

**Central Bucks School District**  
**School Board Briefs**  
**June 14, 2022**

At the June 14, 2022 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Announced** that the Board met in Executive Session on June 2, 2022 from 6:00pm-7:00pm regarding contract negotiations and personnel matters, the Board met for an information session on June 2, 2022 from 7:00pm-8:00pm regarding the budget, and the Board met in Executive Session on June 14, 2022 from 6:30pm-7:00pm regarding Act 44 Safety and Security.

**Approved** the minutes of the May 10, 2022 School Board Meeting

**Heard** Superintendent's Reports:

Recognition of CB West Girls Track and Field Team

Superintendent Lucabaugh and the Board of School Directors recognized the 4x400 relay team state champions. Coach Kiki Bell and student athletes Claire Dalsass, Mimi Duffy, Kate Edenson, Abigail Kolb, Maile McFadden, and Malia Mulcahy were honored and congratulated.

Recognition of STEM Research Students Superintendent Lucabaugh and the Board of School Directors recognized STEM Research students. Adult sponsors Mark Hayden, Judy Elinow, Carrie Bannon, Robert Meletti, and Deborah Wysocki were recognized and the following students were honored and congratulated: Maryam Abdel-Azim, Matthew Brownrigg, Madeline Eid, Anushka Gattu, Lucas Guernon, Avery Harris, Katherine He, Samantha Holmen, Jasmin Kainth, Srinithi Krishnamoorthy, Ethan Maher, Mason Matich, Ganesh Palla, Clare Rajapakse, Ranjit Rajapakse, Alexander Robertson, Harini Shankar, Ethan Shlossberg, Jackson Stahl, Dhaval Tantry, Parth Vaidyanath, Phoebe Vallapureddy, Brooke Wassmann, Lance Xu, Thanmayee Yalamanchi, and Jonathan Zhang.

CBEA Contract Overview

Mr. Alfred D'Angelo provided the Board with an overview of the CBEA Contract, which was ratified this afternoon with teachers, and appears on tonight's agenda for Board consideration.

2022-2023 Budget

Mrs. Tara Houser provided the Board with an overview of the 2022-2023 Budget which appears on tonight's agenda for Board consideration.

**Heard** Public Comment:

*Tom Beahm of Doylestown Borough* spoke about the quality of CBSD services, the reputation of the school district, hate speech, and divisiveness at board meetings.

*Jen Herring of Doylestown Township* spoke about her child's experience of not being allowed to reenter the school building after a student walk-out and asked for accountability.

*Dr. Audrey Ervin of Doylestown Township* spoke about being a nationally certified "Stop the Hate" trainer, banning Pride flags, and inclusive classrooms.

*Brett Freeman of Buckingham Township* spoke about public education serving the needs of students, voting against Policy 109, and equitable education opportunities.

*Sean Durkin of Warwick* congratulated the evening's student award winners and retirees on the agenda, spoke about Dr. Lucabaugh's recent statement about all CB teachers being LGBTQ allies, Pride flags, and being an active ally.

*Rick Haring of Doylestown* was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

*Susan Coffey of Chalfont* ceded her speaking time to Alexandra Coffey.

*Alexandra Coffey of Chalfont* shared portions of conversations she has had recently with other CB students regarding books. Ms. Coffey spoke about reading, CB Cares, modernizing education, the book policy, serving every person in the community, and censoring student access to literature.

*Charlotte Smyth of Chalfont* spoke about being a responsible citizen, books, librarian, and being a life-long learner.

*Joan Smyth of Chalfont* ceded her speaking time to Kate Nazemi.

*Kate Nazemi of Doylestown* read aloud a letter from the Education Law Center regarding proposed Library Policy 109.2 and read aloud some Tweets posted by the ACLU this afternoon.

*Shana Trichon of Doylestown* ceded her speaking time to Katherine Semisch.

*Katherine Semisch of Doylestown* spoke about the new Library Policy draft, creating life-long readers and life-long learners, adding a quality-array of books to libraries, and literary merit.

*Skyla Paslo, CB student,* spoke about rainbows, feeling safe in classrooms that have Pride flags, banning books, and doing more harm than good by decreasing knowledge of the outside world.

*Sheri Pargman of Plumstead Township* ceded her speaking time to Anu Viswanathan.

*Anu Viswanathan of Buckingham* spoke about comments made by Mrs. Cannon at the May 25<sup>th</sup> Operations Committee Meeting and read aloud a portion of a letter from a licensed therapist regarding removing Pride flags, mental health, and LGBTQ youth.

*Robin Pettit of Doylestown Township* spoke about the Bible, the Protestant religion, comments he made previously about the history of the Republican party, voter fraud, Pride flags, the recent shooting in Buffalo, the minimum wage, family sizes for white families, and FOX News.

*Amy McGahran of Doylestown Township* spoke about Policy 109, book bans, student mental health and safety, and read aloud some online news links pertaining to CBS.

*Briana Finegan of Doylestown Township* spoke about banning Pride flags, CRT, Dr. Lucabaugh's statement at a previous meeting, and the ACLU.

*Liz Downing of Doylestown Township* spoke about Policy 109 and read aloud a portion of an article from the American Library Association titled "Freedom to Read".

*Anu Viswanathan of Buckingham* continued reading aloud a letter from a licensed therapist regarding removing Pride flags, mental health, and LGBTQ youth.

*Paree Pasi of Furlong* spoke about locking students out of public schools, the homophobic community, banning Pride flags in classrooms, standing in solidarity with Queer students, articles being printed about CBSD, and making classrooms apolitical.

