

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
April 11, 2023

At the April 11, 2023 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Heard student performers: CB East Music Production and Marketing/Lunch and Learn Collaboration under the direction of Mr. Michael Gruver.

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session from 7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m. on March 27, 2023 regarding legal matters, and the Board agreed to engage the public for additional comments and input regarding current plans up for consideration as well as other plans that the public would like the board to consider regarding redistricting school board region maps. President Hunter announced that more information is to come regarding these meetings.

Approved the minutes of the March 14, 2023 School Board Meeting.

Heard Superintendent’s Report: *2023 National Merit Scholarship Finalists*- Superintendent Lucabaugh and the Board of School Directors recognized and congratulated CB students who have been named Finalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Competition:

CB West	Mila Acosta-Morales
CB West	Olivia Magalio
CB West	Ethan Maher
CB West	Lance Xu
CB West	Jonathan Zhang
CB South	Jaimin Fee
CB South	Katherine He
CB South	Benjamin Kim
CB South	Ethan Kim
CB South	Brian Schmidt
CB South	Akhil Sethukarthy
CB South	Claire Strobel
CB South	Namrata Sureddy
CB East	Joshua Baker
CB East	Sonya Bates
CB East	Leah Loukedis
CB East	James Sexton
CB East	Francis Torres

Following the student recognition, Superintendent Lucabaugh announced that 2023 CBSD Commencement Ceremonies will be held on June 15, 2023 at the following times: CB South at 2:00 p.m., CB West at 4:15 p.m., and CB East at 6:30 p.m.

Heard Public Comment:

1. *Patricia Jimenez of Doylestown Township*, holdover speaker from the previous meeting, was listed on the Public Comment sign-up form but signed up again (#26) and spoke during that time slot.
2. *Vicki Barrella of Doylestown Borough*, holdover speaker from the previous meeting, spoke about Jackson Manning's public comment at last month's meeting, school enrollment, high schools housing grades 9-12, and the possibility of closing an elementary school.
3. *Art Larson of Doylestown Township*, holdover speaker from the previous meeting, spoke about issues of public corruption, school boards being attacked, privatizing public schools, and organized crime. Mr. Larson presented a handout, which is attached to the official board minutes.
4. *Tracy Suits of Chalfont Borough* spoke about the book *Girl in Translation*, book challenges, and Policy 109.2
5. *Lela Casey of Doylestown Township* yielded her speaking time to Jean Kwok.
6. *Jean Kwok, Author, CB Parents for Progress*, spoke about her book *Girl in Translation*, about her book being challenged, passing on our wisdom and morals to our children, books making us feel heard and understood, and spoke about librarians.
7. *Katrina Filiatrault of New Britain Township* was listed on the sign-up form, but her name was crossed out and she did not speak.
8. *Tricia Doeblner of New Britain Township* yielded her speaking time to Paul Martino.
9. *Paul Martino of Doylestown Township* displayed a poster titled "Turning Neighbor Against Neighbor as Executed by the Leftists in Central Bucks". Mr. Martino described the "Wheel of Discontent" on the poster, the 2021 election, harassment of the PR firm's other customers, and boycotting of business who supported Policy 321.
10. *Leo Burchell, CB student*, spoke about knowing transgender people, showing respect, the targeting of transpeople, and about using correct names and pronouns.
11. *Terry Young of New Britain Township* spoke about parents and grandparents having a strong urge to protect their loved ones, and the harm of book bans.
12. *Barbara Kielbania of Doylestown Township* yielded her speaking time to Kathleen Cranmer.

Kathleen Cranmer of Doylestown Township (listed as speaker #15), spoke about and read aloud a part of the Superintendent's recent community letter, and the harm done by extreme ideology. Ms. Cranmer asked which board members support the CBSD411 signs, spoke about the domain registrar Epik, books that were removed in Texas, and books that are Classics.

13. *Mara Witsen of Chalfont Borough* spoke about school shootings and local government, school security and safety measures, students reporting concerns directly to their School Resource Officers, and presented a handout, which is attached to the official minutes.

14. *Barbara Smith of Plumstead Township* spoke about vile rhetoric in the community, disagreeing respectfully, her grandchildren's schools, the movie *Boy Erased*, parents having the choice about what their children read, and about monitoring what our children are seeing on the internet.

15. *Kathleen Cranmer of Doylestown Township* spoke earlier.

16. *Anne Ferguson of Doylestown Township* read aloud a part of the Superintendent's recent community letter and spoke about board policies, reading books, dark money and board seats, PR firm and lawyer fees, and changing public schools forever.

17. *Michael Witsen of Chalfont Borough* passed his speaking time.

