

**Central Bucks School District**  
**School Board Briefs**  
**October 26, 2021**

At the October 26, 2021 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Announced** that the Board met in Executive Session from 6:30pm-7:30pm on October 26, 2021 to discuss personnel items and had an informational session regarding special education issues.

**Approved** the minutes of the October 12, 2021 School Board Meeting

**Heard** Superintendent's Reports:

- Recognition of Zoey F. – Lenape Middle School student winner of the Council for Exceptional Children's 2022 Yes I Can Award in Self-Advocacy: Superintendent Lucabaugh and middle school teacher Dr. Katie Marttila congratulated Zoey on her award-winning video submission and then aired the video for the Board
- Recognition of John H. Gamble – former school director: Superintendent Lucabaugh honored Mr. John H. Gamble for 12 years of service to the school district as School Director and presented a plaque in recognition of Mr. Gamble's leadership and dedication to the Central Bucks School District from 2009-2021

**Heard** Public Comment:

*Ed Mackouse of Buckingham* spoke about the buttons he is wearing to support Republican candidates and that CB has been great for his children. Mr. Mackouse spoke about science, medicine, virus, vaccines, 40 million unemployed people, face masks, and freedom of choice.

*Jamie Walker of New Britain* read aloud some of the names that she has been called online. Ms. Walker spoke about the ReOpen Bucks group. Ms. Walker spoke about normalcy for kids being worth fighting for and spoke about Commissioner Marseglia's comments about her at the CB mental health event.

*Bill Damico of Warrington* spoke about scoreboards at CB South and asked the Board to decide tonight to install two scoreboards, for the CB South baseball and softball fields. Mr. Damico spoke about having an estimate of the costs involved and presented a handout to the Board.

*Josh Hogan of East Rockhill and BCSA* spoke about ReOpen Bucks, wanting to live our lives as normal, and a federal lawsuit that some parents filed that includes security video of CB students and presented a handout to the Board.

*Pam Masciotro of Warrington* was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

*Patricia Doeblner of Chalfont* thanked the Butler Elementary School staff for the Haunted Gym event and spoke about the event being a step toward normalcy.

*Donna Shannon of Doylestown* spoke about being moved by the words of the student who spoke at the last meeting. Ms. Shannon spoke about vaccines, a flyer sent by Doylestown Hospital announcing that they are hiring employees, natural immunity, masks and vaccines being pointless, and that our children should have free will to breathe.

*Jake Witsen of Doylestown* spoke about going to National Institute for Mental Health for a double-blind clinical trial, vaccines, division, face masks, and allowing people the freedom to make their own choices.

*Jay Callaghan of Doylestown* ceded his speaking time to Shannon Harris of Buckingham.

*Shannon Harris of Buckingham (Doylestown listed on sign-in sheet)* spoke about a new federal lawsuit filed against CBSD and read some of the language in the lawsuit. Ms. Harris spoke about rights and freedoms being taken away. Ms. Harris spoke about voting for people who vote for personal choice. Ms. Harris spoke about Dr. Damsker and about emails obtained by a Right to Know Request regarding contact tracing and presented a handout to the Board. Ms. Harris spoke about voting for people who want parental choice or voting for people who want governmental regulations to take away your rights.

*Michael Witsen of Chalfont* ceded his speaking time to Mara Witsen of Chalfont.

*Mara Witsen of Chalfont* spoke about her disappointment in what has gone on at previous school board meetings after listening to archived recordings of meetings. Ms. Witsen spoke about arbitrary rules that students must obey, vaccine passports, ending the abuse of power, not being a party to mass hysteria and paranoia, and not capitulating to demands.

*Paree Pasi, CBSD student,* thanked the Board for adding Diwali to the school holiday calendar and spoke about its addition to the school calendar being a win for the CB community as a whole.

*Jim Malone of Chalfont* spoke about updating section 2-E of the Health and Safety Plan. Mr. Malone spoke about that section allowing children with an ongoing close contact situation to attend school, but not addressing whether asymptomatic children may ride the school bus.

*Patricia Murphy of Doylestown* ceded her speaking time to Kayla Ottey of Warwick.

*Kayla Ottey of Warwick* spoke about children's resiliency, about not wanting our sins to be repeated by our children, imperfection making us human, and asked what led us to this broken place. Ms. Ottey spoke about allowing politics to divide and conquer, government overreach, questioning the status quo, dismissing mandates, integrity, and choice for all, free from judgement and shame.

*Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead* thanked the Board for allowing classroom parties at elementary schools. Ms. DeArmond spoke about being moved by keynote speaker at the mental health event. Ms. DeArmond spoke about division in our community, advocating for our children, a federal lawsuit brought against CBSD, masking and vaccinating children, and bringing unity back to our district.

**Reviewed** the 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
- Accounts Payable Check Disbursements Report in the amount of \$3,086,082.72
- 2020-2021 Budgetary Transfers Report

**Approve Special Education Department Item:**

- FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$213,150.00

**Approved Curriculum Items:**

- Smart Futures Scope and Sequence for Elementary Schools
- Smart Futures Scope and Sequence for Middle Schools
- Music High School Honors Designation for Chamber Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Ensemble

**Approved Policy Items:**

- Removed from Table Policy 903: Public Participation in Board Meetings
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**Approved Personnel Items:**

- Resignations
- Leaves of Absence
- Appointments
- Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes
- Activity EDRs and Athletic Points

**Approved Student Items:**

- Tuition student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year (1 of 2)
- Tuition student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year (2 of 2)

**Approved** Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$1,121.00