

**Central Bucks School District**  
**School Board Briefs**  
**January 10, 2023**

At the January 10, 2023 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Announced** that the Board met in Executive Session from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on January 10, 2023 about a potential legal issue regarding transportation.

**Approved** the minutes of the December 5, 2022 School Board Meeting

**Heard** Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Lucabaugh announced that January is School Director Recognition Month, a time to recognize the commitment and time that school directors volunteer on behalf of our schools, students, staff, and community all year long.

**Heard** Public Comment:

*Kate Nazemi of Doylestown* yielded her speaking time to Stephen Albert.

*Stephen Albert of Doylestown Borough* spoke about past decisions made by the board, Bill McSwain, CB Board Note, Policy 321, and the art and skill of teaching.

*Skylar Ginsberg, CB student*, yielded her speaking time to Emma Dickinson.

*Emma Dickinson, CB student*, spoke about Pride flags in classrooms, safe school environments, five children who killed themselves due to bullying, LGBTQ+ youth statistics, censoring student expression, constitutional rights, listening to students, and Policy 321.

*Madyson Szczypiorski, CB student*, spoke about neutrality, Pride flags, the LGBTQ+ community, and feeling accepted, values, and feeling understood.

*Ashley Gane, CB student*, spoke about her sister Katie, Pride flags, her sister's memorial rainbow bench, and LGBTQ students.

*Leo Burchell, CB student*, spoke about Policy 321, CB being a dangerous place for LGBTQ+ students, Pride flags in classrooms, and a lack of empathy for students.

*James Lamb of Plumstead* read aloud portions of Policy 321 that is posted on the agenda.

*Kira Kraiman of Doylestown* yielded her speaking time to Kathy Cranmer.

*Kathy Cranmer of Doylestown* spoke about rhetoric at meetings, Senator Mallory McMorrow, supplies that were put into some Colorado classrooms after Columbine, Moms4Liberty, Back to Basics, students reaching out, an anti-LGBTQ attorney, taxpayer dollars, the ACLU complaint, Policy 321, and Woke political agendas.

*Dev Avadaria, CB student*, spoke about ensuring that everyone feels safe in our schools, the ACLU, the school board, voting down Policy 321, and civil liberties and rights.

*Eric Luppold of Warwick Township* spoke about our nation's history, Madison's "Remonstrance," the Christian faith of Washington, the religious beliefs of Jefferson, the God of Deism, Bible passages on the walls of the Capitol, and the centrality of Jesus Christ.

*Katherine Semisch of Doylestown* spoke about Policy 321, the mastery of balancing class discussions at CB West, Pride flags, LGBTQ students in our schools, pandering to the worst fears of the community, and letting teachers teach all kids.

*Mary H. Hughes of Doylestown* yielded her speaking time to Anne Ferguson.

*Anne Ferguson of Doylestown Township* spoke about President Hunter's response to the ACLU complaint, the PR firm, attorney fees, taxpayer dollars, the recent Policy Committee Meeting, Policy 321's classroom impact, professional development to understand this policy, curriculum, lack of respect for teachers, content related to curriculum, Mr. Kratz's test scores presentation and the Superintendent's response to that presentation.

*Kathleen Weintraub of Doylestown Township* spoke about Anne Ferguson's comments, children who don't feel safe in school, Pride flags in classrooms, and yielded the remainder of her speaking time to CJ Weintraub.

*CJ Weintraub, CB student*, spoke about her experience in school, LGBTQ students, Policy 321, Trevor Project statistics, Pride flags, and the freedom to express yourself.

*Mara Witsen of Chalfont* shared that Michael Witsen's speaking time has been yielded to her along with his comments: you are being lied to, we do care about these kids, and no one is attacking teachers. Ms. Witsen then shared her comment, speaking about Pride flags, First Amendment rights, neutral content, Policy 321, educators, professional development, policies being instituted to prevent problems, fact checking and misinformation, and commended the board majority for refusing to participate in the struggle session that many have tried to turn these meetings into.

*Michael Witsen of Chalfont's* speaking time was yielded to Mara Witsen.

*Leah Barnhart of Doylestown Township* spoke about Policy 321, instruction relating to curriculum, a non-curricular discussion about transgenderism that occurred at her child's school in the past, preserving parental rights, and staff staying neutral.

*Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead* spoke about an Op Ed and comments made at the last Policy Committee Meeting by Director Dell'Angelo, Directors Smith and Dell'Angelo representing themselves as CBSD board members at a January 6th vigil, and yielded the remainder of her speaking time to Tim Daly.

