

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
May 10, 2022

At the May 10, 2022 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session from 5:30pm-6:00pm on May 2, 2022 regarding a personnel matter and from 6:00pm-8:00pm on May 2, 2022 for a Demographic Study Information Session.

Approved the minutes of the April 12, 2022 School Board Meeting

Heard Superintendent's Reports:

Teacher Appreciation

In celebration of Teacher Appreciation Day, Dr. Lucabaugh aired a video produced by Matthew Murray and Angela Lynch that featured several Class of 2022 students and CB teachers that the senior students chose to thank and honor.

Heart Watch

Director of Pupil Services Alyssa Marton, Nursing Coordinator Leanne Cichelli, Certified School Nurse Sara Hedges and Lindsey Flanagan, MPH, of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia highlighted the Youth Heart Watch Program and the district's designation of the Heart Safe School Program. Mrs. Marton thanked Public Safety Director Dave Cell for his assistance with this initiative.

National Association of Music Merchant Foundation's Best Communities for Education Designation

Dr. Lucabaugh announced that our school district has been designated a "Best Communities for Education" by the National Association of Music Merchant Foundation for the ninth year in a row. Dr. Lucabaugh recognized and thanked Music Coordinator Michael Gruver. Dr. Lucabaugh announced that secondary school bands will participate in the Doylestown Memorial Day parade and secondary school jazz bands will kick off the Concert in the Park series in Central Park on June 1st.

Student Liaison

CB South senior Anshul Shukla aired a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the framework for bringing additional student voices to school board meetings. Mr. Shukla discussed the goals of a student liaison group which would work with the school board and speak at school board meetings about agenda items that impact student life on our school campuses.

Following the Student Liaison presentation, Dr. Lucabaugh welcomed new Business Administrator Tara Houser.

Dr. Lucabaugh spoke about false narratives in our community regarding Human Growth & Development curriculum, flags in classrooms, and district employees. Dr. Lucabaugh shared that he has met with about 1,600 students this year for student-led discussions about real issues that they face and experience. Dr. Lucabaugh spoke about the need for adults in this community and in

this district to do better by our students and need for adults to demonstrate tangible actions of support for every student.

Approved limiting Public Comment to a two-hour period.

Heard Public Comment:

Barbara Wachter of Doylestown Borough ceded her speaking time to Stephen Albert.

Stephen Albert of Doylestown Borough spoke about CB Cares Educational Foundation, Dr. Lucabaugh's presentation at the last meeting, and a student who spoke at the last meeting.

Andrea Hanna of Plumstead ceded her speaking time to Julien Jones.

Julien Jones, CBSD student, spoke about preferred names and pronouns, bullying and harassment in schools, school guidance counselors, and Mr. Burgess.

Lonnie Barone of Doylestown spoke about being an ally to the LGBTQ+ community and creating a safe, welcoming place for all children.

Julie Davis of Doylestown spoke about how trans student are treated in schools, Human Growth & Development classes, rainbow flags, Mr. Burgess, gender identity, and policies.

Kate Nazemi of Doylestown ceded her speaking time to Ash Pena.

Ash Pena, CBSD student, spoke about Mr. Burgess.

Alexis Albright, CBSD student, ceded her speaking time to Paree Pasi.

Paree Pasi of Furlong spoke about students who are struggling, a global community full of differences, school curriculum, holistic education for all students, and teaching about other cultures.

Robin Pettitt of Doylestown Township spoke about some of the history of the Republican party, Presidents, and the Democratic party.

Randee Block of Doylestown Borough ceded her speaking time to Doreen Stratton.

Doreen Stratton of Doylestown Borough spoke about how the Doylestown Borough Human Relations Commission assists citizens and provided a handout "Doylestown Borough Human Relations Commission" (handout attached to official minutes)

Judah Featherman, CB West Graduate, spoke about Mr. Burgess.

Jen Biundo of Plumstead ceded her speaking time to Leah Barnhart.

