

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
September 13, 2022

At the September 13, 2022 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board has not met in Executive Session since the last meeting.

Approved the minutes of the August 9, 2022 School Board Meeting

Heard Superintendent's Report: Elementary Summer Academy.

Superintendent Lucabaugh shared that over the summer, CBSD ran a new program for our elementary students known as the Elementary Summer Academy. Through the use of our board-approved ESSER funds, this four-week long, half-day program was designed and delivered to qualifying students who are currently enrolled in grades 1, 2 and 3. Our program was delivered by CB teachers and support staff in an effort to provide students with additional academic instruction, focused on essential skills and concepts necessary for the grade level they entered this fall. The subjects included were Reading, Math, and Study Skills. Superintendent Lucabaugh acknowledged and thanked the staff members who were involved in this endeavor: Vanessa Hasson, Concetta Bolton, Juliette Camburn, Gary Carew, Jennifer Castro, Ashley Christie, Brenda Davis, Amanda Dean, Shannon DeCorrevont, Ashley Fetter, Lisa Galante, Lanette Gilluly, Paige Gilluly, Michelle Jacobs, Richard Kratz, Edward Lee, Patricia Loughlin, Kimberly Maduzia, Kenneth Martin, Amanda Mauchet, Linda Muehlbronner, Carroll Palakow, Yinet Quezada, Christian Reidler, Christine Rick, Ingrid Sanchez, Lisa Ventresca, Kathryn Wilde, and Dr. Nadine Garvin.

Heard Public Comment:

Radhika Ramamurthi of Doylestown ceded her speaking time to Amritha Jayashankar.

Amritha Jayashankur of Desis of Doylestown spoke about local organizations, board decisions that have contributed to alienation in the community, a board member associated themselves with a local politician known for their anti-Muslim and anti-LGBTQ positions, a book policy that will remove books that represent marginalized students, the banning of Pride flags in schools, the lack of support for bullied students, and the importance of addressing hate.

Sheela Rai of Doylestown Borough spoke about Lisa Sciscio, politician Kathy Barnette, a vague book policy, the Policy Committee and its chairperson, social studies curriculum, and conversing and taking input from Muslim and LGBTQ people.

Laura Napier of Buckingham spoke about \$180,000.00 for a PR firm, Health and Development classes, and decisions made about censoring books, banning LGBTQ flags, and not teaching Human Growth and Development. Ms. Napier spoke about receiving an email last Spring that stated that Human Growth and Development curriculum for grades 4, 5, and 6 would not be taught in school; a video was sent home for parents to show their kids. Ms. Napier asked that Human Growth and Development classes be brought back to school.

Darshana Patel of Warrington ceded her speaking time to Durriya Shamsi.

Durriya Shamsi of Doylestown spoke about elected officials upholding democracy, human rights, freedom of speech and equality for all, the School District ignoring Black, Brown, and LGBTQ+ students' pleas for support, removing Pride flags, promoting controversial book policies, Lisa Sciscio supporting politician Kathy Barnette, and it being the Board's job to denounce hate in all forms.

Rachel Fitzpatrick of Bucks County PFLAG, Doylestown, PA spoke about the Bucks County PFLAG organization. Ms. Fitzpatrick spoke about LGBTQ students feeling unsupported, Pride flags, library books, and including organizations such as PFLAG in the conversation to help make equity and inclusion a top priority at Central Bucks.

Shannon Harris of Buckingham thanked the Board and Dr. Lucabaugh for a great start to the school year and bringing back normalcy. Ms. Harris spoke about lights at the CB East stadium, and that negative media attention is not working in our community. Ms. Harris spoke about student club representations on hallway walls at CB East.

Christina Bucci of Chalfont spoke about age of admission discussed at last month's Policy meeting, admission for beginner students, Kindergarten, special education, gifted education, and read aloud some information from the Department of Education's gifted education guidelines.

Maria Murphy of Buckingham had already ceded her speaking time to Laura Napier, above.

