

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
October 12, 2021

At the October 12, 2021 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session from 7:30pm-8:45pm on October 4, 2021 regarding personnel items. The Board met in Executive Session for an Information Session from 6:00pm-8:00pm on October 7, 2021 regarding the demographic study. The Board met in Executive Session from 6:30pm-7:30pm on October 12, 2021 regarding legal issues, personnel items, an update on CBESPA negotiations, and information on livestreaming options for board meetings.

Approved the minutes of the September 28, 2021 School Board Meeting

Heard Public Comment:

Kelly DeJong of Plumstead Township addressed the Board regarding her behavior at meetings, called on the Board to denounce the behavior and rhetoric displayed. Ms. DeJong spoke about the recent mental health event, support of the Rainbow Room, and the LGBT community feeling safe and accepted.

Adriana Comprelli of Buckingham read a letter written by a friend regarding the health of our children, ReOpen Bucks, Q-Anon conspiracies, school board candidate endorsements, Bucks Countians for Freedom, masking, and local politics.

Donna Shannon of Doylestown spoke about school board meetings being the only forum where taxpayers can have their voices heard without censorship, diversity, vaccine lists, face masks, and the Attorney General issuing threats against parents who attend school board meetings.

Jamie Walker of Chalfont spoke about the Reopen Bucks group having always been about COVID and about not masking kids. Ms. Walker asked about mask exemption forms not carrying over to basketball groups that rent school spaces. Ms. Walker spoke about COVID notifications sent by schools and read from some Right-to-Know obtained emails.

Evianne C. (CB student) of Doylestown spoke in support of the Rainbow Room, LGBTQ+ friends feeling safe and accepted in school. Evianne spoke about library books and letting parents make choices.

Daniel (CB student) of Doylestown spoke about being harassed at other school board meetings, receiving threats, the Rainbow Room, and the suicide epidemic.

Michael Witsen of Chalfont ceded his speaking tome to Mara Witsen of Chalfont.

Mara Witsen of Chalfont addressed the Board regarding freedom and the United States being the only nation that requires masks on toddlers. Ms. Witsen spoke about an email that she sent to Board members, masks, RSV in children, the CHOP policy lab. Ms. Witsen asked the Board to weigh risk versus reward. Ms. Witsen stated that she demands that the Board reverses course. Ms.

Witsen asked the Board to follow Pennridge's Health and Safety Plan which says that they can look at orders but do not have to blindly follow orders.

Jake Witsen of Chalfont addressed the board regarding tinfoil mask conspiracy, the Constitution's boundaries, read portions of the Pennsylvania Constitution. Mr. Witsen spoke about his family's experience surviving the Holocaust, about being free and the stripping away of freedom, and encouraged the Board to rescind masking.

Silvi Haldepur of Doylestown addressed the Board regarding the Rainbow Room, ALICE drills, Christian values in schools, diversity, COVID notifications being helpful. Ms. Haldepur spoke about public comment being dialogue, not censorship. Ms. Haldepur spoke about masks. Ms. Haldepur spoke about LGBTQ+ community support.

Marlene Pray of Doylestown spoke about a mailing that includes an attack on the Rainbow Room and on her personally, about a vigil that she helped to organize. Ms. Pray spoke about standing with students.

Patricia Doebler of Chalfont spoke about kids needing normalcy, being reactive instead of proactive to students' needs. Ms. Doebler spoke about children not being able to recognize their friends due to face masks. Ms. Doebler spoke about COVID mitigation, mask exemption forms, and asked the Board to bring back normalcy and common sense.

Jana Rotuno of Chalfont ceded her speaking time to Shannon Harris of Doylestown.

Shannon Harris of Buckingham (Shannon O'Kane of Doylestown listed on sign-up sheet) presented a handout (attached to official minutes) to the Board. Ms. Harris spoke about corruption and pure evil being on a massive scale, being a Christian and an American patriot, and being pitted against each other. Ms. Harris spoke about studying science over the last 18 months and that this entire plot is a plan of Satan. Ms. Harris spoke about global tyranny, people being made to take a vaccine to see loved ones in nursing homes, and not having medical freedom. Ms. Harris spoke about the vaccine attacking people's blood and our blood being the light of God. Ms. Harris spoke about videos shining light on vaccine injection spots on skin. Ms. Harris spoke about President Biden saying "6 minutes, 6 days, or 6 weeks, I'll get it done" and the Bill ending in the numbers 666, which she said are the devil's numbers. Ms. Harris said that she looks at mask wearing as being a satanic ritual. Ms. Harris asked the Board to include a religious exemption on the mask exemption form.

Diana Leygerman of Warwick addressed the Board regarding the support staff contract, asking for them to be paid a fair salary and be treated with dignity and respect. Ms. Leygerman spoke about the Rainbow Room providing resources to one of her former students.

Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead presented a handout (attached to official minutes) to the Board. Ms. DeArmond spoke about the recent mental health presentation, teachers asking students who have ask exemptions to wear masks, and elementary students not having normal class parties. Ms. DeArmond spoke about emails between Dr. Damsker, Dr. Levy, and Diane Marseglia obtained through Right to Know requests that show that COVID restrictions were political and not based on

real data or risk. Ms. DeArmond asked the Board how they can justify voting against mask optional and other reasonable COVID restrictions.

Michal Walson of Doylestown was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

Reviewed the School Board Reports:

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

Approved Business Office Item:

- Accounts Payable Check Disbursements Report in the amount of \$4,314,819.21

Approved FEMO Department Items:

- Electrical Construction Contract Re-Bid for Tohickon Middle School Gym HVAC Updates and Cooling Tower in the amount of \$53,000.00
- CB South High School Condensing Water Pipe Replacement Bid Rejection and Acceptance of Tozour-Trane Proposal in the amount of \$207,373.00
- EnergyCAP Contract for District's Utility Bill Management System in the amount of \$40,469.84
- Tozour-Trane and Johnson Controls Heat Recovery Units at Unami Middle School Proposals in the amount of \$334,662.00
- Siemens Industry, Inc. Proposals to Replace Modular Building Controllers at Doyle Elementary, CB South High, and Lenape and Tohickon Middle Schools in the amount of \$177,414.00
- Siemens Industry, Inc. Proposal to Upgrade/Migrate Building Automation Software and End User Interface from Insight to DeSigo in the amount of \$106,398.00
- 2021 District Paving Projects Final Change Order in the amount of \$58,929.75
- Purchase of a Public Safety Vehicle in the amount of \$39,512.00
- KCBA Architects Design Services Proposal for the CB East High School FCS Classroom in the amount of 25,525.00

Approved Policy Items:

- Table for First Read Policy 903: Public Participation in Board Meetings
- Purchase the PSBA Administrative Regulations Manual in the amount of \$3,485.00

Approved Personnel Items:

- Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations
- Leaves of Absence
- Appointments
- Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes
- 5-Year Employment Contract with Human Resources Director Andrea DiDio-Hauber

- Appointed Dr. Charles M. Malone Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
- 5-Year Employment Contract with Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Charles M. Malone

Approved Student Item:

- CB South Baseball Team to travel to South Carolina March 16-20, 2022

Approved Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$937.00

Did Not Amend the Agenda to add a motion to amend the Health and Safety Plan