

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
October 11, 2022

At the October 11, 2022 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board held an Information Session regarding Wake Up and Learn from 6:00pm-7:00pm on September 27, 2022; an Information Session regarding the Demographic Study from 3:00pm-5:00pm on September 28, 2022; an Information Session regarding Technology Integration Procedures from 5:00pm-6:00pm on September 28, 2022, and an Information Session regarding Administrative Regulations from 7:20pm-8:00pm on September 28, 2022

Approved the minutes of the September 13, 2022 School Board Meeting

Heard Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Lucabaugh reviewed the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council meetings that he has conducted at all 23 CB schools, and the insight that students have offered during the meetings.

Approved limiting the Public Comment period to a two-hour time frame.

Heard Public Comment:

Stephen Albert of Doylestown spoke about policies, student-preferred names, age-appropriate reading books, the superintendent's message at the May meeting, and the ACLU complaint.

Alexis Albright of Doylestown read aloud a statement from CBSD teacher David Klein.

CJ Weintraub, CB student, spoke about Policy 321, supporting students, the public relations firm, and ensuring that students are safe.

Francis Castle of Buckingham thanked the Board for standing up for our children and spoke about Federal Grant Programs, the Department of Health and Welfare, sex education, and books.

Leo Burchell, CB student, spoke about the public relations firm, listening to a small minority of parents over students, and thanked teachers for their support.

Kevin McDermott of New Britain Borough spoke about his opposition to Policy 321 and submitted a photograph of a rainbow bench at CB West (attached to minutes).

Amanda Paschke of Furlong spoke about Policy 321 and inclusive school environments.

Shana Trichon of Doylestown read aloud a statement from a friend and licensed professional counselor.

Michael Witsen of Chalfont thanked the Board for protecting parents who love their children and yielded the remainder of his speaking time to Mara Witsen.

Mara Witsen of Chalfont spoke about life-altering decisions that undermine parental authority, teachers quoted in an WHYY article, the PA-ACLU complaint, and protecting and educating children.

Tricia Doeblen of Chalfont spoke about her child, the CB Engage Facebook group, and standing up for parental rights.

Pam Masciotro of Warrington yielded her speaking time to Tanya Kovacs.

Tanya Kovacs of Buckingham thanked the Board for keeping parents in the drivers' seats and spoke about pronouns, adjectives, and the "Moms Across America" school lunch results that found toxins in school lunches, the free breakfast program, and the need for proper nutrient-dense foods for children.

Donna Shannon of Doylestown spoke about the respect that president Hunter shows to speakers. Ms. Shannon spoke about bullying and getting back to learning.

Katherine Semisch of Doylestown spoke about Policy 31, creating a climate of marginalization, all kids needing respect and safety, and teachers needing training, not a policy, to support students.

Lizanne Meeks of Doylestown yielded her speaking time to Kate Nazemi.

Kate Nazemi of Doylestown read aloud a statement from the Education Law Center.

Nancy Flanagan Kelly of Warwick spoke about her experience as a CB staff member, Policy 321, Pride flags, and services for special education students.

Anu Viswanathan of Buckingham spoke about Policy 321, pride flags, and sociopolitical issues.

Sarah Hood-Betts of Doylestown Borough spoke about her experience as a CB graduate, LGBTQ+ policies, removing Pride flags, Policy 321, and parental consent for student-affirmed names.

Estelle Nemtsov, CB employee, spoke about the right to express ourselves freely, removing symbols of support, and the CBSD Belief Statement printed on the Board Room wall.

Zandi Hall, CB student, read aloud statements made by two LGBTQ+ students.

Emma Dickinson, CB student, spoke about phoning parents, outing students, Pride flags, policies, and creating a safe environment for everyone.

Evi Casey, CB student, spoke about banning Pride flags, banning books, preferred names and pronouns, and the ACLU.

Isabella Pasquarello, CB student, spoke about new policies, calling trans students by their preferred names, suicide and self-harm, and Policy 321.

Lela Casey of Doylestown yielded her speaking time to Kate Steck.