Leah Barnhart of Doylestown spoke about school being for academics, not teaching about sexuality, gay pride flags in schools, public comment at meetings, and schools being safe and supportive.

Donna Shannon of Doylestown spoke about bullying, finding a way to get along, and supporting kids.

Mara Witsen of Chalfont spoke about Dr. Lucabaugh's statement, classrooms being apolitical, school environments, and preferred pronouns.

Brittany Kosin of Jamison spoke about civic engagement, reviewing our civics program, and teaching history on a larger scale.

Jodi Schwarts of Warrington spoke about gender identity, individual freedoms, and being allies of the LGBTQ+ community.

Sabrina Schwartz, CBSD student, spoke about feeling safe and supported in schools, flags, symbols, and books.

RaeAnn Banker of Buckingham Township spoke about Mr. Burgess and people on the trans spectrum.

Zandi Hall, CBSD student, spoke about Mr. Burgess, Pride flags making students feel safe, and Human Growth & Development classes.

Emma Dickinson, CBSD student, spoke about Mr. Burgess, embracing differences, Pride flags, and library books.

Rob Schnell of Doylestown spoke about Mr. Burgess and the Human Growth & Development curriculum.

Sarah Green of Chalfont spoke about the Student Liaison proposal and ceded the remainder of her speaking time to Evianne Casey.

Evianne Casey, CBSD student, spoke about Pride flags, books, suspending a teacher, LGBTQ+ students, and preferred pronouns.

Madelyn Jones of Doylestown Borough spoke about bullying at Lenape 9 years ago, gender-affirming names and pronouns, Mr. Burgess, banning books, and LGBTQ+ student experiences in schools.

Lolly Hopwood of Doylestown Borough spoke about Dr. Lucabaugh's reference to Pride flags being political, needing to do better, human rights, masking, and acceptance and equality.

Julien Jones, CBSD student, ceded his speaking time to Kate Nazemi.

Kate Nazemi of Doylestown spoke about children's safety, transphobic comments, denied staff conferences, library policy, Human Growth & Development, gender identity policy, preferred names and pronouns policy, Pride flags, and inclusive environments for learning.

Rowan Hopwood, CBSD student, spoke about a Lenape preferred name and pronoun policy, Mr. Burgess, bullying at school, and supporting trans kids.

Ash Pena, CBSD student, was listed on the sign-up sheet but spoke earlier so did not speak for a second time.

Christina Bucci of Chalfont spoke about the LGBTQ+ community, Pride flags, co-ed Human Growth & Development classes, and early Kindergarten admission.

Ed Mackouse of Buckingham spoke about children being teased, students changing their names, socializing in schools, teachers resolving student issues, suicide rates, and respected God.

Laure Landis of Furlong spoke about Mr. Burgess and policy reviews.

Tricia Doeblner of Chalfont spoke about the proposed Educational Foundation and teaching sexuality.

Evianne Casey, CBSD student, ceded her speaking time to Millie, CBSD student.

Millie, CBSD student, spoke about LGBTQ+ community rights, Mr. Burgess, Pride flags, and read aloud some entries from a petition in support of Mr. Burgess.

Isabella Pasquarella, CBSD student, spoke about LGBTQ+ acceptance, Pride flags, not calling students by their preferred names and pronouns, Mr. Burgess, and school guidance offices.

Lela Casey of Doylestown ceded her speaking time to Jennifer Bish.

Jennifer Bish of Furlong spoke about students being separated by gender for Human Growth & Development classes, the Trevor Project, Pride flags, Mr. Burgess, and a petition in support of Mr. Burgess.

Pam Masciotro of Warrington ceded her speaking time to Vonna DeArmond.

Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead Township spoke about celebrating student achievements, students not feeling safe, civil- and women's-rights and opportunities in America, safe spaces, bullies, finding support, taking responsibility, and not expecting to be catered to.

Rick Haring of West Doylestown Township spoke about Pride flags, Dr. Lucabaugh's statement at the last meeting, and Dr. Lucabaugh not denouncing allegations and false rumors that were made against employee Rebecca Cartee-Haring. Mr. Haring read aloud some of the statement that Dr. Lucabaugh made at the last meeting.

