

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
November 9, 2021

At the November 9, 2021 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session virtually via Microsoft TEAMS from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. on October 29, 2021 for an information session regarding Gayman Elementary School

Approved the minutes of the October 26, 2021 School Board Meeting

Heard Superintendent's Reports:

- **Recognition of US Bands 2021 State Championship winners**

Central Bucks High School South: 1st Place in III-A

Central Bucks High School East: 1st Place in II-A

Superintendent Lucabaugh and the School Board recognized and honored the CB South Marching Band, led by Band Director Mr. Brian Cox, and the CB East Marching Band, led by Band Director Mr. Jason Morehouse.

The Board watched video clips of recent Marching Band performances.

- **Recognition of outgoing School Board Directors**

Superintendent Lucabaugh recognized and honored outgoing School Directors and thanked them for their leadership, dedication, and service to the school district. School Directors whose terms of office are ending include Robert Farley, Daniel Ring, Jodi Schwartz, Lorraine Sciuto-Ballasy, and Tracy Suits.

Heard Public Comment:

Jennifer Newman of Chalfont thanked Director Schwartz. Ms. Newman spoke about the importance of supporting all learners, coming together in an open format, and asked the Board members how they will help to build the community and how diversity and inclusion will be promoted in our community.

Patricia Murphy of Doylestown thanked Director Ring and yielded the remainder of her speaking time to Mara Witsen.

Mara Witsen of Chalfont thanked Directors Sciuto-Ballasy, Farley, and Ring. Ms. Witsen wished Directors Schwartz and Suits the best in future endeavors. Ms. Witsen spoke about at-home COVID tests for some Gayman Elementary School students and children being forced to wear masks. Ms. Witsen spoke about CRT, what is appropriate to teach in schools regarding race, and the need for a mechanism for students or parents to report teachers who teach far-left race-essentialist ideology. Ms. Witsen spoke about censorship being worse than being silenced.

Donna Shannon of Doylestown thanked the outgoing Board members. Ms. Shannon thanked Mr. Farley for his service to the school district. Ms. Shannon spoke about

Directors Schwartz and Suits not voting to include options nor taking consideration of the individual in mind. Ms. Shannon spoke about Director Sciuto-Ballasy speaking with conviction and having the whole community in mind when voting. Ms. Shannon spoke about Director Ring stepping up when the community needed him most, giving a voice to families, and understanding the true meaning of freedom and choice. Ms. Shannon spoke about her family's experience in war and then becoming proud Americans, and about fighting for freedom and choice.

Tonya Kovacs of Buckingham was listed on the sign-in sheet but did not speak.

Ed Mackouse of Buckingham spoke about the destruction of education in our country, the Holocaust, the Jewish Defense League, being Jewish, being ashamed of some Jews, blindly following the government, not being able to rely on government anymore, the United Nations, Presidents Biden and Trump, fighting back against anti-Semitism, working to unite sensible people, honest and fair elections, diversity, and transgender students going into women's bathrooms.

Stacey LaHoda of Chalfont thanked Director Suits.

Barbara Tantum of Chalfont thanked the Board members and recognized Director Suits. Ms. Tantum spoke about hoping that future board members gather information.

Patricia Doebler of Chalfont thanked Directors Farley, Ring, and Sciuto-Ballasy. Ms. Doebler spoke about a return to normalcy.

Lela Casey of Doylestown thanked Directors Schwartz, Sciuto-Ballasy, and Suits. Ms. Casey spoke about the Support Staff going over 100 days without a contract.

Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

Art Larson of Doylestown spoke about his website noplacelcorruption.com, read a quote that he attributed to Menachem Begin about master race. Mr. Larson spoke about the Anti-Defamation League, diversity, No Child Left Behind, his family's experience in World War II, now being the time to stand up to Zionism and Communism, the website americanmafia.com, privatizing Charter schools in Philadelphia, and organized crime within the Jewish community.

Silvi Haldepur of Doylestown spoke about hate speech not being okay and asked new board members to stop this now.

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 Item:

- Accounts Payable Check Disbursements Report in the amount of \$1,820,622.76

Approved FEMO Department Items:

- Vesta Modular lease extension at Butler Elementary School in the amount of \$144,000.00
- KCBA Architects window replacement and exterior renovation design services proposal at Tohickon Middle School in the amount of \$43,850.00
- Gilmore & Associates playground upgrades engineering design services at Buckingham Elementary School and Groveland Elementary School in the amount of \$48,930.00
- Touzer-Trane roof top unit replacement proposal in the amount of \$98,972.00

Approved Special Education Department Items:

- 2021-2022 Vanguard Agreement in the amount of \$68,500.00
- FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$38,000.00
- FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$125,563.32
- FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$37,500.00
- Agreement

Approved Human Resources Department Item:

- Frontline Education contract for Human Resources Capital Management Recruiting and Hiring Bundle

Approved Personnel Items:

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

Approved Student Items:

- CB West Boys Basketball Team's December 28-30, 2021 field trip to Maryland
- Tuition student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year

Approved Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$13,713.00

Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between CBSD and Metro Sports & Entertainment Group, LLC

Reviewed Sabbatical Report