

**Central Bucks School District**  
**School Board Briefs**  
**January 12, 2021**

At the January 12, 2021 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Announced** that the board held an Executive Session this evening, January 12, 2021 prior to the School Board Meeting to discuss finance, legal actions, and personnel topics

**Approved** the minutes of the December 1, 2020 School Board Reorganization Meeting

**Heard** Public Comment:

*Madhav Ponamgi* addressed the board regarding holding public, on the record question-and-answer sessions for parents and administrators

*Simrim Ponamgi* yielded her speaking time to Madhav Ponamgi

*Michelle Wire* addressed the board regarding implicit bias and racism

*Debra Cannon* addressed the board regarding returning secondary students to school fulltime and the hypocrisy of allowing teachers to present a concert while refusing students the same option, as well as allowing Tamanend NJHS student to wrap holiday presents for their teachers

*Pam Masciotro* addressed the board regarding returning secondary students to school fulltime

*Adriana Novello* addressed the board regarding adolescent mental health

*Caragh White* addressed the board regarding the insurrection at the Capitol last Wednesday, a board member implying that implicit bias should not be included in curriculum, and students' mental health

*Colleen Snyder* addressed the board regarding returning secondary students to school fulltime

*Jonah Snyder* addressed the board regarding the growing disconnect between students and teachers and the creation of a student-leader committee

*Sana Mahmud* addressed the board regarding the need for implicit bias training

*Mariam Mahmud* addressed the board regarding social justice and the need for space and conversations about it

*Jaazil Shamsi* addressed the board regarding the need for some teachings about student inclusivity and the plight that minorities have faced

*Durriya Shamsi* addressed the board regarding institutional and systemic racism in our great country and the need to start taking about it

*Heather Reynolds* addressed the board regarding the need for a formal statement regarding the events at the Capitol and about racism

*Larissa Hopwood* addressed the board regarding the need for a statement condemning the events at the Capitol and the need to offer extra counseling to students. Ms. Hopwood left some printed copies of statements and Twitter posts made by other districts for the board to peruse

*Nancy Flanagan Kelly* addressed the board regarding the need for systemic racism and implicit bias issues to be addressed

*James Bender* addressed the board regarding the need for parents to be informed of positive COVID cases within their children's classrooms so that parents can make decisions for their families.

*Marlene Pray* addressed the board regarding diversity, inclusion, anti-racism, implicit bias, and inclusion.

*Christine Linso* addressed the board regarding returning secondary students to school full-time.

*Jayd McFerson* addressed the board regarding returning secondary students to school full-time.

*Nancy Tegano* addressed the board regarding returning secondary students to school full-time.

*Sara Vessichelli* addressed the board regarding returning secondary students to school full-time.

*Jamie Walker* addressed the board regarding returning secondary students to school full-time, modified quarantine, and PDE guidelines for the next four years.

*Stephanie Mulreaney* addressed the board regarding concern about how students will catch up following virtual learning and reduced class time.

*Megan Leone* addressed the board regarding what will happen for students with IEPs if schools return to full virtual instruction.

**Heard** the Superintendent's Reports:

- Health and Safety Plan Revisions
- Recognition of National Board-Certified Teacher Sarah Burkholder
- 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget

**Reviewed** the School Board Reports:

- Curriculum Committee
- Finance Committee
- Operations Committee
- Policy Committee
- Bucks County Intermediate Unit
- Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

**Approved** the Accounts Payable Check Disbursements Report

**Approved** the Treasurer's Report

**Approved** the Ratification of Investments Report

**Approved** the posting of the 2021-2022 proposed preliminary budget for public inspection

**Approved** an amended contract with ATI for athletic training services in the amount of \$185,988.00

**Approved** a general construction contract with Donald E. Reisinger, Inc. for the CB West HVAC renovation project in the amount of \$877,800.00

**Approved** a mechanical/plumbing contract with Tri-County Mechanical for the CB West HVAC renovation project in the amount of \$2,065,000.00

**Approved** an electrical construction contract with Electri-Tech, Inc. for the CB West HVAC renovation project in the amount of \$436,000.00

**Approved** a fire protection construction contract with Accelerated Fire Protection, Inc. for the CB West HVAC renovation project in the amount of \$141,620.00

**Approved** a proposal with M&W Precast, LLC for new varsity baseball and softball dugouts at CB West in the amount of \$150,355.00

**Approved** a FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$41,750.00

**Approved** a FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$180,000.00

**Tabled** the SmartFutures.org annual subscription for 15 elementary schools

**Approved** the Revised Committee Meeting Dates for 2021 School Board Committee Meetings

**Approved** to Remove to Table and Approve the Following School Board Policies: 113.1, 113.2, 113.4, 816, 827, 828, and 829.1

**Approved** Personnel Items:

- Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations
- Leaves of Absence
- Appointments
- Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes
- Winter Athletics Points List

**Reviewed** Sabbatical Leaves of Absence List

**Approved** Staff Conferences/Workshops