

**Central Bucks School District**  
**School Board Briefs**  
**March 9, 2021**

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

**Announced** that the board held an Executive Session this evening March 9, 2021 prior to the School Board Meeting to discuss collective bargaining, a few personnel items, some pending litigation, and some real estate matters. The Board also had an information session on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 to receive information on the Athletics Health and Safety Plan.

**Approved** the minutes of the February 23, 2021 School Board Meeting

**Heard** Public Comment:

*Sarah Zhang of Warminster* addressed the Board in support of anti-racism education.

*Bela Stampes-Blackburn of Buckingham* addressed the Board in support of anti-racism education.

*Marlene Pray of Doylestown Borough* addressed the Board in support of student Patee Pasi's initiative to honor the Hindu holiday Diwali in the school calendar.

*Patee Pasi of Furlong* addressed the Board in support of scheduling a school holiday to recognize and celebrate Diwali.

*Tom Jacobs of Doylestown Borough* yielded his time to the next speaker.

*Michelle Jacobs of Doylestown Borough* addressed the Board regarding her career in Central Bucks, the Curriculum Committee Meeting discussions, working in the best interest of the students, and acknowledged all the employee groups that make contributions that are vital to our success.

*Naomi Watson of Warwick Township* addressed the Board regarding future generations having a more inclusive experience in schools and spoke in support of closing schools for a school holiday to celebrate Diwali.

*Sarah Watson of Warwick Township* addressed the Board in support of closing schools for a school holiday to celebrate Diwali.

*Betsy Watson of Warwick Township* addressed the Board in support of closing schools for a school holiday to celebrate Diwali.

*Libby Devlin of Buckingham Township* addressed the Board in support of closing schools for a school holiday to celebrate Diwali.

*Sean Fitzgerald of Warwick Township* addressed the Board in support of closing schools for a school holiday to celebrate Diwali.

*Joseph Burian of Warrington Township* addressed the Board in support of closing schools for a school holiday to celebrate Diwali.

*Isabella Gaumont of Doylestown Township* addressed the Board in support of closing schools for a school holiday to celebrate Diwali.

*Gianna Miller of Doylestown Borough* addressed the Board in support of closing schools for a school holiday to celebrate Diwali.

*Jamie Walker of New Britain* addressed the Board regarding COVID statistics, read some email threads from a Right to Know request to the Bucks County Intermediate Unit, and asked Dr. Kopicki who told him to go hybrid in July, to shut down schools in August, sending healthy kids home to quarantine, to keep students masked while playing volleyball, and asked why there are spectator limits at baseball games. Ms. Walker asked the Board when they will get control of the Health and Safety Plan from Dr. Kopicki.

*Shannon Harris of Buckingham* addressed the Board regarding the district's Health and Safety Plan being based on CDC guidelines instead of Dr. Damsker's, quarantine, chemicals sprayed in school buses, the lasting social effects being created, discussion on public comment at the Policy Committee Meeting, masks in schools, school choice, and the fight for normalcy

**Heard** the Superintendent's Reports:

*2021 National Merit Scholarship Finalists from CB West and CB South:*

Dr. Kopicki and the School Board recognized the following students for being named Finalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Competition:

Hafsah A. (CB West)  
Vidya B. (CB West)  
Kevin C. (CB South)  
Ethan E. (CB West)  
Mudit G. (CB West)  
Kevin H. (CB South)  
William H. (CB South)  
Sophie K. (CB West)  
Amy L. (CB South)  
Alexander M. (CB South)  
Anirudh N. (CB West)  
Vineet N. (CB West)  
Kevin P. (CB South)  
Andrew P. (CB South)  
Cameron S. (CB West)  
Daniel S. (CB South)

*CBSD Health and Safety Plan Update*

Student Services Director and Pandemic Coordinator Dr. Cheryl Leatherbarrow presented the Board with recommended updates to the district's Health and Safety Plan which include secondary students returning to the traditional five days in-person instructional model, direction on what is meant by "fully vaccinated", removal of the Pennsylvania Travel Order, and an adjustment to how we disinfect our school buses.

*Athletics Health and Safety Plan Update and Spring Sports Return to Competition*

District Athletic Director Mrs. Danielle Turner presented the Board with recommended updates to the district's Athletics Health and Safety Plan which include no face masks required while engaged in outdoor competition, weight room and fitness center protocols, and increased capacity/spectator limits.

*School Employee Vaccination Update*

Human Resources Director Ms. Andrea DiDio-Hauber presented the Board with information regarding vaccinating Central Bucks School District employees with the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

**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** the Updated CBSD Health & Safety Plan

**Approved** the Updated CBSD Athletics Health & Safety Plan with the following amendments: no masks in our Spring sports, and at our teams' discretion, they will choose whether to mask at the desire of a visiting team

**Approved** the eRates Contacts in the amount of \$355,801.90

**Approved** a design proposal from Gilmore & Associates for paving and concrete repairs at various buildings in the amount of \$66,050.00

**Approved** a design proposal from Kitchen & Associates for replacement and repair of the sewer line at CB West High School in the amount of \$6,550.00

**Approved** a proposal from Kitchen & Associates for upcoming phases of the HVAC Renovation Project at CB West High School in the amount of \$81,500.00

**Approved** a design proposal from Gilmore & Associates for playground surface improvements at Barclay Elementary School in the amount of \$13,400.00

**Approved** a design proposal from Gilmore & Associates for playground surface improvements at Cold Spring Elementary School in the amount of \$12,750.00

**Approved** a Grant of Utility Easement to Buckingham Township

**Approved** to remove from table and approve School Board Policy 122 and School Board Policy 123

**Approved** Personnel Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

Leaves of Absence

Appointments

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes

Activities EDRs

**Approved** Staff Conferences/Workshops in the amount of \$891.74

**Reviewed** the Sabbatical Leaves of Absence List