

**Central Bucks School District  
School Board Briefs  
April 12, 2022**

At the April 12, 2022 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Announced** that the Board met in Executive Session from 5:30pm-6:30pm on March 16, 2022 regarding a personnel matter, the Board attended a Board IU training session from 6:00pm-8:30pm on March 21, 2022, the Board met for an Information Session from 6:00pm-7:00pm on March 29, 2022, and the Board met in Executive Session from 6:30pm-7:00pm on April 12, 2022 regarding safety and security.

**Approved** the minutes of the March 8, 2022 School Board Meeting

**Heard** Superintendent's Reports:

2022 National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Superintendent Lucabaugh and the School Board congratulated and recognized NMS Finalists:

|          |                         |
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| CB West  | Ryan Horst              |
| CB West  | Eric Mass               |
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| CB South | Mehir Badlani           |
| CB South | Rachel Feng             |
| CB South | Nicole Hang             |
| CB South | Srinithi Krishnamoorthy |
| CB South | Michael Rehmet          |
| CB South | Ananya Siragavarapu     |
| CB South | Alexander Wang          |
| CB South | Benjamin Zhang          |
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| CB East  | Michael Bliss           |
| CB East  | Esther Cheng            |
| CB East  | Haley Kloss             |
| CB East  | Alicia Luo              |
| CB East  | Ethan Zhang             |

2022 PIAA Individual State Wrestling Championship: Superintendent Lucabaugh and the School Board congratulated and recognized CBSD coaches and student athletes:

**Mason Stein** from CB East

**Carl DiGiorgio** from CB West: Fourth Place

**Quinn Collins** from CB East: Second Place

2022 PIAA State Swimming and Diving Championship: Superintendent Lucabaugh and the School Board congratulated and recognized CBSD coaches and student athletes:

**Marcus Papanikolaou** (CB East): Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Boy's 50 Freestyle, and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Boy's 100 Freestyle

**Kevin Siegfried** (CB West): Finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Boy's Diving

**Connor Thurston** (CB East): Finished 7<sup>th</sup> in Boy's Diving

**Zachery LeMay** (CB East): Finished 7<sup>th</sup> in Boy's 200 IM

CB East 200 Free Relay (**Marcus Papanikolaou, Gabe Miksa, Ryan Symons & Zachery LeMay**): Finished 5<sup>th</sup>

CB East 400 Free Relay (**Marcus Papanikolaou, Gabe Miksa, Owen Lever & Zachery LeMay**): Finished 6<sup>th</sup>

Central Bucks School District Educational Foundation: Superintendent Lucabaugh provided an overview of the rationale for moving in the direction of a CBSD Educational Foundation

**Heard Public Comment:**

*Stephen Albert of Doylestown Boro* spoke about books, website [woebegonepa.com](http://woebegonepa.com), and advocating and supporting students.

*Liz Downing of Doylestown Township* read aloud a letter from Susan Kuklin, author of the book "Beyond Magenta".

*Amanda Paschke of Furlong* read aloud a statement from Jonathan Evison, author of the book "Lawn Boy", and spoke about School Board Policy 109.

*Shana Trichon of Doylestown Boro* spoke about School Board Policy 109, read aloud a letter written by an 8<sup>th</sup>-grader to Donna Gephart, author of the book "Lily and Dunkin", and read aloud a statement from Bryan Bliss, author of the book "Thoughts & Prayers".

*Katrina Filiatrault of New Britain Township* spoke about School Board Policy 109 and read aloud some comment written by Jennifer Mathieu, author of the book "The Truth About Alice".

*Kate Nazemi of Doylestown* spoke about a petition in support of School Board Policy 109 and read aloud comments written by one of the people who signed the petition.

*Sue Arbogast of New Britain* ceded her speaking time to Addisan Arbogast.

*Addisan Arbogast of New Britain* spoke about administration's denial for CB West to perform the musical *Rent: School Edition*.

*Jackson Manning of Doylestown* spoke about performing the musical *Rent: School Edition* and keeping students safe, protected, encouraged, and vocal.

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

*Alexandra Coffey of Chalfont* spoke about book censorship and extremists in the community.

*Robert Tait of Buckingham* spoke about selecting books that are age-appropriate for children and about teachers who prey on our students.

*Katherine Semisch of Doylestown* spoke about parents reading fragments of books, the Miller Test, and kids needing the literature that they are ready for.

*Barbara Mills of Doylestown* ceded her speaking time to Doreen Stratton.

*Doreen Stratton of Doylestown Boro* presented a handout "Request for Reconsideration of Library Material" to the Board (attached to official minutes), spoke about reading portions of books out of context, and spoke about Toni Morrison's book "The Bluest Eye".

