

**Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
March 14, 2023**

At the March 14, 2023 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session from 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on March 2, 2023 regarding legal issues. The Board met for a board workshop from 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. on March 2, 2023. The Board met in Executive Session from 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on March 14, 2023 regarding legal issues and an Informational Session.

Approved the minutes of the February 7, 2023 School Board Meeting

Heard Superintendent’s Report:

2023 Skills USA District 2 Competition Award Winners.* Superintendent Lucabaugh and the Board of School Directors recognized and congratulated 2023 Skills USA award winners from Central Bucks School District: **Skills USA Award Winners from Central Bucks School District

BRONZE MEDAL AWARD:

STUDENT	SCHOOL	COMPETITION
Jenna Berkun	CB South	Health Occupations Knowledge Bowl
Helena Cox	CB South	Advertising Design
Louis Dasconio	CB West	Collision Repair Technology
Sarah Garton	CB West	Medical Math
Colin Hennessy	CB West	Welding
Meghan Jester	CB West	Pin Design
Aiden Marascio	CB East	Firefighting
Gianna Mokos	CB South	Health Occupations Knowledge Bowl
Chamanoro Naimova	CB South	Health Occupations Knowledge Bowl
Liam Ryan	CB South	Extemporaneous Speaking
Andre Sprague	CB South	Information Technology Services
Kelsey Steel	CB South	Early Childhood
Paul Stuckert	CB South	Plumbing

SILVER MEDAL AWARD:

Student	School	Competition
Aidan Boyle	CB West	Team Works
Rebecca Bruder	CB East	Commercial Baking
Joseph Gallo	CB East	Team Works
Cecilia Lucanese	CB West	Cosmetology
Roxie Mendoza	CB South	Action Skills
Dahlia Sedgwick	CB East	Web Design
Frank Tasey	CB South	Electrical Construction Wiring

GOLD MEDAL AWARD:

Student	School	Competition
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Kaiya Crowley	CB West	Prepared Speech
Alexander Lopez	CB East	Restaurant Service
Conor McGlinchey	CB South	Auto Service Technology
Luke Ryan	CB West	Carpentry
Susan Suber	CB East	Job Interview

Student Conor McGlinchey was also recognized for earning First Place in the Philadelphia Top Tech Challenge Competition. This competition is aimed at measuring the highly polished mechanical aptitude, math, and computer skills that 21st Century automotive technicians must possess.

**2023 PETE & C Technology Administrator of the Year Award Recipient Lindsay Smith.*

Superintendent Lucabaugh and the Board of School Directors recognized and congratulated Mrs. Lindsay Smith for being named PETE & C's 2023 Technology Administrator of the Year. This honor goes out each year to an administrator who encourages or facilitates innovation and/or leadership in the use of technology in school entities. Some of the topics in Mrs. Smith's nomination include Multilingual Technology, work with our CB Cyber School, encouraging & facilitating the use of technology in our schools, and work with the CB vision.

*Superintendent Lucabaugh aired a video highlighting the "Portrait of a Graduate", which is a vision that outlines the essential skills, knowledge, and attributes that a school district aims to instill in its students by the time they graduate.

Approved limiting the Public Comment section of the meeting to a total of two-hours.

Heard Public Comment:

1. *Audrey Stein of Warwick Township*, holdover speaker from the previous meeting, was listed on the Public Comment sign-up form but did not speak.
2. *Susan Kennedy of Doylestown Borough*, holdover speaker from the previous meeting, was listed on the Public Comment sign-up form but did not speak.
3. *Alayna Kennedy of Doylestown Borough*, holdover speaker from the previous meeting, was listed on the Public Comment sign-up form but did not speak.
4. *Danielle Zolotnitsky of Philadelphia*, holdover speaker from the previous meeting, was listed on the Public Comment sign-up form but did not speak.
5. *Caroline Avery of Buckingham Township* yielded her speaking time to Simon Campbell.
6. *Simon Campbell (We the People) of the United Kingdom* spoke about the Queen of England, the First Amendment, Constitutional law, public service, parents having input, age-appropriate educational material, an ACLU investigation, school districts not being responsible for student-on-student bullying, an Office of Civil Rights investigation, filing federal complaints, and Right-to Know. Mr. Campbell petitioned the board to file a federal complaint to sue the OCR to put a stop to the abuse of district taxpayers.

