

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
May 11, 2021

At the May 11, 2021 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session on May 11, 2021 prior to the School Board Meeting, to discuss a contract

Approved the minutes of the April 27, 2021 School Board Special Meeting

Heard Superintendent's Report:

- Connie Borichevsky of the Bucks County League of Women Voters recognized Central Bucks School District student award winners in the Bucks County League of Women Voters Youth Video Contest. CB South student Amy L.'s award-winning video and CB South student Ashton B.'s award-winning video were aired for the Board.

- Dr. Lucabaugh and the Board recognized students selected to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Music Ensemble:
Cara A. (CB South) – PMEA all-state band
Griffin B. (CB East)- PMEA all state choir
Kate G. (CB East) – PMEA all-state orchestra
Annabelle J. (CB South)– PMEA all-state orchestra
John T. (CB West) – PMEA all state orchestra
Julianna Z. (CB East) – PMEA all state choir
This year's format required students to audition for district-level ensembles. Once selected, students submitted an audition for the all-state music ensembles, comprised of the highest achieving high school musicians in the state.

- Dr. Lucabaugh and the Board recognized Central Bucks School District staff award winners of the PMEA Citation of Excellence: past recipient Mr. Jason Morehouse of CB East, and this year's recipient Mr. Brian Cox of CB South.

- Dr. Lucabaugh recognized Music Coordinator Michael Gruver and announced that Central Bucks School District has been honored with the National Association of Music Merchant's Best Communities for Music Education designation for the eighth year in a row.

Heard Public Comment:

- *Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead* addressed the Board regarding opening meetings to the public, Dr. Damsker, the CBSD Health and Safety Plan, asked why face masks are being used as medical devices, asked what qualifies as child abuse in Pennsylvania, and read aloud a portion of a definition of child abuse.
- *Patricia Doeblor of Chalfont* addressed the Board regarding face masks raising body temperatures, children suffering mentally and emotionally, and asked the Board to make wearing face masks optional.
- *Cassandra Brown of Plumstead* addressed the Board regarding the CBSD Health and Safety Plan, enrolling children in schools that do not require the wearing of face masks and making our schools mask-free/mask optional.

- *Denis Harte of Buckingham* addressed the Board regarding all students being treated with respect and dignity and the CBSD March 5, 2021 Professional Development training for secondary educators with focuses on gender identity issues and anti-racism theory.
- *Jennifer Girard of Warwick* addressed the Board regarding Critical Race Theory, read aloud portions of an article about a theory of systemic racism, and asked who is voting for this.
- *Mary O'Connor of Buckingham* addressed the Board regarding listening to past meeting audio recordings and the lack of respect shown to speakers, not being proud to be in this school district, and all kids being accepted and feeling safe to give their own opinions in our public schools.
- *Jamie Walker of Chalfont* addressed the Board regarding opening meetings to the public, face masks, quarantining students, teachers teaching from home, the Auditor General, violating the collective bargaining agreement, read a portion of an email regarding assurance testing, and read a portion of an email from the CBSD Human Resource Director regarding teachers teaching from home and social media.

Announced updates to the CBSD Health and Safety Plan: Dr. Leatherbarrow reports that the Attestation that Pennsylvania public schools signed in order to keep and remain open will end on May 31, 2021. After May 31, 2021, CBSD will continue to clean and disinfect routinely each evening, investigate cases, and follow guidance from Bucks County Department of Health, but will no longer clean and disinfect entire buildings or restrict occupancy inside or outside. The Pennsylvania masking order is still in effect and Dr. Damsker of Bucks County Department of Health recommends that masks are not needed while running and moving outside. The masking order allows that students may eat, drink, and take mask breaks so long as they are 6-feet apart. Updates include a recommendation that so long as students remain 6-feet apart and outside while running and moving, students may remove masks while at outdoor recess and in outdoor physical education classes. Also, moving forward, changes to the CBSD Health and Safety Plan will be proposed and documented via addenda.

Heard from meeting attendees:

Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead asked the Board why we are beholden to the Attestation agreement and to the Governor.

Solicitor Garton remarked we are regulated by the School Code and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania establishes clear guidelines on curriculum, testing, attendance, and hours of operation.

Jamie Walker of Chalfont asked if the Attestation form falls under the 520.1.

Solicitor Garton remarked that signing the Attestation was a condition to be able to open school at all, and Board had to agree to follow a state-approved plan.

Reviewed the School Board Reports:

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

Approved the Accounts Payable Check Disbursements Report

Approved Facilities, Energy Management, and Operations (FEMO) Department items:

- Low bid with Starlite for the CB South Phase 2 Auditorium Audio and Visual Upgrade Project in the amount of \$928,328.00
- Proposal from Langan Engineering & Environmental for Annual Drinking Water Collection, Testing, and Reporting in the amount of \$27,500.00
- Proposal from Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. for new dugouts at the CB East Varsity Softball Field in the amount of \$39,800.00
- Proposal from Blejwas Associates, Inc. for kitchen equipment and ice machine preventative maintenance to support District operations for the FEMO Department in the amount of \$64,250.00
- Amendment #1 with Republic Services/BFI for Trash Removal Services District-Wide in the amount of \$200,722.41
- Renewal contract with Dude Solutions, Inc. for the District's Work Order Management System in the amount of \$13,933.25
- 2-year HVAC Service Agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc. in the amount of \$218,057.00
- 2-year HVAC Service Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. in the amount of \$156,392.00

Approved a FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$20,000.00

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Approved to Remove from Table and Approve School Board Policies 100, 102, 123.2, 913 and 915

Approved to Remove from Table and Retire School Board Policy 101

Elected Brian Loftus to serve as School Board Treasurer effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Elected Stephanie Radcliffe to serve as School Board Secretary effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025

Approved the Update to the CBSD Health and Safety Plan: Effective immediately, so long as students remain 6-feet apart and outside while running or moving, students may remove face masks while at outdoor recess and in outdoor physical education classes.

Approved Personnel Items:

- Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations
- Leaves of Absence
- Appointments
- Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes
- Activities EDRs

Approved Foreign Exchange Student #1 for the 2021-2022 school year at CB West

Rejected Staff Conferences/Workshops in the amount of \$1,991.00

Approved only the Staff Conferences/Workshops that will be attended during the month of May 2021

Reviewed the Sabbaticals Report