

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
December 2, 2024

At the December 2, 2024 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session this evening prior to the reorganization meeting for 30-minutes regarding potential litigation relating to pending investigations by the US Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Heard Superintendent's Report:

Recognitions: Dr. Yanni recognized Unami Middle School student Caitlyn Lee for her original design for the December lock screen contest. Caitlyn's artwork was based on this month's Portrait of a Graduate attribute "Resilient Learners".

Remarks: Dr. Yanni discussed School Board Policy 903, now in effect, which includes two sections for public comment at school board meetings; the first period will pertain to agenda items, and the second period will not be limited to agenda items. The policy no longer includes language regarding yielding speaking time, and each speaker will have three minutes to address the board.

Dr. Yanni shared the rebranding of committees: the curriculum committee will now be named the education committee and the business & operational support services committee will be named the finance and operations committee.

Dr. Yanni spoke about renovations for eight elementary schools, noting that tonight's agenda items about renovations do not include plans for Doyle, Linden, or Kutz Elementary Schools. Dr. Yanni plans to hold some informational Town Hall meetings about those three schools, and a decision is not expected about those three schools until May 2025. Dr. Yanni spoke about the Belonging survey, which had a student response rate of 95.13%, and more details will be shared in January or February.

Dr. Yanni spoke about the 2025-2026 district calendar, noting that the first day of school for students will be September 2nd and the last day for students is scheduled to be June 12th.

Dr. Yanni announced that school board and committee meetings will be held on Thursdays moving forward.

Dr. Yanni wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Heard Public Comment about agenda items:

1. Edward Mackouse spoke in support of moving meetings to Thursdays. Mr. Mackouse spoke about the district calendar, transgender and women's sports.
2. Shannon Harris spoke about Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams invoices, Title IX guidance, and women's rights.
3. Christina Bucci spoke about School Board Policy 201, early admission, and cutoff dates.
4. Ruth Snider spoke about having a town center in Doylestown and small community schools being a part of that.
5. Vonna DeArmond welcomed Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Reynolds to their newly elected roles and spoke about public comment regarding the Doyle/Linden/Kutz school decisions, Title IX presentations, and biological boys in girls' sports.

Approved the minutes of the November 12, 2024 School Board Meeting.

Reviewed School Board Reports:

Business and Operational Support Services Committee.

Curriculum Committee.

Policy Committee.

Bucks County Intermediate Unit.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

Approved Business Department Items:

Financial Reports.

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$3,100,214.32.

Interview Stream contract in the amount of \$27,792.00.

Raptor Volunteer Safe Program in the amount of \$5,407.88.

Staff conferences and workshops in the amount of \$13,888.00.

Approved Operations Department Items:

Addendum to Carroll Engineering boundary survey and engineering plans at CB West in the amount of \$37,850.00.

Elite Elevator Service bid for Elevator Modernization Project at Holicong, CB West, and Butler schools in the amount of \$551,482.00

Herpel's Auto & Truck Life contract for transportation garage lift replacements in the amount of \$442,408.29.

Twining Construction contract for Ad Center office project in the amount of \$120,966.00.

AH Cornell & Sons contract for Ad Center sidewalk and parking lot improvements in the amount of \$55,050.00.

The Ceramic Ship bid for replacement kilns at Bridge Vally, Buckingham, Groveland, Titus, and Warwick Schools in the amount of \$34,420.00.

MOU with MBIT to provide road salt.

Approval to move forward with elementary school renovations and replacements in the amount of \$235,000,000.00.

Approved Special Education Department Item:

IEP Waiver Agreement

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Approved Student Service Items:

Agreement in lie of expulsion in the amount of \$233,754.16.

Woods Services Agreement in the amount of \$12,832.80.

Approved Curriculum Items:

Course of Study: Principles of Teaching.

Course of Study: Community Internship.

Course of Study Revisions: K-6 Personal Safety

Second Step Resources in the amount of \$118,692.00.

2025-2026 CBSD Calendar.

Approved Policy Items:

Second Read: School Board Policies 313 and 903

First Read: School Board Policies 006, 201, 217, 217.1, and 217.2.

First Read Repeal: School Board Policy 217.3

Approved Field Trips:

CBE Wrestling in December 2024.

CBE Girls Track in December 2024

CBE Girls Track in January 2025 (2).

CBE Boys Track in February 2025.

CBE Girls Track in February 2025.
CBE Cheerleading in February 2025.
CBS Writing Center Club in March 2025.

Approved Human Resources Department Items:

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

Approved Other Action Items:

2025 School Board Meeting dates.
Agreement with Professional & Executive Assistants.

Heard Public Comment:

1. Shannon Harris spoke about the board extorting Dr. Lucabaugh, read aloud emails between Dr. Lucabaugh's lawyer and Mr. Conn, and asked for board member resignations.
2. Vonna DeArmond read aloud an email from Lisa Sciscio to the board that was about Mr. Conn, executive sessions, misconduct, Dr. Lucabaugh, and the threat of Title IX complaints.