham Township* yielded his speaking time to Mindy Freeman.
5. *Mindy Freeman of Buckingham Township* spoke about not being here today for this report and investigation if district administrators and Board had listened to students and their families. Ms. Freeman spoke about help never being given and read aloud part of an email that she sent in May 2022 to the Director of Pupil Services Marton. Ms. Freeman spoke about a meeting she had with Mrs. Marton. Ms. Freeman spoke about the district banning visible signs of allyship, censoring teachers and sanitizing classrooms with Policy 321, and CB being held accountable for the toxic environment it has created for LGBTQ students and being held responsible for the necessary positive changes for LGBTQ students and for all students.
6. *Leo Burchell, CB student*, spoke about how safe it is for transgender people right now. Mr. Burchell asked why there is a focus on parental rights and spoke of his goal to create a safe

space for students and the work he has done with the Gay-Straight Alliance Club at his school. Mr. Burchell spoke about tonight's motion to limit public comment without prior notice and about previous meetings where speakers from outside the district have been permitted to speak.

7. *Kate Nazemi of Doylestown Township* spoke about families awaiting real change for the treatment LGBTQ students over the past year. Ms. Nazemi shared examples that would protect the rights of LGBTQ students to a safe and equitable education.
8. *Paul Martino of Doylestown Township* spoke about being here to learn facts and that no set of facts presented will change some people's minds. Mr. Martino spoke about sticking to the narrative.
9. *Edward Mackouse of Buckingham Township* spoke about having taught for ten years in Brooklyn and saving the lives of many children. Mr. Mackouse spoke about the ACLU attacking CB, the CBSD Superintendent knowing what makes students safe, the protection of children depending on their parents, the billion-dollar transgender industry, and about hiding behind and indoctrinating children.
10. *Tracy Suits of Chalfont Borough* spoke about leadership, the timing of this meeting excluding many parents due to school events already being held tonight and the fact that this is the holiest day for the Muslim community.

Introduced Mr. Michael Rinaldi of Duane Morris, LLP.

Approved the dissemination of the report and investigation to the public.

Heard/Watched Mr. Rinaldi's presentation of the investigation and the report.