

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
September 22, 2020

At the September 22, 2020 School Board meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Approved the minutes of the September 8, 2020 School Board Meeting

Heard Public Comment:

- Erin Sebal addressed the Board regarding allowing spectators to attend sporting events and the need for parents to be in attendance in case their child is injured.
- David Lapioli addressed the Board regarding allowing spectators to attend sporting events, remarked that we can put practical safety procedures into place, and remarked that local government is not allowing us to watch our children.
- Shannon Harris addressed the Board regarding reopening schools, and remarked about Dr. Kopicki, Governor Wolf, dropping the Health and Safety Plan, the need for normal school with no face masks, modified quarantine, and AP curriculum materials. *Please note: Shannon Harris signed in on the Public Speaker sign-in sheet as Shannon O'Kane, but identified herself as Shannon Harris when she addressed the Board.*
- Jamie Walker addressed the Board regarding the need for the school district to follow medical professionals and to contact the health department for guidance on modified quarantine, asked if Dr. Kopicki and Erin Corrigan will attend local Town Halls, and asked how a school district can enforce a quarantine.
- Kelley Simkiss addressed the Board regarding allowing parents to attend sporting events and remarked that parents need to be there for their kids as the chance of an athlete getting injured is much greater than the chance of getting COVID.
- Thomas Simkiss addressed the Board regarding sharing his gratitude to the school district and allowing parents to attend sporting events, remarked that attendance should be limited, may extend the pandemic, but parents will accept the risks.
- Pam Mascioto addressed the Board regarding commending guidance counselor Laura Ladley for her help with college searched, reopening schools and the need for our students to be in school five days per week, and remarked that this is an overwhelming amount of work for teachers.
- Frank Masciotro addressed the Board regarding reopening schools, remarked that as a tax paying citizen he expects his children to be taught in-person, that hybrid learning will be tough on teachers and children, and that concerts and plays should be allowed.
- Stacy Rolland addressed the Board regarding reopening schools and allowing spectators to attend sporting events, asked where the data to restrict spectators at sporting events is, suggested having tickets for admission to sporting events, and remarked on youth depression and suicide.
- Patric Jones addressed the Board regarding allowing parents to attend sporting events, remarked that the district has free will to do as they wish, could at least allow parents to attend games, and the district has the ability to allow band members, cheerleaders, and parents to attend games.
- John and Jessica Voglesong addressed the Board regarding sporting events, allowing parents to attend all home and away games.
- Dave Mettille addressed the Board regarding using prudence and common sense to allow parents to attend sporting events, and remarked that no one cares about the students more than the parents and parents could help with carrying out the protocols to keep people safe at games.
- Rich Walker addressed the Board regarding Dr. Kopicki, how this virus has exposed how poor our district leadership is, that Dr. Kopicki's goal seems to be to keep schools closed, and that teachers should be aware of the Janus vs AFSCME case that unions cannot require members to contribute dues.

Heard the Superintendent's Reports:

- Update of Comprehensive Plan: Diversity Goals

Reviewed the School Board Reports:

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

Approved the amending of the CBSD Athletics Health & Safety Plan to permit spectators, subject to appropriate health guidelines, for the following sports: Tennis, Golf, Soccer, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Volleyball and Football

Approved the Accounts Payable Check Disbursements Report

Approved the Treasurer's Report

Approved the ratification of Investments Report

Approved an Agreement with Asset Management Consultants for outstanding escrow collections

Approved First Student drivers and aides for the 2020-2021 school year

Approved an Agreement with Keystone Freedom Academy in the amount of \$43,640.00

Approved an Agreement with Bucks Learning Academy in the amount of \$166,896.00

Approved an Agreement with Merakey in the amount of \$154,891.04

Approved an Agreement with Bridget Schmidt for professional services at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00

Approved an Agreement with Rick Fertig for professional services at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00

Approved to Remove from Table and Approve the following School Board Polices: 811, 812, 813, 814, 817, 818, 819, 820, 822, 823, 824 and 833

Approved Personnel Items:

- Retirements and Resignations
- Leaves of Absence
- Appointments
- Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes
- 2020-2021 Fall Athletics List

Approved Staff Conferences/Workshops

Reviewed Sabbatical Leaves of Absence