

**Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
December 5, 2022**

At the December 5, 2022 School Board Organization and School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that there have been no Executive Sessions since the last School Board Meeting.

Elected a Temporary President: Sharon Collopy

Elected a President: Dana Hunter

Elected a Vice President: Leigh Vlasblom

Approved the minutes of the November 15, 2022 School Board Meeting

Heard Superintendent's Report: *Achievement and Data Report*

Richard Kratz, Director of Teaching and Learning, reviewed achievement data with the Board. Data presented included results from PSSA, Keystone Exams, ACT, SAT, and AP Exams. To view the presentation in its entirety, please visit the School Board Presentations section of the district's website, www.cbsd.org

Heard Public Comment:

Bob Burchell of Warwick yielded his speaking time to Rebecca Cartee-Haring.

Rebecca Cartee-Haring of Doylestown spoke about protecting female athletes, students, and staff, gender inequality, the 2021 Trans-Inclusion Playbook by We Coach, and trans-inclusive policies. Ms. Cartee-Haring spoke about supporting CB trans-students, CBSD Athletic Directors and head coaches, PIAA, sex education classes, a Federal equal pay lawsuit, and the hiring and pay practices at CBSD.

Leo Burchell, CBSD student, spoke of support for trans and queer students, writing his own school board meeting public comment speeches, the PAYS survey, trans athletes, Policy 321, Pride flags, names, pronouns, bullying, and listening to students.

Anne Ferguson of Doylestown Township spoke about voting in school board elections, board member behavior and statements at previous meetings, and paying a PR firm to improve image.

Kate Nazemi of Doylestown Township spoke about recent district-wide board communication, discrimination and bullying, policies that restrict learning, allowing symbols of inclusion back into classrooms, DEI training, and focusing on kids.

Amy McGahran of Doylestown Township yielded her speaking time to Kathy Cranmer.

Kathy Cranmer of Doylestown Township spoke about the Founding Fathers, religion, faith, read aloud some passages from James and Luke, Moms for Liberty, bullying, book banning, the pandemic, hiring a PR firm and attorneys, and tax dollars.

Tricia Doeblner of Chalfont spoke about getting back to academic leadership, employee terminations listed on the agenda, and the amazing teachers at CBSD.

Sharon Walbridge of Warrington commended President Hunter for fostering a positive learning environment, sociopolitical agendas, respect for all religions, NEA union dues, school board candidates receiving election money from teachers' unions, the Keystone Teachers Association (KEYTA), and shared website addresses www.unionchoiceforschoolworkers.com and www.optouttoday.com

Leslie Watson of Buckingham thanked President Hunter, the Board, and Dr. Lucabaugh. Ms. Watson spoke about the CBSD Mission Statement, parental rights, banning sexualized content from children, the PAYS report showing a decline in bullying, local news reporting, transparency, and the ACLU complaint.

Daniel Grabianowski of Plumstead spoke about school board elections and candidates, sexually explicit books in CB schools, upholding parental rights, the ACLU complaint, flags that were flown over Boston City Hall, book banning, Policy 321, and focusing on education.

Mara Witsen of Chalfont congratulated President Hunter on being re-elected Board President for 2023 and spoke about local media, a return to basics, learning loss cause by school closures, local journalists, and putting trust in the board majority to gain back some of the ground that was lost over the last two years.

Ed Mackouse of Buckingham commended President Hunter and the board. Mr. Mackouse spoke about policies, attorneys, Black Lives Matter riots in Philadelphia, safety and security, Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties adopting Woke policies, and male teachers being hired to protect female teachers.

Francisco Castillo of Buckingham thanked the Board for looking out for kids and yielded the remainder of his speaking time to Shannon Harris.

Shannon Harris of Buckingham spoke about the Woke political agenda, recession, inflation, owning her own business, allowing students to pretend that they are cats in school, the need for Policy 321, sports, Title IX, hormone blockers, transgender policies, student athletes, the CB East football team banquet, learning loss, and focusing on teaching and subject matter.

Christina Bucci of Chalfont spoke about the Achievement and Data Report, early Kindergarten admission, and read aloud from a 2015 report published by the University of Iowa's Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development.

Pam Masciotro of Warrington spoke about the Achievement and Data Report, her daughter's CBSD education, and yielded the remainder of her speaking time to Vonna DeArmond.

Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead Township thanked CB students that attended last month's meeting and thanked Dr. Lucabaugh, Administration, and Mr. Kratz for the data presented and for addressing the consequences of lockdowns. Ms. DeArmond spoke about religious bigotry, online posts by others that misrepresented comments she made at a previous meeting by splicing portions together, the upcoming election, First Amendment rights, and all religious beliefs being allowed to be expressed in schools.

Donna Shannon of Doylestown yielded her speaking time to Candace Biofore.

Candace Biofore (not listed on sign-up sheet) spoke about Policies 109.2 and 321, books with sexually explicit material, acting upon the data on learning loss, removing tricky people from the school district, and Dr. Ohrt.

Karin Majewski, CBSD employee, invited board members to visit her classroom. Ms. Majewski spoke about just wanting to teach, putting students first, fear and hesitation about speaking out, unions, and opting out of unions.

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:

Financial Reports

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$4,848,934.90

Fronting the cost of an exterior freezer/cooler for Barclay Elementary School's Food Bank, to be repaid by grant funds

Creation of two new positions across the Finance and Business Departments

First Student drivers and monitors

Approved Operations Department Items:

Criterion Environmental consulting services proposal for Butler Elementary School's exterior abatement project in the amount of \$12,275.00

GKO Architects proposal for Butler Elementary School's exterior abatement project in the amount of \$10,000.00

Approved Special Education Department Items:

MOU with the BCIU for Special Education Services

FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$131,237.25

Approved Curriculum Item: AP Environmental Science Course of Study

Approved Policy Items:

Retire School Board Policy 103

Rename School Board Policy 103.1 to 103

Move to Table for First Read School Board Policies 122, 206, and 227

Approved Student Field Trips:

CB East Girls Track to travel to Staten Island NY in December 2022

CB East Girls Track to travel to Staten Island, NY in January 2023

CB West Boys Track to travel to New York, NY in January 2023

CB South Boys & Girls Track to travel to New York, NY in January 2023

CB West Boys Track to travel to Staten Island, NY in February 2023

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CB South Softball to travel to Myrtle Beach, SC in March 2023

Tohickon 9th-grade to travel to Washington DC in May 2023

Approved Human Resources Department Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

Leaves of Absence

Appointments

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes

Activity EDRs

Reviewed Sabbatical Report

Approved Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$10,316.00

Approved 2023 School Board Meeting Schedule

Approved 2023 Committee Meeting Schedule

Approved a Termination Resolution

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