

**Central Bucks School District**  
**School Board Briefs**  
**February 8, 2022**

At the February 8, 2022 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Announced** that the Board met in an Information Session on February 2, 2022 from 6:00pm-8:00pm regarding the demographic study and that the Board met in an Executive Session on February 8, 2022 from 6:30pm-7:00pm regarding personnel matters.

**Approved** the minutes of the January 11, 2022 School Board Meeting

**Heard** Public Comment:

Larissa Hopwood of Doylestown Borough – Concerns with the CBSD lack of masking mandate. Lack of protection for high-risk student.

Doreen Stratton of Doylestown Borough – Bullying/Books and provided a list of books that should not be banned in her opinion.

Cheyenne Torres of Warrington – Racism – Black History month discussion in CBSD. Black History month reminds people of history.

Jen Bish of Furlong– Health & Safety Plan – Spoke to H&S plan and the need for parents to raise funds for masks and spoke about support staff working without a contract.

Leslie Watson of Buckingham – Thank you Board – Thank you to the Board for putting kids first. Parents know what is best for their children.

Robin Pettit of Doylestown Township – Racism and Books – Spoke about Critical Race theory.

Laura Napier of Buckingham – Transparency – Spoke about Directors being transparent with voting.

Donna Shannon of Doylestown – Gratitude – Thank you to the district for putting our kids first.

Barbara Mills of Doylestown – Curriculum – Asked what books are being discuss to be removed.

Ed Mackouse of Buckingham – Masks – Spoke about masking.

Lisa Dietz of Warrington – Spoke about diversity in the district.

Sarah Green of Chalfont– Bullying - Spoke on students being bullied across the district

Anshul Shukla of Chalfont – Student Representation – forming student committees for student input.

Patricia Murphy of Doylestown – H&S – yielded time to Mara Witsen

Mara Witsen of Chalfont – H&S – Spoke all about natural immunity – Mask optional – cases declining – and cyberbullying.

Michael Witsen of Chalfont - Top Secret – yielded time to Vonna DeArmond

Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead – Various Topics - Spoke about Field Trips, Cyberbullying, Intervention, Enrichment.

**Heard** Superintendent’s Reports:

Changes to CBSD Procedure Regarding Health & Safety Plan:

Superintendent Lucabaugh reviewed changes to school district procedures around the Health & Safety Plan. The District will discontinue use of the COVID-19 dashboard effective immediately.

Human Resources Department Update:

Human Resources Director DiDio-Hauber shared that the District and our support union have been working to reach a new agreement for 12 months. The district and union sought to break the deadlock by submitting the unsettled issues to an advisory, neutral arbitrator for his recommendations for settlement. The district received the arbitrators report. The Board was prepared to accept the arbitrators report. The union took a vote and ultimately voted down the arbitrator’s report. The district sought to find resolution to the outstanding items that were of concern presented by union leadership. The district with the support of the board worked to realign some items in the offer to bring resolution. The offer was then presented to the union for vote after finding common ground for the items that were of concern. On January 24th, the union took another vote and voted down this offer as well. The district will come together again with union leadership to discuss the issues that are impeding the contract being brought to resolution. We remain hopeful that we can bring forward an agreement that supports the support staff employees and the district.

**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 \$3,995,245.36

Resolution of the Preliminary 2022-2023 Budget in the amount of \$360,767,776.00

Bus Donation to Midway Volunteer Fire Department

**Approved** FEMO Department Items:

McCarthy Masonry & Concrete bid in the amount of \$31,240.00 for garage bay concrete floor removal and replacement at the Operations & Transportation Center  
DVL, Inc. proposal in the amount of \$24,615.00 for a cooling unit installation at CB West HS  
JCI/York proposal in the amount of \$166,200.00 for a chiller replacement at Holicong MS  
JCI/York proposal in the amount of \$227,674.00 for a chiller replacement at Jamison ES  
Johnson Controls proposal in the amount of \$119,060.00 for eight DX9100 panel replacements  
General Recreation, Inc. proposal in the amount of \$224,188.40 for playground equipment at Groveland ES and Buckingham ES  
Theater Projects proposal in the amount of \$19,200.00 for orchestra pit platform replacement at CB South HS  
TP Trailers, Inc. quote in the amount of \$6,480.00 for a 16-foot trailer  
Accruent contract in the amount of \$6,760.00 for an EMS upgrade  
Kitchen & Associates proposal in the amount of \$127,200.00 for HVAC renovation design fees for CB West HS

**Approved** Special Education Department Items:

FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$19,475.00  
Transportation Mileage Agreement  
FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$17,225.00  
LifeWorks Agreement in the amount of \$226,980.00  
MCIU MTSS Agreement in the amount of \$17,805.00  
K/S Consultants Truancy Prevention Program

**Approved** Curriculum Items:

NOVA Cyberbullying Agreement in the amount of \$9,109.50  
InC Curriculum Revisions

**Approved** Policy Items:

Move to Table for First Read Policy 903  
Move to Table for First Read Policy 707  
Move to Table for First Read Policy 824  
Move to Table for First Read Policy 004

**Approved** 2022-2023 BCIU Budget

**Approved** Student Field Trips:

Unami 9<sup>th</sup>-Grade to travel to Jersey City, NJ  
CB South FBLA to travel to Hershey, PA  
AACHIEVE Classes to travel to West Chester, PA  
CB East Girls Track to travel to New York, NY  
CB East Girls Basketball to travel to Ocean City, NJ

**Did Not Approve** Student Field Trip:

Tamanend 9<sup>th</sup>-Grade to travel to Washington, DC

**Approved** Personnel Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

Leaves of Absence

Appointments

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes

Activity EDRs and Athletic Points

**Approved** an employment contract with Tara Houser, Business Administrator in the amount of \$180,000.00

**Approved** Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$13,127.00

**Shared** New Business/Board Comments:

Karen Smith questioned Dr. Lucabaugh's comments regarding the COVID Dashboard. Mrs. Smith is not in favor of removing the Dashboard, she feels that it is an important tool for CB families who are looking for more information about the Covid situation in our schools. Mrs. Smith was going to ask that they add the addition of home testing. Mrs. Smith does not feel it is advisable to remove the Dashboard at this time.

James Pepper stated that in regard to the New York trip, the governor is dropping the mask mandate as of Wednesday.

Dr. Dell'Angelo spoke in response to what many people said regarding the NOVA presentation. She was struck by the behavior of the adults in the community. Dr. Dell'Angelo says she is speaking for herself, not the Board, when talking about following and subscribing to the conservative Heritage Foundation. She spoke about wanting to be informed and what the conversation is out there. She spoke about not saying anything negative out on social media about anyone on the Board or people in the community. She agrees with Ms. Witsen's call to condemn negativity and personal attacks.

Mrs. Sciscio, in response to Dr. Dell'Angelo's statement, spoke about the Heritage Foundation and asked that Dr. Dell'Angelo be honest about what groups she follows and belongs to.

Dr. Dell'Angelo spoke about simply following a group does not mean that she belongs to it.

**Reviewed** Sabbatical Information Report