

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
August 31, 2021

At the August 31, 2021 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Approved the minutes of the August 25, 2021 Special School Board Meeting

Observed a moment of silence: Dr. Lucabaugh called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of the thirteen men and women who lost their lives in last Thursday's attack at the airport in Kabul.

Reviewed changes to the 2021-2022 CBSD Health and Safety Plan

Approved a motion to limit the time period for Public Comment to two hours

Heard Public Comment:

Alayna Lopez of New Britain addressed the Board regarding the timeline of mask mandates, freedom of choice, and keeping masks optional.

Jason Juranis of New Britain addressed the Board regarding listening to last week's speakers and board members speak of doom and gloom, having compromised enough, and spoke about the parents standing here against all of you.

Victoria Satterfield of Buckingham addressed the Board regarding CB schools not being hospitals, the Constitution, and described her child's experience last year wearing a mask.

Mitzi Brown of Doylestown addressed the Board regarding her children's experiences wearing masks to school, mandates being able to be overturned, no more child abuse, and masking her child being her choice.

Tina Raymond of Warrington addressed the Board regarding the community being divided, her family's experience with H1N1, treatment and vaccines available now, learning to live with COVID because it isn't going away, and doing what is best for her family.

Chris Spinner of Pipersville addressed the Board regarding a group who is suing to wear masks, masks being PPE, masks not working, and other preventative measures.

Jenine Zdanowicz of Warwick ceded her speaking time to *Jim Brexler, President and CEO of Doylestown Health*. Mr. Brexler addressed the Board regarding science evolving-which is why there are changes-modifying our protocols as we work through the pandemic, and being in favor of schools remaining open safely.

Jen Parlin of Warrington was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Anna Dymarsky of Chalfont was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Kayla Ottey of Jamison addressed the Board regarding staying grounded to protect our children, COVID not being a threat to our children, and respecting each other's choices.

Doreen Stratton of Doylestown Borough was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Kelly DeJong of Plumstead ceded her speaking time to *Dr. Scott Levy, Chief Medical Director of Doylestown Health*. Dr. Levy addressed the Board regarding following the science and the data and the Delta Variant being more transmissible.

Matt Senior of Doylestown Township addressed the Board regarding us all having the same goal: all day, 5-day school, places that opened without mask mandates that are closing, and mitigating risk.

Jennifer O'Neill of Buckingham Township was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Zoe Bates of Buckingham Township was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Phil Bates of Buckingham Township was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Jessica Khan of Doylestown was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Jessica Ashba of Chalfont ceded her speaking time to *Heather Reynolds of Buckingham*. Ms. Reynolds addressed the Board regarding her review of online public comment from last week, which included 423 submissions in favor of and 119 against the proposed Health and Safety Plan, the Board being charged with a Health and Safety Plan during a pandemic, and the Health and Safety Plan flying in the face of experts.

Calvin Lew of Buckingham addressed the Board regarding seeing more cases for COVID in children, the strain on health care, local hospitals caring for critically ill children, and positivity rates reflecting what has already happened.

Rebecca Lew of Buckingham was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

April Sedutto of Doylestown addressed the Board regarding reviewing COVID cases in Bucks County, unvaccinated children, and the basis for metrics.

William J. Molinari of Warrington was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

James W. Hansen of Buckingham Township addressed the Board regarding US COVID cases, keeping kids in schools, masks limiting the transmission, doing what is right, and to keep schools open, we must adopt the use of masks.

Nicole Settle of Bucks County was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Joe Pedrick of Warrington was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Tom Cockley of Doylestown Township was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Rick and Anne Marie Woodworth of Doylestown were listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Tim Henne of Doylestown addressed the Board regarding his experience wearing a mask at work and spoke about masks helping to keep us safe.

Laura Henne of Doylestown addressed the Board regarding optional masking being a false choice, masks only working when everybody wears them, and children not minding wearing masks.

Chris Linso of Warrington addressed the Board regarding fear mongering, watching people taking pictures of the names on the screen to attack them later on social media, and asked what the Board will do when students don't wear masks.

Mega Leone of Chalfont was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Paree Pasi of Furlong: Marlene Pray of Doylestown aired an audio recording from *Paree Pasi* regarding masks being mandatory until children are eligible for a vaccine.

Anu Pasi of Furlong was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Donna Wright of Chalfont was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Miles and Heidi Roux of Doylestown were listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Kathleen McSorley of Doylestown addressed the Board regarding Parents knowing what is best for their children, children's brains still growing, parents having a say if their child is to wear a medical device on their faces, and asked for no mask mandates.

Debra Regan of Doylestown Township was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Sergey Breslovitskiy of Furlong was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Carlos Moreira of Doylestown addressed the Board regarding having 18 months of data, vaccine side effects, and optional masking.

Art Larson of Doylestown addressed the Board regarding masks not working, masks suppressing our immune systems, pharmaceutical companies, communist nations, and standing up to the medical tyranny.