7. *Candace Biafore of Buckingham Township* thanked the board and spoke about learning loss, the website, teachers sticking to studying and helping students, and Policy 109. Ms. Biafore read aloud a definition of the word “ban” and spoke about the library coordinator, books with adult and sexually explicit material, and breaking Federal law.
8. *Thomas Beahm of Doylestown Borough* spoke about culture wars, LGBTQ books, and read aloud a quote from Judy Blume. Mr. Beahm spoke about Policy 321 and read aloud part of an Elie Wiesel quote. Mr. Beahm spoke about a free and open society and about failing our students and our community.
9. *Stephen Albert of Doylestown Borough* held up a photo of the sculpture *David* and discussed book banning, trans kids, Policies 109.1 and 321, an inclusive environment, and Devine + Partners.
10. *Tom Jacobs of Doylestown Borough* yielded his speaking time to Michelle Jacobs.
11. *Michelle Jacobs of Doylestown Borough* spoke about school board meeting from years ago, social media, making sure that everyone understands the district’s goals, community engagement, student needs, staff shortages, working with administration, making sure that schools are safe, working together to support children, schools reflecting the community, respect, academic excellence, and leading with a better example.
12. *Lela Casey of Doylestown Township* yielded her speaking time to Charlie Casey.

Charlie Casey, not listed on sign-up sheet, no municipality given, held up a photo of a meme shared on a group text and asked for an apology from Director Vlasblom.
13. *Michelle Opdyke of Plumstead Township* yielded her speaking time to Franklin Castels.
14. *Franklin Castels of Buckingham Township* spoke about media outlets and Emily Rizzo’s recent articles, the LGBTQ community, sexually explicit content being given to minors, the book “Lawn Boy”, and age-inappropriate content. Mr. Castels read aloud a portion of 18 US Code Section 1470. Mr. Castels spoke about Policy 109.2, the library coordinator, the Miller guidelines for obscenity and the three-prong test.
15. *Tanya Kovacs of Doylestown Township* yielded her speaking time to Shannon Harris.
16. *Shannon Harris of Buckingham Township* spoke about child pornography, books for the LGBTQ community, sexually explicit materials in our libraries, and Director Smith speaking to the media. Ms. Harris showed pictures of a Huffington Post feature “The Culture War is Alive and Well in This Pennsylvania School District” and pictures from books “Gender Queer”, “Flamer”, and “This Book is Gay”. Ms. Harris spoke about Policy 321, the PR firm, threatening voicemails, intimidation, lies, bullying, and misinformation.

17. *Leslie Watson of Warwick Township* thanked the board for focusing on academic excellence and read aloud portions of books “All Boys Aren’t Blue” and “Living Dead Girl”. Ms. Watson spoke about the book “Sold” and showed pictures from the book “Gender Queer”. Ms. Watson spoke about progressive activists getting these books into school libraries and about respecting parents’ rights.
18. *Tricia Doebler of Warwick Township* spoke about the voicemail that President Hunter aired, about the December agenda item terminating the employment of Michael London and asked for an update.
19. *Katherine Semisch of Doylestown Borough* spoke about acknowledging the wounds in this room, honoring our shared fears, and peoples’ beliefs about library books. Ms. Semisch spoke about research on whether explicit books help or harm.
20. *Chris Kehan of Warrington Township* yielded her speaking time to author Laurie Halse Anderson.

