

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
March 23, 2021

At the March 23, 2021 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session on March 18, 2021, on March 19, 2021 and on March 23, 2021 to discuss Personnel matters

Approved the minutes of the March 9, 2021 School Board Meeting

Heard Superintendent's Report, Part I:

2021 National Merit Scholarship Finalists from CB East

Dr. Lucabaugh and the School Board recognized the following Central Bucks High School East students for being named Finalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Competition:

Mason B.
Chayton D.
Polina G.
Grace M.
Grace Mc.
Michael R.
Sajan S.
Lawrence S.
Carina S.
Annie W.
Andrew W.

CB Cares Award Grant Recipients

CB Cares Executive Director Kimberly Cambra aired a video highlighting recent CB Cares Innovative Learning Grant recipients. Ms. Cambra shared that CB Cares has provided more than \$140,000.00 in grants to teachers, more than \$42,000.00 in scholarships to students, recognized and empowered more than 22,000 students, provided resources to thousands of parents, and the Innovative Learning Grant ceilings have been raised to \$2,000.00 each.

Heard Public Comment:

Andrew Burgess, CBEA Member, addressed the Board regarding CBEA's support of district initiatives towards equity and inclusion in our schools. Mr. Burgess spoke about CBEA's support of adding Diwali to the school holiday calendar.

Jennifer Girard of Warwick thanked Dr. Damsker and addressed the Board regarding enrolling her child in private school, the district disregarding Dr. Damsker's guidance, the district putting the teachers' union before the students and the taxpayers, and Right to Know information gathered by parents and taxpayers fighting for our children. Ms. Girard spoke about getting children back to normal, unmasking at recess, and letting them eat lunch.

Jamie Walker of New Britain addressed the Board regarding charges she incurred for Right to Know request paperwork, taxpayer theft, and read aloud a portion of an email, obtained through Right to Know requests, from the H/R Director to working-from-home teachers. Ms. Walker spoke about the district's Right to Know appeal to the Court of Common Pleas, and none of this would have happened if the Board had followed the Health Director to begin with.

Julia Ott of Warrington addressed the Board regarding choosing the virtual instructional model, the COVID vaccine, asked the Board, Administration, teachers union, and the health department to work together, returning to full school days, the district's Health and Safety Plan, communicating transparently and timely, and preparing for next school year.

Shannon Harris of Doylestown thanked Dr. Damsker, addressed the Board regarding researching COVID vaccinations, and read aloud from a fact sheet regarding the Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine.

Heard Superintendent's Reports, Part II:

Update from Dr. Damsker, Bucks County Health Department Director

Bucks County Health Director Dr. Damsker discussed COVID topics including Modified Quarantine, the different types of exposures: on-going and non-ongoing, testing and cycle thresholds on lab results, COVID vaccines, the district's strong Health and Safety Plan, and contact tracing. Dr. Damsker spoke about masking at recess and gym, cleaning and disinfection, spacing for lunches, and that to qualify for modified quarantine, one must wear a face mask. Dr. Damsker shared that schools are safe, that modified quarantine will help prevent sending healthy kids home and modified quarantine has worked so far.

Class of 2021 Graduation

Dr. Lucabaugh shared plans for the Class of 2021's graduation ceremony, which will be an outdoor ceremony at each high school's stadium on June 10, 2021. The rain date will be June 11, and the second rain date will be June 14.

Reviewed the School Board Reports:

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

Approved the Treasurer's Report and Summary of Fund Disbursements

Approved the Accounts Payable Check Disbursements Report

Approved the funding of Buckingham Township for Anderson Road paving in the amount of \$39,120.00

Approved the 2021-2022 Middle Bucks Institute of Technology General Fund Budget in the amount of \$5,245,532.00

Approved the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology Capital Funding Agreement in the amount of \$3,778,633.00

Approved the Science Companion Elementary Curriculum in the amount of \$121,330.50

Approved the Appointment of Charles Kleinschmidt to serve as Representative-At-Large for Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Approved Personnel Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

Leaves of Absence

Appointments

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes

Activities EDRs and Athletics Points

Approved Staff Conferences/Workshops in the amount of \$6,464.00

Reviewed the Sabbatical Leaves of Absence List