

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
January 26, 2021

At the January 26, 2021 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the board held an Executive Session this evening, January 26, 2021 prior to the School Board Meeting to discuss updates on some legal matters

Approved the minutes of the January 12, 2021 School Board Meeting

Approved the minutes of the January 13, 2021 School Board Interviews for Region 8 Meeting

Heard Public Comment:

Steven Piperno of Doylestown Township spoke about inclusion, diversity, and anti-bias curriculum in our schools.

Diana Leygerman of Warwick spoke about teaching inclusion, equity, and diversity in our schools.

Lily Freeman of Buckingham Township spoke about education on inclusion, equity, and diversity in our district.

Michele Dalzell of Warrington spoke about the choice of 5-days in-person or 5-days virtual school.

Ian Dalzell of Warrington spoke about an immediate return to in-person learning.

Steve Mass of New Britain spoke about opening schools full time and about hybrid instruction.

Dawn Curran of Perkasié spoke about making a return to five-day instruction for secondary students contingent on staff vaccinations.

Melissa Smith of Doylestown Township spoke about a virtual option for the community to be able to safely engage in meetings, the hybrid instructional model option, and about addressing anti-racism, diversity, equity and inclusion within the social-emotional approaches across the district.

Courtney Leaf of Doylestown ceded her time to the next speaker.

Michelle Wire of Doylestown spoke about school programs that address anti-racism education.

Rich Walker of Chalfont spoke about School Board Meeting procedures and board members communicating with members of the teachers union.

Jamie Walker of Chalfont spoke about the timeline of events for plans to reopen schools and read from several emails between Dr. Kopicki, CB staff, the union president, Dr. Damsker, and some School Board members.

Julie Simeone of Doylestown spoke about including implicit bias, social injustice, and anti-racism in new curriculum.

Lisa Sciscio of Warrington spoke about returning to school fulltime, about hybrid instruction, and about curriculum.

Caragh White of Buckingham aired a recorded audio message from *Central Bucks High School East* student *Sarah Zhang* speaking about anti-racism curriculum.

Marlene Pray of Doylestown spoke about The Rainbow Room in Doylestown and spoke about diversity, equity, inclusion, anti-bias and anti-racism education.

Greg Bankos of Pipersville asked what facts have changed between now and last summer to allow secondary students to return to school fulltime.

Sheri Brownell of Chalfont spoke about students' isolation, 5-day in-person school, and teaching about racism.

Lela Casey of Doylestown spoke about anti-racist education and structural racism.

Evi Casey of Doylestown spoke about anti-racism education.

Andy Benson of Buckingham spoke about anti-racist, anti-bias school curriculum.

James Lamb of Plumstead spoke about anti-racism, diversity, equality, and anti-bias curriculum.
Tracy Lamb of Doylestown spoke about evidence-based, age-appropriate, anti-racism curriculum.
David Conn of Doylestown ceded his time to the next speaker.
Caragh White of Buckingham spoke about anti-racism curriculum.
Selma Ahmed of Doylestown spoke about race, representation, and anti-racism education.
Reuben Bell of Doylestown spoke about racism, inequality, and about anti-racism curriculum.
Jenn Guarracino of Doylestown spoke about diversity, inclusion, anti-racism, fact-based curriculum and spoke about the Second Step program.
Trinity Foster of Doylestown spoke about scheduling and the hybrid instructional model.
Laura Stone of Doylestown spoke about anti-racism curriculum.
Rick Haring of Doylestown spoke about social distancing, in support of our teachers, and about getting vaccinations.
Jayd McFerson of Doylestown spoke about hybrid, virtual, and in-person school, and about anti-racism curriculum.
Wendy Adams of Plumstead Township spoke about anti-racist curriculum.
Christine DiPilla of Doylestown Borough spoke about diversity, equity, and inclusion programs and initiatives in Central Bucks School District.
Stacy Bowen of Chalfont spoke about a full return to school, curriculum, vaccinations, and teachers teaching from home.
Shannon Harris of Buckingham spoke about returning to school, wearing face masks in schools, student mental health, and about teaching social justice issues in schools. Ms. Harris left some paperwork for the Board to review.
Lola Marquez of Furlong spoke about diversity in schools.
Jacob Bing-Zaremba of Doylestown spoke about diversity in schools.
Wayne Marquez of Furlong spoke about a diversity committee and implementing change.
Michele Haddon of Doylestown Borough spoke about diversity and curriculum.
Kevin Leven of New Hope spoke about teaching inclusivity, tolerance, and diversity.
Lily Mandel of Jamison spoke about the isolation of quarantine, depression, and about in-person, virtual and hybrid education.
Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead spoke about making decisions on science and data, COVID transmission in schools, and spoke about the teachers' union.
Matt Ierubino of Plumstead spoke about racism and about Critical Race Theory and implicit-bias curriculum. Mr. Ierubino brought some books from his personal collection to show to the Board.
Aida Ierubino of Plumstead ceded her time to the previous speaker

Heard the Superintendent's Reports:

- School Director Recognition: January is School Director Recognition Month

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 Resolution to Compensate Real Estate Tax Collectors and General Tax Collection Conditions

Approved the Parameters Resolution to Issue Bonded Indebtedness

Approved the 2021-2011 Programs & Services/Instructional Materials and Research Services Budget of the Bucks County Intermediate Unit

Approved the SmartFutures.org annual subscription for 15 elementary schools in the amount of \$5,000.00

Approved the Organic World Language Training Workshop for World Language Teachers in the amount of \$5,000.00

Appointed Daniel Ring to the CBSD Board of School Directors, Representing Region 8

Approved Personnel Items:

- Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations
- Leaves of Absence
- Appointments
- Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes
- EDRs List

Approved Staff Conferences/Workshops in the amount of \$5,510.00

Reviewed Sabbatical Leaves of Absence List

Reviewed the Elementary Temporary Professional Employee List

Observed a moment of silence to honor the memory of two employees who recently passed away:
CB West Guidance Counselor David Manners and CB East Facility Specialist Dale Ives.