Kate Steck of Doylestown read aloud a portion of the PA-ACLU discrimination complaint.

Peter Ryan of Doylestown PA spoke about flags and symbols that have a big impact for students and about the ACLU complaint.

Sheri Pargman of Plumstead yielded her speaking time to Jennifer Bish.

Jennifer Bish of Furlong read aloud portions of the PA-ACLU complaint.

Michal Walson of Buckingham yielded her speaking time to Leah Barnhart.

Leah Barnhart of Doylestown Township spoke about soccer players' decisions to sit out of games after they were told to wear pride jerseys, elevating one group of students over others, Human Growth and Development classes, parents' roles being upheld and respected, the importance of staying neutral, and preferred pronouns.

Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead Township thanked the Board for attempting to include policy that includes parents, people who regretted transitioning as teenagers, and circumventing important conversations with parents.

Ken Szycuzzi of "Hope for PA" yielded his speaking time to Shannon Harris.

Shannon Harris of Buckingham spoke about the ACLU complaint, the district's mission being education, Director Smith speaking to the press, the app "Grinder", and the book review policy.

Daniel Grabianowski of Plumstead spoke about having one group's flag in a classroom showing preference for that group and thanked the Board for showing courage and neutrality.

Judith Thode of Doylestown spoke about her disappointment in the direction the district is headed, Policy 109.2 and Policy 321.

Dev Avadaria of Doylestown spoke about Pride flags in classrooms.

Laura Napier of Buckingham spoke about the Public Relations firm costs, the district making National news, the PA-ACLU complaint, Human Growth and Development classes, denied staff conferences, and banning Pride flags.

Anne Ferguson of Doylestown Township spoke about book and flag banning and supporting kids.

Stu Bush of Doylestown Township spoke about restricting free speech and read aloud a portion of the CBSD Belied Statement that is printed on the Board Room wall.

Christina Bucci of Chalfont spoke about early admission for Kindergarten and Policy 201.

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:

Remove from Table and approve a check disbursement in the amount of \$4,063.00
Financial Reports
Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$4,469,348.42
Asset Control Solutions Fixed Inventory Agreement in the amount of \$31,900.00
IXL Math Software Agreement in the amount of \$24,739.00
Plumstead Christian School Busing Agreement in the amount of \$250,000.00
New Cooperative Purchasing Consortia
Act 57 or 2022 Resolution Waiver of Additional Charges for the Late Payment of Real Estate Taxes in Certain Circumstances
Budget-to-Actual Report for Year-Ending 2022
Wisler Pearlstine Legal services as Special Counsel in the amount of \$7,800.00

Approved Operations Department Items:

2023 District Paving and Concrete Repair Projects in the amount of \$43,900.00
2023 Playground Renovations Design Services Proposal in the amount of \$72,750.00
2022 District Paving Project Change Order #2 in the amount of \$59,597.35

Approved Special Education Department Items:

Transportation mileage reimbursement agreement in the amount of \$3,800.00
IEP Waiver Agreement-1
IEP Waiver Agreement-2

Approved Student Services Item: Richard J. Caron Foundation Agreement

Approved Student Field Trip Items:

Lenape 9th-grade social studies classes to travel to New York, NY on October 27, 2022
CB South Wrestling to travel to Chambersburg, PA on December 28-30, 2022
CB South Baseball to travel to Myrtle Beach, SC on March 23-26, 2023
Lenape 9th-grade classes to travel to Washington DC on April 4, 2023
CB South Music Department to travel to Nashville, TN and Blacksburg, VA on April 13-16, 2023

Approved Curriculum Item: Schoolwide Title I Plan for Barclay Elementary School

Approved Policy Items:

Moved to Table for First Read School Board Policy 321
Removed from Table School Board Policies 105.2, 106, 201, 202, and 218
Approved School Board Policies 105.2, 106, 201, 202, and 218

Approved Human Resources Department Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

Leaves of Absence

Appointments

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes

Activity EDRs and Athletic Points

Approved Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$7,027.00

Reviewed Sabbaticals Report