Ed Mackouse of Furlong was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

John Tredinnick, CBSD student, was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Gregory J. W. Urwin of Doylestown was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Charles Smith of Doylestown was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak

Brittany Pitts of Furlong addressed the Board regarding schools failing us, implementing a voucher system, and parents knowing what is best for their children.

Colleen Heath of Buckingham addressed the Board regarding only a parent deciding to mask their child, her child's school principal having her full support, the freedom to make our own decisions, and asked the Board to keep masking optional.

Erin Mazzoni of Buckingham addressed the Board regarding her experience with COVID which did not infect her family and keeping masks optional.

Ray Dome of Buckingham addressed the Board regarding SARS being a biological weapon deployed on us, masks doing nothing to prevent COVID, and standing together against this weaponized psychological warfare.

Jarrod Eddy of Plumstead addressed the Board regarding a mask mandate being the only option, and schools closing if we go to school without masks.

Mara Witsen of Chalfont addressed the Board regarding ignoring Governor Wolf, the Board being required to protect the civil liberties of its students, asked how mask wearing will be enforced, and called for the abolishment of this school board.

Tanya Kovacs of Buckingham addressed the Board regarding the manipulation of data, the silencing of doctors, the Constitution, children living and breathing freely, and referenced *in loca parentis*.

Mary Jo O'Connor of Buckingham ceded her speaking time to *Shannon Harris of Buckingham*. Ms. Harris addressed the Board regarding the mask mandate being an order, not a law, urged the Board to push back on the state, the Board having no medical authority. Ms. Harris spoke about temperature checks and religious exemptions, designated isolation rooms in schools, contact tracing and medical martial law.

Donna Shannen of Doylestown addressed the Board regarding the Revolutionary War, Prohibition, the COVID virus, Senators introducing Bills to opt-out of mask mandates, and our rights.

Lise Dietz of Warrington addressed the Board regarding parents wanting choice, asked why we aren't following the science, and spoke about less than 6% of hospital beds being occupied by COVID patients.

Michelle Harvey of Plumstead addressed the Board regarding face masks.

Tauni McFerson of Buckingham addressed the Board regarding masks hurting her children and described her children's experiences wearing face masks.

Jayd McFerson of Buckingham addressed the Board regarding it being riskier to die of sunstroke than of COVID, wanting to maintain choice, and using metrics that matter.

Jessie Ippolito of Chalfont ceded her speaking time to *Andrew Ippolito of Chalfont*. Mr. Ippolito addressed the Board regarding committing to following CDC recommendations, data on community rates, not shutting down again, and showing us that you care about the community.

Jamie Walker of Chalfont thanked the Board for working to come up with a compromise. Ms. Walker spoke about the governor saying he has no enforcement over school districts, not allowing anyone to make medical decisions for her children and read an email from a local doctor.

Devyn Walker of Chalfont addressed the Board regarding her experience attending a school last year that operated normally and spoke about students deserving a normal school experience.

Jana Rotunno of Chalfont ceded her speaking time to *Jamie Walker of Chalfont*. Ms. Walker spoke about having tens of thousands of schools that opened normally with nothing adverse happening, Dr. Damsker talking about learning loss, and targeted mitigation.

Lisa Sciscio of Warrington addressed the Board regarding politicians inserting themselves where they don't belong, doing the right thing, and recent Facebook photos.

Debra Cannon of Warrington addressed the Board regarding advocating for parent choice and her stance on mask wearing being optional.

Heather Reynolds of Buckingham ceded her speaking time to Dr. Scott Levy, Chief Medical Director of Doylestown Health. Dr. Levy addressed the Board regarding those infected with this disease bringing it to others, the risks of masks being a better bet than non-masking, and the balance of risks and benefits.

Laurie Bartolomeo of Hartsville addressed the Board regarding this district having a reputation for hiring outstanding administration and faculty, read her child's school motto, spoke about not ignoring public health guidance and the Board's job being to protect the entire community.

Jonathan DeMalta of Doylestown Township addressed the Board regarding changing masking rules, vaccines, the mandates having nothing to do with health, control, and spoke about his children not wearing masks to school.

Nicole Rufe of Doylestown Township addressed the Board regarding her experience with COVID, keeping masks optional, choosing to let her children breathe freely, and spoke about masks harming her children.

Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead ceded her speaking time to *Howard Schargel of Plumstead*. Mr. Schargel addressed the Board regarding a letter that strongly encouraged masking that the Commissioners sent to Superintendents asking the Superintendents to forward the letter to their Boards. Mr. Schargel spoke about the vaccination of county employees.

Jill McNair of Mechanicsville addressed the Board regarding Governor Wolf's mandate, deciding the benefits and risks of each of her children's vaccines, and spoke about her children not wearing masks to school.

Cheryl James of Ambler addressed the Board regarding mask mandates having nothing to do with this virus, masks not preventing the spread of COVID 19, masks impeding breathing, and stopping the tyranny now.

Howard Schargel of Plumstead addressed the Board regarding voting this Plan down, and there being nothing the Board can do to prevent kids coming to school without masks.

