# Central Bucks School District School Board Briefs September 12, 2023

At the September 12, 2023 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Approved** the minutes of the August 8, 2023 School Board Meeting.

**Announced** that the Board met in Executive Session from 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2023 to receive a legal update.

**Heard** Superintendent's Report: *SRO Welcome:* School Resource Officers were introduced and welcomed: Officer Chris Shaffer will serve as SRO at CB East, Deputy Robert Landis will serve as SRO at CB West, and Officer Bob Bell will continue to serve as SRO at CB South.

*Legal Update:* Levin Legal Group, P.C., presented a report about the Collective Action under the Equal Pay Act.

*Comprehensive Plan:* the 2023-2026 Central Bucks School District Comprehensive Plan was reviewed. The Comprehensive Plan is on this evening's agenda for a vote.

Realignment 2025-2026: The Realignment for the 2025-2026 school year was reviewed. The realignment will include grade realignments: Grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 as well as the implementation of full-day Kindergarten.

Kindergarten Signing: This year's Kindergarten Orientation included a photo of students signing a welcome letter as they committed to acquiring the skills outlined in the CBSD Portrait of a Graduate.

Following the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Lucabaugh thanked CBSD staff for their work preparing buildings for the new school year.

**Approved** a Motion to limit Public Comment to a 90-minute time period.

### **Heard** Public Comment:

- 1. Barbara Wachter, Doylestown Borough, yielded her speaking time to Stephen Albert.
- 2. Stephen Albert, Doylestown Borough, spoke about the report presented at the April board meeting, the Superintendent's student meetings, read aloud portions of emails with a person who had planned to present at a Doylestown Human Relations Commission anti-bullying forum, school board policies, students, graduation traditions, Upstander Day, and being welcoming to all.
- 3. Lela Casey, Doylestown Township, spoke about the equal pay lawsuit, political stunts, a person having a concealed weapon at the March board meeting, her email to the Board and Superintendent being released, and keeping the community safe.
- 4. Bob Harvie, Falls Township, spoke about the value of the SRO program, his career in teaching, and putting the interests of students first.

- 5. John Martino, Warrington Township, yielded his speaking time to Paul Martino.
- 6. Paul Martino, Doylestown Township spoke about a Khan Academy virtual Town Hall. Mr. Martino spoke about Rick Haring's Statement of Financial Interest form, running for a seat on the school board, delivering a subpoena, and Mr. Haring's wife's lawsuits.
- 7. Jaime Walker, New Britain Township, spoke about Bob Harvie suing her over Right to Know emails about health guidance and her experience at county meetings.
- 8. Marion Mass, New Britain Borough, spoke about Jamie Walker being a brave person, elected county officials suing a mom, a newspaper opinion piece, and then yielded the remainder of her speaking time to Joan Natoli.
- 9. Joan Natoli, Doylestown Township, spoke about Democratic candidate campaigns, bullies, book bans, and the characters and reputations of the candidates. Ms. Natoli spoke about women's sports and about listening to recordings of Fall 2019 school board meetings.
- 10. Mara Witsen, Chalfont Borough, asked for the source of Dr. Mahmud's comment at a previous meeting about sports and biological sex data. Ms. Witsen spoke about policies regarding athletics, protecting and preserving fairness in CBSD athletics, and about Bob Harvie making the rounds at school districts.
- 11. Walter Masterson, Warwick Township, spoke about WOKE schools, Socialism, WOKE political teaching, and read aloud portions of a book he brought with him.
- 12. Anne Ferguson, Doylestown Township, spoke about the Comprehensive Plan, attending Curriculum Committee Meetings, learning loss, Dr. Lucabaugh's professional goals, and a teacher who spoke at a recent meeting.
- 13. Stephen Kraiman, Doylestown Township, yielded his speaking time to Kira Kraiman.
- 14. Kira Kraiman, Doylestown Township, spoke about Rick and Becky Haring's daughter being bullied, CBSD administration leaking emails, money spent on legal defenses and PR, the bullying of LGBTQ students, HVAC systems in some schools, book reviews and book bans, the Superintendent's recent raise, and school board policies. Ms. Kraiman spoke about the need for infrastructure improvements, student mental health, attraction and retention of outstanding staff, and what Rick Haring and the Neighbors United candidates support.
- 15. Ari Kraiman, Doylestown Township, yielded his speaking time to Kathleen Cranmer.
- 16. Kathleen Cranmer, Doylestown Township, spoke about Moms4Liberty bullying children at the Rainbow Room, parental rights, instituting policies that harm, where this district needs to go, voting for Rick Haring, and the difference in school board election campaigns.
- 17. Brad Child, LMT, said that he is from Lower Makefield Township and then yielded his speaking time to Tim Daly.

18. Tim Daly, LMT, said that he is representing *CBSD Back on Track*. Mr. Daly spoke about an email about Jim DelRio sent by Lela Casey and a subsequent hearing. Mr. Daly spoke about Right to Knows regarding 501C's and politicking. Mr. Daly spoke about Dr. Dell'Angelo's emails with Kate Nazemi, Kitty Semisch, Advocates of Inclusive Education, Paul Foley, students who attended board meetings, PSBA, and her affidavit.