18. *Tim Daly, Outside Group*, spoke about Paul Martino's comments and Anne Ferguson's comments this evening, the book *Girl in Translation*, and Director Smith blocking people from her campaign sites. Mr. Daly spoke about facts that show that books had not been banned, harassment of him on social media, and gunshots fired outside his home.

19. *Ryan Feldman, CB student*, spoke about conditions in classrooms, his experience in school, posters in classrooms that read "You Matter", and policy parameters.

20. *Tanya Kovacs of Buckingham Township* yielded her speaking time to Shannon Harris.

21. *Shannon Harris of Buckingham Township* spoke about setting academic standards and boundaries. Ms. Harris spoke about board policy to set standards, parents having the right to challenge any book of concern, the school district developing a rating system for library books, lies perpetuated by the media about challenged books, and the website BookLooks' rating system. Ms. Harris spoke about being slandered on social media, the Pennsylvania

corporation CBSD411, the upcoming election, stealing CBSD411 signs, and her home being surveilled.

22. *Pam Masciotro of Warrington Township* spoke about the student performers at this evening's meeting, CB's National Merit Scholarship students, our schools, our curriculum, preparing students for the outside world, and the summer camps and activities listed on the CBSD website.
23. *Edward Mackouse of New Britain Borough* spoke about attending parent meetings at CB East when Dr. Lucabaugh was principal there, CBSD leading the state and probably the world, CB being attacked by the transgender medical industry, and Right-to-Know requests that kept CBSD open.
24. *Leslie Watson of Buckingham Township* yielded her speaking time to Vonna DeArmond.
25. *Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead Township* thanked the board for advocating for School Resource Officers at CB East and CB West. Ms. DeArmond spoke about the SRO presentation at a recent committee meeting and national statistics regarding SROs. Ms. DeArmond thanked the Superintendent for his recent communication to the community. Ms. DeArmond displayed a graphic that a Doylestown artist created that mocks the Superintendent and some of the CB Board members and spoke about the upcoming election and blocking people from campaign sites on social media.
26. *Pat Jimenez of Doylestown Township* spoke about librarians and teachers knowing which books are age-appropriate, books on the challenged list, the book *Shout*, and assault weapons and assault weapon manufacturers.
27. *Donna Shannon of Doylestown Township* spoke about Democracy being in trouble, destructive media, and the Superintendent having spoken to many students.
28. *Doreen Stratton of Doylestown Township* said that she is from Doylestown Borough, not Township as she listed on the sign-up form. Ms. Stratton spoke about the book titled *La Citadelle*, about educator and activist Layle Lane, and read aloud a paragraph from the book *La Citadelle*.

Reviewed School Board Reports:
Curriculum Committee
Finance and Facilities Committee
Policy Committee
Bucks County Intermediate Unit

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Approved Finance Department Items:

Financial Reports

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$3,497,573.86

Risk Communication Training Contract in the amount of \$2,150.00

Transportation Fleet Repairs and Maintenance Supplies Bid Award

Transportation Oil, Fluid, and Lubricants Bid Award

First Student Drivers and Aides for the 2022-2023 School Year

Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$19,781.00

Reviewed Finance Department Information Item: Student Activity Reports

Approved Operations Department Items:

2023 Summer Flooring Projects in the amount of \$191,797.00

2023 Paving and Concrete Projects in the amount of \$479,518.00

2023 Playground Renovation Projects in the amount of \$1,051,320.00

Approved Special Education Department Items:

Transportation Agreement in the amount of \$6,000.00

Addendum to 10/11/22 Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$3,769.40

CLC Addendum to Agreement in the amount of \$17,531.50

FAPE Waiver Agreement

IEP Waiver Agreement

Approved Student Services Department Items:

2023-2024 High School Tuition Student

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Approved Curriculum Items:

Dual-Enrollment Agreement with BCCC

Auto-Acceptance Agreement with BCCC

Approved Policy Items:

Approved School Board Policy 104

Moved to Table for First Read School Board Policy 918

Removed from Table and Approved School Board Policies: 108 and 235.1

Did Not Remove from Table School Board Policy 011

Approved Student Field Trips:

CB East/South/West STEM Research Club/Biotech Program Students to travel to University Park, PA in May 2023

CB South Mock Trial Club to travel to Harrisburg, PA in March 2023

CB South Cheerleading to travel to Beach Lake, PA in August 2023

Approved Foreign Exchange Student Item:

Foreign Exchange student for the 2023-2024 school year at CB West
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Approved Human Resources Department Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

Leaves of Absence

Appointments

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes

New Position Approval

Activity EDRs and Athletic Points

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2023-2024 Substitute/Auxiliary Activity Pay Rates

Approved Other Items:

2023-2024 MBIT General Fund Budget and Non-Major Fund Budgets

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