The following individuals were listed on the sign-up sheet but did not have the opportunity to offer comment because the two-hour limit was reached:

Jennifer Ross of Buckingham

Keith Farrell of Buckingham

Marv Woodall of Doylestown

Nick MacIvaine of Buckingham

Jim Bartolotti of Furlong

Jason Sklar of Warrington

Alan Gold of New Britain Township

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 \$10,916,102.15
- 2021-2022 School Year Public and Non-Public Bus Routes
- 2021-2022 School Year listing of First Student bus drivers and aides

Approved FEMO Department Items:

- Central Bucks School District Emergency Operations Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year
- Tozour-Trane Change Order Proposal for the Mill Creek Elementary School chiller rebuild in the amount of \$68,248.00
- M&W Precast, LLC Proposal for the dugout structures at CB East High School in the amount of \$88,570.00
- Low bid from Twining Construction for site work required for the dugout project at CB East High School in the amount of \$152,422.00
- Low bid with Walter Brucker & Co. for the Gym HVAC Upgrades & Cooling Tower Replacement Project at Tohickon Middle School in the amount of \$100,300.00
- Low bid to GEM Mechanical for the Gym HVAC Upgrades & Cooling Tower Replacement Project at Tohickon Middle School in the amount of \$692,000.00
- Rejection of the low bid for the Electrical Construction Contract for the Gym HVAC Upgrades & Cooling Tower Replacement Project at Tohickon Middle School
- Proposal for Commissioning Services for the HVAC Project at CB West High School in the amount of \$35,548.00
- Proposal from Johnson Controls, Inc. for structural repairs and basin epoxy coating on the cooling tower at Mill Creek Elementary in the amount of \$30,825.00

Approved Special Education Department Items:

- FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$43,500.00
- Settlement and FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$25,000.00
- Devereaux ESY Agreement 2021 (1) in the amount of \$15,090.00
- Devereaux ESY Agreement 2021 (2) in the amount of \$9,975.00
- 2021-2022 School Year Merakey Agreement in the amount of \$162,836.64
- 2021-2022 School Year Rick Fertig Contract in the amount of \$20,000.00
- 2021-2022 School Year Jessica Kirwin-Shaw Contract in the amount of \$60,000.00
- 2021-2022 School Year GABS Agreement in the amount of \$10,000.00
- 2021-2022 School Year GABS Academy Agreement in the amount of \$255,000.00
- Timothy School ESY Contract 2021 (1) in the amount of \$6,812.50
- Timothy School ESY Contract 2021 (2) in the amount of \$10,412.50
- 2021-2022 School Year Timothy School Agreement in the amount of \$26,860.50
- 2021-2022 School Year Vanguard Agreement in the amount of \$68,500.00
- FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$135,000.00
- FAOE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$64,960.00

Approved Curriculum Items:

- Elementary K-6 Reading and Language Arts Course of Study

- Geometry and Geometry/Trig Course of Study
- Renewal Agreement with The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania, Inc. in the amount of \$58,400.00

Approved Policy Items:

- Remove from Table School Board Policies 103.1, 113.1, 143 and 222
- Approved School Board Policies 103.1, 113.1, 143 and 222

Approved Student Items:

- Lenape Middle School's 9th-grade to travel to Washington DC on April 2022
- CB East's Choir, Patriot Players, and Orchestra to travel to Florida in April 2022
- CB West's Band, Choir, and Orchestra to travel to Florida in April 2022
- CB East's Boys Basketball Team to travel to New Jersey in December 2021
- CB South's Marching Band to travel to Maryland in October 2021 (1)
- CB South's Marching Band to travel to Maryland in October 2021 (2)
- CB South's Cheerleading Team to travel to Florida in February 2022
- CB West's Cheerleading Team to travel to Florida in February 2022
- CB West's Boys Basketball Team to travel to South Carolina in December 2021

Approved Personnel Items:

- Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations
- Leaves of Absence
- Appointments
- Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes
- Community School
- Athletic Points-Fall 2021
- Per Diem Substitutes

Appointed Dr. Abram M. Lucabaugh Superintendent from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021

Elected Barbara Markowitz School Board Treasurer from September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Approved a Threat Assessment/Risk Assessment Training Contract in the amount of \$3,045.92

Vice President Gamble announced his intent to resign his seat on the Board of School Directors

Did Not Approve the Central Bucks School District Health and Safety Plan motion: Motion to adopt the proposed Central Bucks School District Health and Safety Plan with an amendment to implement the universal masking requirement until it expires, at which time we will revert to the proposed chart with changes to reflect required masking for elementary school students when in moderate, substantial and high positivity rates within the parameter of Bucks County until a vaccine is available -and with reasonable time to receive the vaccine- for elementary school students, after which time masking requirements will revert to recommended for moderate positivity rate within the parameter of Bucks County

Approved the Central Bucks School District Health and Safety Plan motion: Motion to approve the previous motion with the Exemption Form amended to reflect the language in the order which will not require a doctor's signature on Masking Exemption Forms

Approved Staff Conferences/Workshops in the amount of \$490.00

Reviewed Reports and Information Items:

- Sabbaticals
- Elementary and Secondary Semi-Annual Ratings