

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
February 9, 2021

At the February 9, 2021 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the board held an Executive Session this evening, February 9, 2021 prior to the School Board Meeting to discuss potential litigation and an update on Transportation Collective Bargaining

Approved the minutes of the January 26, 2021 School Board Meeting

Heard Public Comment:

Madhav Ponamgi of Furlong addressed the Board regarding adding Questions-and-Answers to Board minutes, having a question-and-answer ticket tracking system, the Right to Know Law documentation process, and graded tests being returned for parents to review.

Valerie Berkobin of Doylestown addressed the Board regarding systemic racism, implicit bias, anti-racism, equity, and diversity in school curriculum, and teaching the history of this country, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the proper use of the English language, and a working knowledge of math and science.

Jamie Walker of New Britain addressed the Board regarding the COVID resolution, the Health and Safety Plan, instructional models, face masks, children wearing face masks while playing sports, the metrics to open schools, modified quarantine, a district lawsuit, the Office of Open Records, district legal expenses, and transparency.

Heard the Superintendent's Reports:

- Recognition of NASP's 2021 School Psychologist of the Year Dr. Julia Szarko: Dr. Kopicki and the Board of School Directors recognized school psychologist Dr. Julia Szarko for being awarded National Association of School Psychologists' 2021 School Psychologist of the Year. Dr. Kopicki shared that this prestigious award honors excellence in the provision of school psychological services by a field-based practitioner and is selected from nominations by states across the country.
- Dr. Kopicki commended Dr. Lucabaugh as well as the Middle and High School Administrators for the planning and work involved in returning secondary students to fulltime in-person instruction on February 22nd. Dr. Kopicki thanked our teachers for their dedication and commitment to our students and remarked that we look forward to having secondary students back for 5-day instruction. Dr. Kopicki thanked the Board for their support

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 Resolution for the 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget

Approved the purchase of 5 new pieces of equipment from Star Lawnmower, Inc. to support grounds and athletic field maintenance in the amount of \$55,000.00

Approved the proposal from Tozour-Trane for leak repair on the chiller at Holicong Middle School in the amount of \$30,785.00

Approved to award of the low bid from Twining Construction for the Central Bucks High School West bleacher replacement in the amount of \$541,532.00

Approved to award the low bid from Twining Construction for the required site preparation for new dugouts at the Central Bucks High School West varsity baseball and varsity softball field in the amount of \$19,910.00

Approved a Temporary Access Agreement: Warrington Township Contractor Access for a Stream Bank Stabilization Project

Approved a FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$65,596.00

Tabled the proposed 2021-2022 Central Bucks School District Calendar

Approved Personnel Items:

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

Approved Staff Conferences/Workshops in the amount of \$7,881.00