*Donna Shannon of Doylestown* spoke about books "Johnny the Walrus" by Matt Walsh, "More Than Spots and Stripes" by The Hodgetwins, "Beaten Black and Blue" by Brandon Tatum, "A Choice Not an Echo" by Phyllis Schlafly, and asked if these books are in school libraries. Ms. Shannon spoke about name-calling. Ms. Shannon spoke about the CB West football team helping at St. Anne's Catholic Church with donations for Ukraine.

*Lily Freeman of Buckingham Township* spoke about book bans in our community and about hate, discrimination, and safety in CB schools.

*Brett Freeman of Buckingham Township* spoke about banning and censoring books, the creation of a parent advisory committee, and about school board members at the December meeting.

*Erin Ammon of Doylestown* spoke about book banning, words said at the March meeting, excerpts read at a previous meeting, and about a list of 34 CB alumni that she will share with the Board via email.

*Jamie Walker of Chalfont* thanked the Board and Administration for a good job. Ms. Walker read portions of emails regarding an 8<sup>th</sup>-grade field trip to Dorney Park being changed to a trip to go bowling.

*Mara Witsen of Chalfont* thanked the Board majority for changes made over several months, masks becoming optional, public speaking, and the education foundation.

*Christina Bucci of Chalfont* spoke about the lack of a Policy for Early Kindergarten Admission.

*Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead* spoke about books, using books as therapeutic resources, free speech, name-calling, listening, and the Education Foundation.

*Patricia Murphy of Doylestown* spoke about campaign donations that were mentioned at the last meeting and spoke about field trips for elementary school students, middle school students, and high school students.

**Announced** that there are no changes to the CBSD Health & 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 \$4,064,365.32

Updated 2021-2022 First Student drivers and monitors staff list

MBIT 2022-2023 General Fund Budget

Auditor Engagement Letter

**Approved** FEMO Department Items:

Premier Builders, Inc. Bid for General Construction Contract for playground renovation projects at Buckingham and Groveland Elementary Schools in the amount of \$424,936.00

T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc. Bid for summertime district paving and concrete projects in the amount of \$718,385.50

GoreCon, Inc. Proposal for 2022-2023 Maintenance at 15 Elementary School Playgrounds in the amount of \$67,500.00

Blejwas Associates, Inc. Proposal for kitchen equipment and ice machine preventative maintenance in the amount of \$127,612.50

Blejwas Associates, Inc. Proposal for kitchen equipment replacements, phase 2, in the amount of \$85,818.67

Schiller & Hersh Associates Proposal for engineering design services to Tohickon Middle School's auditorium lighting replacement in the amount of \$39,500.00

MasterCare Floors, Inc. Quote for gym floor resurfacing at CB East High School, CB West High School, and Lenape Middle School in the amount of \$68,090.20

TWG Security Quote for six servers and software upgrades to support the district's CCTV system in the amount of \$470,456.41

Touzer-Trane Proposal for chiller renewals at CB East High School and Unami Middle School in the amount of \$422,331.00

Purchase of a replacement vehicle for the FEMO Department in an amount not to exceed \$65,995.00

**Approved** Special Education Department Items:

FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$50,886.21

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IEP Waiver Agreement

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2022-2023 BCIU Special Education Services Agreement in the amount of \$1,985,125.00

**Approved** Curriculum Items:

Roxy Readers Memorandum of Understanding

NOVA Bullying and Harassment Prevention Education in the amount of \$715.00

**Approved** Policy Items:

Removed from Table and Approved Policy 006.1

Removed from Table and Approved Policy 816.1

Removed from Table and Approved Policy 504

Removed from Table and Approved Policy 518

**Approved** Student Field Trips:

PA Jr. Academy of Science students to travel to University Park, PA from May 15-17, 2022

**Approved** Personnel Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

Leaves of Absence

Appointments

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes

Activity EDRs and Athletic Points

Temporary Professional Employees

2022-2023 Auxiliary Pay Rates

**Approved** Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$2,749.00

**Approved** a 4/18/22 Professional Development Session in the amount of \$375.00

**Shared** New Business/Board Comments:

Vice President Vlasblom spoke about untrue rumors meant to derail and distract.

Vice President spoke about administration taking seriously, and following up on, student concerns about bullying and harassment.

Director Mahmud spoke about every child having a place at school and feeling supported.

Director Mahmud spoke about the many observances and holidays in the month of April.

Director Pepper spoke about federal funds, state funds, grants, and salaries.

Director Smith spoke about comments about books made at the March meeting, book sections being taken out of context, and books that are not available to students in grades below grade 9.

President Hunter spoke about the vision for the Education Foundation.

President Hunter spoke about MBIT's plants/herbs/vegetables sale.

**Reviewed** Sabbaticals Report