Ed Mackouse of Buckingham spoke about CB being one of the best districts in the country, disease control people relaxing their guidance, masking, dealing with conflicts and solving problems by open communication, a bi-partisan, two-party system, expressing your own opinions, vaccines and viruses.

Jamie Walker of Chalfont thanked the Board and Administration for putting children over politics and spoke about FERPA, emails, and Mrs. Smith discussing Ms. Walker's children's enrollment.

Taya Kovacs of Buckingham ceded her speaking time to Vonna DeArmond.

Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead thanked the Board, administration and staff. Ms. DeArmond spoke about appropriate curriculum and materials, teacher websites that include links to information including reproductive rights, the streaming source "Docuseek", and sex advice and education. Ms. DeArmond then aired a recording from a 7th-grade teacher's website that talked about wearing condoms.

Pam Masciotro of Warrington spoke about a PR firm not being needed if people wouldn't post rants about CBSD on social media. Ms. Masciotro thanked the Board for not forcing young boys and girls to attend Human Growth and Development classes with the opposite gender. Ms. Masciotro spoke about learning loss and thanked the Board for a great start to the school year.

Michael Maskileyson of Chalfont thanked the Board for banning LGBTQ flags and spoke about being attacked by a 2020 bioweapon. Mr. Maskileyson spoke about face masks, showed the Board a box of N95 masks and read information printed on the box regarding what masks can filter.

Approved the removal of the Health & Safety Plan as a standing agenda item on future agendas, to be brought back for the required 6-month reviews and as needed.

Reviewed School Board Reports:

Curriculum Committee

Finance Committee

Operations Committee

Policy Committee

Bucks County Intermediate Unit

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Appointed Greg Rodgers as the CBSD representative to the Middle Bucks Area Vocational Technical School Authority

Approved Business Office Items:

Financial Reports

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements, with the exception of the check issued to Accuweather Stipulation to settle Valley Square Parcel #50-031-034

2022-2023 Public and Non-Public Bus Routes

First Student Bus Drivers and Aides

2021-2022 Gifts to Schools Report

Approved FEMO Department Item:

Lenape Middle School HVAC renovation project low bid in the amount of \$12,434,127.00

Approved Special Education Department Items:

IEP Waiver Agreements I, II, III, IV, and V

2022-2023 New Hope Academy Contract in the amount of \$245,400.00

2022-2023 LifeWorks School Agreement in the amount of \$26,800.00

2022-2023 BCIU MTSS Service Agreement in the amount of \$35,103.17

2022-2023 Special Education Legal Services Consultation Agreement with SSKW in the amount of \$20,000.00

Approved Student Services Item:

2022-2023 Physician contract in the amount of \$16,153.95

Approved Student Field Trip Items:

CB South Cheerleaders to travel to Florida on Feb. 8-13, 2023 (or Feb. 9-14, 2023)

CB East Cheerleaders to travel to Florida on Feb. 8-13, 2023 (or Feb. 9-14, 2023)

CB East Choir to travel to Washington DC on April 13-16, 2023

Study Abroad trip to France on June 28, 2023 - July 7, 2023

Approved Curriculum Items:

Grades K, 1, 2, and 3 QUEST Extended Day curriculum revisions

Honors Algebra 2/Trig, Algebra 2/Trig, and Algebra 2 curriculum revisions

Grades 7, 8, and 9 Choir curriculum revisions

Approved Policy Items:

Moved to Table for First Read School Board Policies 105.2, 106, 201, 202, and 218

Approved Personnel Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

Leaves of Absence

Appointments

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes

Activity EDRs and Athletic Points

Per Diem Substitutes List

Approved Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$11,038.00

Did not approve a motion to amend the agenda to include Karen Smith's request to attend the November 1-2, 2022 PSBA School Leadership Conference at a cost of \$439.00

Reviewed Reports and Information Item:

Sabbaticals Report

Discussed the "Docuseek" streaming source that was brought up during Public Comment.