*Donna Shannon of Doylestown* thanked Dr. Lucabaugh for treating all students fairly and spoke about her experiences with CBSD guidance counselors, the biases of local newspapers, the graduation ceremonies, and the high GPA statistics for CBSD.

*Doreen Stratton of Doylestown Borough* spoke about the dedication of CBSD teachers and the Governor of Ohio allowing school staff to carry guns into school buildings.

*Caragh White of Buckingham* spoke about books, Toni Morrison's "The Bluest Eye", and read aloud a portion of the CB Belief Statement "creates and Maintains a safe, respectful, and nurturing learning environment".

*Kaycee Feldman of Furlong* spoke about what adolescents see in the media and shared some of their own experiences in CB schools.

*Reagan Curro of Doylestown* spoke about Dr. Lucabaugh's statement about Pride flags, direct attacks on the LGBTQ community, and their own experiences in CB schools.

*Julien Jones, CB student,* spoke about Dr. Lucabaugh's statement about Pride flags in schools, his being an ally, taking away flags, and banning books.

*Rowan Hopwood, CB student,* spoke about the importance of Pride flags in schools.

*Tricia Doeblner of Chalfont* ceded her speaking time to Vonna DeArmond.

*Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead* spoke about the Aramark contract, ensuring that fresh foods are served, books, read aloud portions of and showed some pictures from the book "Gender Queer".

*Patricia Murphy of Doylestown* spoke about school field trips, a lack of equity for field trips throughout the district and putting a field trip policy in place.

*Anne Ferguson, Doylestown community member,* spoke about inclusivity, Pride flags, allowing students to be called by their preferred names, books, book banning, and censorship.

*Zandi Hall, CB student,* spoke about an email sent by Dr. Lucabaugh and Mrs. Hunter, banning Pride flags, and false narratives.

*Kyle Fisher of Bucks/Chalfont* spoke about Pride flags in classrooms allowing students to know that they are safe there.

*Larissa Hopwood of Doylestown Borough* spoke about kids not feeling safe in their schools, the pandemic, global warming, celebrating diversity fostering the best learning environments, and policies.

*Ed Mackouse of Buckingham* spoke about media publicity, property values in CB going up, people leaving California to go to Republican areas in Texas, students in Philadelphia, war, politics, free speech in CB, abortion, Pride flags, resilience making people succeed, and getting good grades.

*Zoe Williams of Buckingham* was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

*Anthony Green of Doylestown* was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

*Christina Bucci of Chalfont* spoke about early Kindergarten admission, offering enrichment, and basing decisions on best practices.

**Reviewed** School Board Reports:

Curriculum Committee

Finance Committee

Operations Committee

Policy Committee

Bucks County Intermediate Unit

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

**Approved** Business Office Items:

Treasurer's Report and Summary of Fund Disbursements

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements Report in the amount of \$4,829,842.63

2022-2023 Revised MBIT Budget

EduLink Agreement for PA ETEP Employee Evaluation Software in the amount of \$32,526.00

Aramark Contract Renewal

New First Student driver and monitors

Professional Development speaker in the amount of \$4,800.00

2022-2023 Final Budget in the amount of \$364,212,511

**Approved** FEMO Department Items:

The Modern Group district-wide generator preventive maintenance proposal in the amount of \$22,885.00

Keystone Fire Protection upgrades at Bridge Valley Elementary School proposal in the amount of \$41,405.00

Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. roof replacement at Unami Middle School proposal in the amount of \$5,379,850.00

Warrington Township SRO Memo of Understanding in the amount of \$130,058.25

**Approved** Special Education Department Items:

Agreement and Release

Special Services Agreement

Agreement in the amount of \$9,815.00

Comprehensive Learning Center 2022-2023 Agreement in the amount of \$114,233.00  
FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$52,700.00

**Approved** Student Services Items:

2022-2023 contracts with Dr. Bagnick, Dr. Boylan, Dr. Cody, Dr. Frankina, and Dr. Riesenberger  
Two high school tuition students

**Approved** Curriculum Items:

Revised 2022-2023 district calendar  
K-2 Summer Academy  
Adoptions of Algebra 2, Algebra 2/Trig, Honors Algebra 2, and Trig textbooks in the amount of \$140,919.00

**Approved** Policy Items:

Moved to Table for First Read Policy 109  
Moved to Table for First Read Policy 109.2  
Moved to Table for First Read Policy 119  
Moved to Table for First Read Policy 218  
Removed from Table and Approved Policy 104  
Removed from Table and Approved Policy 236.1

**Approved** Student Field Trips:

CB South Cheerleaders to Beach Lake, PA on August 16-19, 2022  
CB West Football Team Camp to West Deptford, NJ on June 27-29, 2022

**Approved** Personnel Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations  
Leaves of Absence  
Appointments  
Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes  
Activity EDRs  
ESY and Community School Summer Programs

**Approved** Human Resources Items:

CBEA Agreement  
Act 93 Agreement

**Approved** Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$1,645.00

**Reviewed** Reports and Information Items: Sabbaticals Report

**Shared** New Business/Board Comments:

Director Smith thanked CB staff for their work during the school year, thanked Operations Department custodians for their work at graduation and end-of-year events, spoke about Pride month not being celebrated in CBSD, spoke about Pride flags, and read aloud a statement from North Penn School District regarding Pride month.

Director Mahmud congratulated CB students, thanked CB staff, spoke about Pride month to support the LGBTQ community, and read aloud a portion of a letter from the Education Law Center. Following her comments, Dr. Mahmud made a motion to add an item to the agenda.

**Did not approve** a motion to add an action item to the agenda: *Directing school administration to permit Pride/Unity flags at schools.*