Announced that there are no changes to the CBSD Health & Safety Plan

Did Not Approve a motion to amend the Health and Safety Plan

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 \$5,456,457.05

Resolution Appointing Certain Administrators as Tax Collection Committee Delegates for CBSD

Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Final Budget

General Supplies Bid Purchases

Team Sports Supplies Bid Purchases

Beverage Vending Services Bid with Bevco Service, Inc.

New First Student drivers and monitors

Approved FEMO Department Items:

Langan Engineering & Environmental proposal for annual drinking water collection, testing, and reporting in the amount of \$31,000.00

Northeast Exterminators bid for integrated pest management services in the amount of \$30,780.00

Republic Services/BFI bid for district trash removal services in the amount of \$218,703.48

Brightly Software, Inc. renewal contract for the district work order management system in the amount of \$15,326.68

Pittsburgh Stage, Inc. proposal for district-wide stage equipment inspections in the amount of \$20,199.00

Dan Armstrong Installations proposal for bleacher and backstops preventative maintenance at secondary schools in the amount of \$17,500.00

Great Valley Lockshop, Inc. proposals for ADA entrance modifications at CB East and CB West in the amount of \$38,109.00

Langan Engineering design services proposal for OPS Center fuel island, storage tanks, and infrastructure in the amount of \$104,950.00

Schiller and Hersh Associates design services proposal for the pool HVAC system replacement and summer boiler and pool heater replacement at CB South in the amount of \$89,000.00

Purchase of four vehicles for the FEMO Department in amounts not to exceed \$50,000.00 per vehicle

Approved Special Education Department Items:

FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$85,000.00

FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$18,000.00

FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$57,950.00

Approved Curriculum Items:

Three-year elementary school contract with Renaissance in the amount of \$383,324.00

2022-2023 SmartFutures district license in the amount of \$19,168.50

Approved Policy Items:

Moved to Table for First Read Policy 104

Moved to Table for First Read Policy 109

Moved to Table for First Read Policy 236.1

Elected Tara Houser as School Board Treasurer for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Approved Personnel Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

Leaves of Absence

Appointments

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes

Activity EDRs and Athletic Points

Approved Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$1,094.00

Approved Student Items:

Elementary School tuition student

High School tuition student

CB West foreign exchange student for the 2022-2023 school year

Approved the Senior Classes for graduation:

CB East Class of 2022

CB South Class of 2022

CB West Class of 2022

Shared New Business/Board Comments:

Director Smith spoke about the musical Rent which will be performed at CB West, working with all stakeholders in the district, asking difficult questions, Pride flags, Human Growth & Development elementary school curriculum, the use of requested names and pronouns, library books, Day of Silence, the suspension of a teacher, and making our district a welcoming place for all.

Director Pepper asked Director Smith why, as a sitting board member of this district, she did nothing when she knew that people were trafficking strictly confidential information about a profoundly disabled child.

Director Dell'Angelo spoke about honoring student requests to perform the musical Rent, the LGBTQ+ community, social referencing, protecting trans-children, sending a message that in order to be accepted in our community they need to deny their identity, children using their chosen names, and thinking back to segregation. Dr. Dell'Angelo spoke about some decisions that are of

issue did not come through the Board, the Board being obligated to work in the Sunshine so the public can be privy to official board decisions.

Director Mahmud spoke about having our own narratives and shared that a student asked her if school administration is trying to get kids bullied, if school administration wants kids to hurt themselves, and if she was aware that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Dr Mahmud spoke about May being National Adolescent Health Month, June being Pride Month, and being a juncture in our district where many students do not feel supported. Dr. Mahmud spoke about students' holistic health, Human Growth and Development classes, gender-inclusive schools, the use of preferred names and pronouns, Pride flags in classrooms, students having the right to be safe and be themselves at school, and everyone coming together.

Reviewed Reports and Information Items:

Sabbaticals Report

Student Activity Reports