**Approved** a Motion to suspend Public Comment for this evening.

Names of speakers 19-30 will appear at the top of the Public Comment list at the October 10, 2023 School Board Meeting:

#	NAME	MUNICIPALITY	TOPIC
19.	Doreen Stratton	Doylestown Borough	Black History
20.	Kate Nazemi	Doylestown Township	Books
21.	Barbara Kielbania	Doylestown Township	Cede Time to Michael Weisser
22.	Katherine Semisch	Doylestown Borough	Decision-Making
23.	Leslie Watson	Buckingham Township	Cede time to Vonna
24.	Vonna DeArmond	Plumstead Township	General
25.	Donna Shannon	Doylestown Township	Amazement
26.	Rosemary Huether	Doylestown Borough	Culture
27.	Jay Callaghan	Buckingham Township	Cede to Edward Mackouse
28.	Edward Mackouse	Buckingham Township	900 Public Comments Failure to Communicate
29.	Ginger Hardwick	Doylestown Township	Teacher Pay
30.	Shannon Harris	Buckingham Township	Dr. Lucabaugh's Raise

### **Reviewed** School Board Reports:

Curriculum Committee.

Finance and Facilities Committee.

Policy Committee.

**Bucks County Intermediate Unit.** 

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

## **Approved** Finance Department Items:

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$11,236,484.23

**Financial Reports** 

**Depository Accounts** 

Year-End Budget Transfers

Memorandums of Understanding with CBEPA and CBTA in the amount of \$4,000,000.00

Speaker for Professional Development in the amount of \$15,000.00

HRMML, PC as Right to Know Solicitor

6 new vans in the amount of \$419,400.00

1 new pickup truck in the amount of \$55,538.33

Frontline Budget and Analytics contract in the amount of \$105,805.74

Professional Development session on 10/5/23 in the amount of \$2,150.00

Staff conferences and workshops in the amount of \$15,397.00

### **Approved** Facilities Department Items:

CB East SRO Agreement in the amount of \$195,000.00

CB West SRO Agreement in the amount of \$120,000.00

Siemens Building Systems Panel Replacement for Barclay in the amount of \$65,120.00

Siemens District-Wide HVAC Controls Graphics Upgrade in the amount of \$75,375.00

Trane Technologies 5-year Chiller renewal at Bridge Valley in the amount of \$125,268.00

Trane Technologies 5-year Chiller renewal at Groveland in the amount of \$155,222.00

Tiny Robots Athletic Field Line-Striping equipment in the amount of \$45,080.00

Lawn & Golf ABI field grooming machine in the amount of \$39,344.00

Scag Lawn Equipment in the amount of \$12,284.00

Outdoor pavilion for Cold Spring in the amount of \$36,810.00

2024 Playground Design proposal in the amount of \$84,950.00

Sewage Force Main replacement design proposal for Kutz in the amount of \$28,986.00

## **Approved** Special Education Department Items:

Settlement Agreement #1 in the amount of \$14,000.00

Settlement Agreement #2 in the amount of \$58,593.00

Settlement Agreement #3 in the amount of \$97,715.00

Addendum to Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$284,300.00

New Hope Academy Tuition Agreement #1 in the amount of \$40,900.00

New Hope Academy Tuition Agreement #2 in the amount of \$40,900.00

**IEP Waiver Agreement** 

### **Approved** Student Services Department Items:

2023-2024 High School Tuition Student in the amount of \$14,106.43.

2023-2024 High School Tuition Student in the amount of \$14,106.43.

K/S Consultants Agreement in the amount of \$130,000.00

Michelle Lachman Professional Services Agreement

### **Approved** Curriculum Items:

ELD Vista Textbook adoption in the amount of \$69,303.55

Common Lit resource

The Third Quest supplementary resource

7<sup>th</sup>-grade Study Skills Lessons

Revisions to InC and Integrated Technology

Course of Study: AP Physics N/M

Course of Study: AP Physics E/M

Comprehensive Plan

Course of Study: Precalculus

Course of Study: Honors Precalculus

Course of Study: AP Statistics

Course of Study: Statistics and Data Analysis Course of Study: Foundations of Algebra A

### **Approved** Policy Items:

Retired School Board Policy 303 from Old 300 Series

Moved to Table for First Read School Board Policies 312, 616, and 903

### **Approved** Student Field Trips:

CBE Patriot Players to NY in October 2023

Lenape 9th-grade class to New York in October 2023

CBE Boys Basketball to Maryland in December 2023

CBE Girls Basketball to Florida in December 2023 CBE Cheerleaders to Florida in February 2024

Approved Human Resources Department Items: Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations. Leaves of Absence. Appointments. Assignment and Status Changes. Activity EDRs and Athletic Points.

**Reviewed** Human Resources Department Items: Sabbaticals Semi-Annual Ratings

**Accepted** the recommendation of the CBSD Voting Region Committee and authorize the solicitor to take such action necessary to implement the decision of the School Board.