Laurie Halse Anderson of Upper Dublin, not listed on sign-up sheet, spoke about the book she wrote titled “Shout” and about making a safe place for kids to say what’s happened to them. Ms. Halse Anderson spoke about book bans, government overreach, and educational malpractice.
21. *Mara Witsen of Chalfont Borough* spoke about not talking discussing people’s spouses and thanked the board and the superintendent for continuing to serve. Ms. Witsen spoke about shifting blame for the student mental health crisis onto the board majority, a “hecklers veto” meant to encourage self-censorship out of fear of the mob coming after you, objective truth, and public schools.
22. *Kira Kraiman of Doylestown Township* yielded her speaking time to Kathleen Cranmer.
23. *Kathleen Cranmer of Doylestown Township* spoke about pondering potential consequences before acting, Christian Nationalism, tax money being used to pay for the Board’s choices, Moms4Liberty, taking back parental rights, and read aloud a letter that she sent to Devine + Partners PR firm.
24. *Christina Maida of Doylestown Township* spoke about a letter from over 800 alumni that was sent to the board and read aloud some of the comments that were included in that letter.
25. *James Morano of New Britain Township* spoke about the excellent education his family received at CBSD, recent and proposed policy changes, sexual identity being a biological fact, and challenging library books.
26. *Anne Ferguson of Doylestown Township* yielded her speaking time to Tracy Suits.
27. *Tracy Suits of Chalfont Borough* read aloud a letter from “19 Minutes” author Jodi Piccoult.

28. *Amy McGahran of Doylestown Township* read aloud a Bucks County Herald *Letter to the Editor* that she wrote.

29. *Kate Nazemi of Doylestown Township* yielded her speaking time to Leo Burchell.

Leo Burchell, CB student, listed #35 on the sign-in sheet, spoke about no one transitioning to excel at sports, showing yourselves to be true allies to queer youth, and feeling safe to succeed in this district.

30. *Laura Braun of Warrington Township* spoke about caring about students and yielded the remainder of her speaking time to Jackson Manning.

31. *Jackson Manning, CB student,* read aloud part of his college application essay. Mr. Manning spoke about sexual assault, changing the future, and updating school board policies 317 and 317.1 to include language about mandatory reporting of sexual abuse by educators or school employees to Child Line and adding “no teacher, coach, or administrator should be with a student in a situation that is not interruptible and observable”.

32. *Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead Township* thanked the board for the School Resource Officer at CB South and asked for School Resource Officers at CB East and CB West. Ms. DeArmond spoke about an agenda item listing William Senavaitis’s Leave of Absence to serve the PSEA union. Ms. DeArmond spoke about a *Letter to the Editor* being an attempt to malign the board.

33. *Ryan Feldman, CB student,* spoke about conditions in our schools, the books “Legend” and “Eleanor and Park” being available in elementary school libraries and the book “Looking for Alaska” being available in middle school libraries. Mr. Feldman spoke about neutrality in classrooms and asked the board to speak to students and teachers.

34. *Dev Avadaria, CB student,* spoke about Queen Elizabeth II, the board’s attempt to gerrymander the next school board election, the PR firm leaving, Policy 321 hindering the process of education, neutrality, restricting books, the conduct of the board, and truth of individual identity.

35. *Leo Burchell, CB student,* yielded his speaking time to Kate Nazemi.

Kate Nazemi of Doylestown Township, listed #29 on the sign-in sheet, spoke about opposing harmful policies, three letters sent by the Education Law Center, discrimination warnings from the ACLU-PA. Ms. Nazemi spoke about school board members being elected to advocate for the health, safety, and wellbeing of all students and to prepare all students to be successful and to grow up to be responsible adults.

36. *Ali Palmer, CB student,* spoke about neutrality in education, Policy 321 and classroom discussions, and banning representations. Ms. Palmer spoke about her experience in class regarding Latina and Hispanic women and read part of an Elie Wiesel quote.

