

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
September 14, 2021

At the September 14, 2021 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session from 7:00-8:00pm on September 12, 2021 for an information session regarding the Health and Safety Plan. The Board met in Executive Session from 6:45-7:30pm on September 14, 2021 regarding transportation, contract negotiations, and the demographic study.

Approved the minutes of the August 31, 2021 Special School Board Meeting

Heard Public Comment:

Daniela Burg of Furlong addressed the Board regarding liability to board members, additional guidance regarding mask exemptions, and the Board opening itself up to liability in a negligence action.

Melissa Smith of Doylestown Township addressed the Board regarding having a COVID safety plan that is in alignment with state guidance and with the CDC, support staff receiving much-deserved raises, protecting diversity, equity, and inclusion at every district level, and wanting leadership that is driven by data and science.

TJ Kosin of Warwick Township addressed the Board regarding division in the community, threats to himself and to his family members, silencing the side that opposes your view, voting in the November election, and there being no reason to threaten parents and board members.

Donna Shannon of Doylestown Township addressed the Board regarding respect between individuals, children wearing masks at school but not needing to wear them outside of school, the PAYS survey, and people adjusting and touching face masks at a recent back-to-school-night event.

Jason Peluso of Plumstead Township addressed the Board regarding wearing a mask for his work, quarantining after COVID exposures, staying home when sick, and setting a standard that fights for every American's rights.

Debra Cannon of Warrington Township addressed the Board regarding parents being who administration should listen to when making decisions for children, parents being the primary educators of their children, administration and leaders missing the essence of what education is, and asked the Board to step up or step down.

Jennifer Bish of Furlong (Buckingham Township) addressed the Board regarding children with COVID having a viral load, Child Find, 10-day quarantine, support staff deserving a contract with the salary adjustments they asked for.

Michael Witsen of Chalfont ceded his speaking time to *Mara Witsen of Chalfont*. Ms. Witsen addressed the Board regarding patience wearing thin, optional masks, her ancestors, the holocaust, giving up any part of freedom resulting in never getting it back, choosing Director Vlasblom or Director Collopy as Vice President of the School Board, keeping schools free, and encouraged the Board to read the law.

Anastasia Przybylski of Doylestown addressed the Board regarding COVID becoming political, the masking of healthy people not preventing COVID, staying home when sick, the masking of all people being unnecessary, HIPAA laws and mental health information being private.

Kayla Ottey of Warwick addressed the Board regarding giving an option with the exemption form, her child's experience in school, and learning to respect each other's choices.

Heather Reynolds of Buckingham addressed the Board regarding support staff being the backbone of the district, exemption forms for children who don't need them, bringing back the COVID dashboard with COVID case numbers, lack of trust between the parents and the district, and the need for virtual school during a 10-day quarantine.

Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead Township addressed the Board regarding board member liability, bullying, social media, division in the community, vaccination status being private information, 48-hour agendas, and including a comment section after school board meetings.

Reviewed the School Board Reports:

- Curriculum Committee
- Finance Committee
- Operations Committee
- Policy Committee
- Bucks County Intermediate Unit
- Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Accepted School Director John Gamble's resignation, effective September 2, 2021

Did Not Elect a Central Bucks School District Board of School Directors Vice President

Approved the Accounts Payable Check Disbursements Report in the amount of \$2,406,740.20

Approved Special Education Department Items:

- FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$124,627.00
- Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$2,347.00

Approved Personnel Items:

- Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations
- Leaves of Absence
- Appointments
- Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes
- Activity EDRs and Athletic Points
- Appointment of Barbara Markowitz as Interim Business Manager, with a \$2,500.00 monthly compensation stipend for the duration of her role as Interim Business Manager
- Superintendent's Employment Contract with Dr. Abram Lucabaugh

Approved Student Items:

- CB East Marching Band Field Trip to Nashville, TN on November 18, 2021
- CB South Wrestling Team Field Trip to Chambersburg, PA on December 28-30, 2021

Approved Staff Conferences/Workshops in the amount of \$2,642.00