*Tim Daly, representing CBSD Families First Group*, shared a handout with the Board (attached to official minutes) that lists library books checked out of CB libraries. Mr. Daly spoke about the list

showing that no banning of books has occurred in CBSD. Mr. Daly spoke about politics having no place in the school district, activism vigils attended by board members, taking up an amendment for the board to extend policy to themselves, and an event that will be held tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at the Bucks County Free Library.

*Daniel Grabianowski of Plumstead* spoke about elections having consequences, books available to our students, teachers using their positions to promote causes that they believe in, legal expenses, the ACLU, bullying in schools, sexual assaults in Chicago schools, flags in classrooms, and Policy 321.

*Ash Werner, CB student,* spoke about the student perspective, Policy 321, neutrality, identity, sexuality and gender, the targeting of flags and pins, and classrooms being safe spaces.

*Becky Logue-Conroy of Warrington* spoke about Policy 321 and about supporting vulnerable students.

*Ed Mackouse of Buckingham* spoke about this district having policies keeping schools open, Woke policies, Policy 321, hearing a Martin Luther King lecture in 1962 or 1963 about fair treatment, indoctrination, hundreds of thousands of children dying from vaccines, embalmers finding blood clots, the transgender industry, and saving lives.

*Donna Shannon of Doylestown* spoke about bullying, the ACLU complaint investigation, Director Dell'Angelo, Policy 321, a high school student saying at a board meeting that she knew the political affiliation of all of her teachers, learning loss, socio-political narratives, and the media.

*Jim del Rio of Buckingham* thanked the Superintendent and the Board members who look out for our kids and are concerned about their education.

*Lori Ammon of Doylestown Township* spoke about academic success, supporting students, board policies, Pride symbols, schools being safe spaces, the PR firm, Policy 321, and voting.

*Laura Mack of Buckingham Township* thanked board members and spoke about Policy 321, teachers helping students learn how (not what) to think, and the peace and freedom found only in Jesus Christ.

*Doreen Stratton of Doylestown Borough* spoke about people who have chosen not to buy homes in the Central Bucks School District and spoke about her family.

*Rick Haring of Doylestown Township* spoke about money being spent for Duane Morris legal services and read aloud an email from a 2003 CB West student Talya Zemach-Bersin.

*Zandi Hall, CB student,* spoke about Policy 321 and free speech.

*Jeanne Dugery of Doylestown Township* was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

*Lela Casey of Doylestown* read aloud a message from Anu Viswanathan.

*Jonathan DeMalta of Doylestown* spoke about the definition of "partisan", flags in classrooms, being safe in schools, and Policy 321.

*Melissa Ventresca of Doylestown* spoke about talking to each other as humans, symbols in classrooms, and ceded the remainder of her speaking time to Bailey.

*Bailey (no last name given, no municipality given, and not listed on sign-up sheet)* spoke about being a 2019 CB West graduate, feeling disheartened, teachers who instilled empathy, making decisions, listening to the people who spoke today, and the upcoming election.

**Reviewed** School Board Reports:

Curriculum Committee

Finance Committee

Operations Committee

Policy Committee

Bucks County Intermediate Unit

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

**Approved** Business Office Items:

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$3,020,719.06

Financial Reports

Retained Cozen O'Connor as Special Education Counsel

Professional Development Contract with Sharp-Ross PsychEd Services in the amount of \$800.00

Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$10,549.00

**Approved** Operations Department Items:

Memorandum of Agreement with Cold Spring Elementary Home & School for an outdoor pavilion project

Bid awards to Walter Brucker & Co, Inc., Tri-County Mechanical, Inc., and S&S Electrical Services, Inc. for the CB South pool systems project in the amount of \$2,516,350.00

Bid award to Pine Run Construction for the Operations Center fuel island upgrade in the amount of \$1,165,310.00

**Approved** Special Education Department Items:

FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$15,000.00

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FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$167,759.00

IEP Waiver Agreement

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FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$106,707.23

**Approved** Policy Items:

Removed from Table and Approved School Board Policies 122, 206, 227, and 321

**Approved** Student Field Trips:

CB West Girls rack to travel to New York, NY in January 2023

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CB West Girls Track to travel to Staten Island, NY in February 2023  
Tamanend Ninth-Grade Classes to travel to Washington DC in March 2023  
CB West FBLA Club to travel to Hershey, PA in April 2023  
CB South FBLA Club to travel to Hershey, PA in April 2023  
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**Approved** Human Resources Department Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations  
Leaves of Absence  
Appointments  
Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes  
EDRs and Athletic Points

**Reviewed** Human Resources Department Items:

TPE Status-Elementary and Secondary Report  
Sabbatical Report

**Approved Other Items:**

2023-2024 District Calendar  
Discovery Education renewal for grades K-12 through the BCIU  
BrainPop renewal for grades K-9 through the BCIU