37. Donna Shannon of Doylestown Township spoke about people degrading the district. Ms. Shannon spoke about CBSD's many extracurricular activities, PIAA sports, AP courses, and Honors courses. Ms. Shannon spoke about art not being subject to Policy 109.

Please note: the following three speakers were listed on the sign-up sheet but were not afforded time to speak due to the two-hour time limit. Their names will be listed at the top of the Public Comment sign-up list at the April 11, 2023 School Board Meeting:

	Name	Municipality	Topic
38.	Patricia Jimenez	Doylestown Township	Banning books
39.	Vicki Barrella	Doylestown Borough	Closing elementary school
40.	Art Larson	Doylestown Township	Corruption

Called for a recess at 9:35 p.m.

Re-convened the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Reviewed School Board Reports:

Curriculum Committee

Finance and Facilities Committee

Policy Committee

Bucks County Intermediate Unit

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Approved Business Department Items:

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$7,104,046.97

Financial Reports

Budget Transfer

Naviance Student Software in the amount of \$38,442.00

Richard J. Caron Foundation contract for Behavioral Health Services

BSN/Nike Apparel and W=Equipment contract in the amount of \$400,000.00

HUDL Streaming Service Agreement in the amount of \$45,000.00

First Student Drivers and Aides for the 2022-2023 School Year

Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$10,200.00

2021-2022 Audit Report

Approved Operations Department Items:

Butler and Pine Run playground equipment contracts in the amount of \$306,258.00

Butler Home and School MOU for playground equipment purchase.

Gorecon, Inc. grass mowing contract in the amount of \$151,036.86

Pro-Com Roofing exterior soffit panels abatement at Butler in the amount of \$408,149.00

ATT Sports, Inc. track and field event runway repairs at CB South in the amount of \$70,030.00

Doylestown Township engineering services contract for traffic signal programming at CB west and Lenape in the amount of \$8,200.00

Purchase of two new vans for Operations at a price not to exceed \$55,000.00 per van.

Purchase of four new pick-up trucks for Operations at a price not to exceed \$65,000.00 per truck.

Butler Elementary Evacuation and Sheltering MOU with St. Jude School.

JCI fire alarm panel replacement at CB West in the amount of \$39,186.58
JCI building automation system control panel at Mill Creek in the amount of \$29,895.00
JCI classroom air conditioning unit replacement at CB West in the amount of \$16,725.00

Approved Special Education Department Items:

FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$121,087.00
FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$1,650.00
FAPE Waiver Agreement
FAPE Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$265,900.00

Approved Student Services Department Items:

Transportation Plan for youths in foster care
Transportation Procedures Agreement with Bucks County Children and Youth to provide transportation for youths in foster care
Middle School tuition student for the 2023-2024 school year

Approved Policy Items:

Moved to Table for First Read School Board Policies 011, 108, and 235.1
Removed from Table and Approved School Board Policies: 218.2, 218.3, and 815

Approved Curriculum Items:

Seal of Biliteracy Awards at Graduation

Approved Student Field Trips:

CB East American Government to Washington DC on April 20, 2023
CB South OEG Club to McGuire Air Force Base, NJ on April 22, 2023
CB East Social Studies trip to England and France in June/July 2024

Approved Foreign Exchange Student Item:

Foreign Exchange student for the 2023-2024 school year at CB East

Approved Human Resources Department Items:

Leave of Absence for William Senavaitis to fulfill a two-year term as PSEA Officer
Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations
Leaves of Absence
Appointments
Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes
New Position
Activity EDRs and Athletic Points

Reviewed Human Resources Department Items:

Semi-annual ratings, second semester 2022-2023, Semester 1
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Approved Other Items:

JUUL Labs, Inc. Settlement and authorization for the Board President to sign all documents to effectuate the settlement.

Appointment of Scott Argetsinger as School Safety and Security Coordinator.

Appointment of Nadine Garvin, Ed.D as Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2023.