

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
May 9, 2023

At the May 9, 2023 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met for an Information Session from 6:00pm - 7:00pm on April 24, 2023 regarding the demographic study.

Approved the minutes of the April 11, 2023 School Board Meeting.

Approved the minutes of the April 20, 2023 Special School Board Meeting.

Heard Superintendent's Report: *2023 Teacher Appreciation Week*: Superintendent Lucabaugh thanked and honored our teachers and aired a Teacher Appreciation Week video.

Heard Public Comment:

**Barbara Kielbania, listed as #3 on the sign-up sheet, yielded her speaking time to Stephen Albert.*

1. *Stephen Albert of New Britain Borough* spoke about the report presented at the Special Meeting, read aloud part of a letter sent to him from a former HR Director, children locked out of Lenape Middle School, the ACLU complaint, read aloud part of a speech given by Superintendent Lucabaugh, the signs outside that ban bullying, and censoring Director Pepper for bullying Director Smith.
2. *Ellen Lesh of Doylestown Borough* yielded her speaking time to Rick Haring, listed as #9 on the sign-in sheet.

** Rick Haring of Doylestown Township* spoke about board members ganging up against Director Dell'Angelo, bullying, Director Pepper calling Director Smith a psychopath, board members' behavior in public, major differences in the community and in the Board, and having constructive conversations.

3. *Barbara Kielbania of Doylestown Township* yielded her speaking time to Stephen Albert, listed as #1 on the sign-in sheet.
4. *Reed Vollrath, CB student*, yielded his speaking time to Dev Avadaria.
5. *Dev Avadaria, CB student*, spoke about the special meeting investigation, School Board Policy 321, fear that is promoted by this Board, conservatives of the 1930s, and fighting for Democratic ideals.
6. *Leo Burchell, CB student*, spoke about transphobic rhetoric in the Board Room, lending some hope to his fellow students, and uplifting those who have been broken down.

7. *Doreen Stratton of Doylestown Borough* spoke about the pronunciation of the Delaware Nation tribe “Lenape”, the Special Meeting, and the investigation report sounding more like a trial.
8. *Anne Ferguson of Doylestown Township* spoke about board member bullying, President Hunter’s campaign literature, First Amendment concerns, Director Pepper calling Director Smith a psychopath, protecting students, the April 20th vote to release the report to the public, student confidentiality, and a smear campaign against Mr. Burgess and Director Smith.
9. *Rick Haring of Doylestown Township* spoke earlier (see #2).
10. *Ashley Ehasz of Bensalem* spoke about Board-enacted policies, Pride flags, removing books, rewriting history, and school libraries. Ms. Ehasz read aloud a portion of the book “The Bluest Eye” by Toni Morrison.
11. *Tanya Kovacs of Buckingham Township* yielded her speaking time to Shannon Harris.
12. *Shannon Harris of Buckingham Township* asked for Director Smith’s resignation and read aloud a portion of Director Smith’s recently published Bucks County Herald Op-Ed. Ms. Harris spoke about political protests by Director Smith, the school board member Code of Conduct, School Board Policy 002, and Director Smith’s letter sent to the Department of Education.
13. *Max Jin of Warrington Township* yielded his speaking time to Vonna DeArmond.
14. *Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead Township* said that she does not consent to her personal conversations being recorded and broadcast online by audience members after board meetings are gavelled out. Ms. DeArmond spoke about candidate Susan Gibson refusing to speak with her, Director Dell’Angelo’s Right to Know emails, bullying by adults in the Board Room, School Resource Officers, two board members saying that they knew nothing about SROs, and a campaign letter sent to her by Director Smith.
15. *Hongmei Li of Warrington Township* yielded her speaking time to Edward Mackouse.
16. *Edward Mackouse of Buckingham Township* spoke about CBSD being the leading school district in Pennsylvania and the Nation, media lies, caring for all students, the ACLU in Chicago, the need for peacemakers, physics, Democracy, the transgender industry, cancer research, the National deficit, surgeries and puberty-blockers, and bullying.
17. *Donna Shannen (municipality not listed on sign-up sheet)* spoke about bullying, media, and mandatory reporters who do not report being negligent.
18. *Steve Smith of Plumstead Township* thanked the Superintendent, teachers, and most of the members of the Board. Mr. Smith spoke about Director Smith’s withholding of information to serve her own agenda and asked for her resignation.

19. *Ryan Foley of Doylestown Township* spoke about seeking resolution to his concern about the CB West choir singing at Princeton Chapel and seeing one of their teachers having lunch with Mr. Ohrt across the street from the chapel.

20. *Amy McGahran of Doylestown Township* read aloud a portion of an Editorial Board article published in the May 9, 2023 Philadelphia Inquirer.

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:

Financial Reports.

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$6,769,904.49.

General Supplies Bid Purchases in the amount of \$470,797.46.

Team Sports Supplies Bid Purchases in the amount of \$155,961.31.

2022-23 Auditing engagement with Barsz, Gowie, & Amon in the amount of \$30,975.00.

Resolution authorizing the proposed final budget.

Blejwas Associates contract for walk-in refrigerator & freezer condensing and evaporator units at Buckingham, Doyle, Barclay, and Linden Elementary Schools in the amount of \$69,952.53.

Corsi Associates contract for kitchen equipment audit and evaluation at all 23 schools in the amount of \$21,000.00.

Levin Legal Group engagement letter to provide legal counsel services.

Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$7,466.00.

First Student Drivers.

Election of Tara B.G. Houser as School Board Treasurer effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

Approved Facilities Department Items:

Modern Group Power Systems contract for district generator preventative maintenance in the amount of \$76,900.00.

Keystone Fire and Security contract for antifreeze replacement at Bridge Valley Elementary School in the amount of \$29,700.00.

Navigate 360 contract for emergency response training protocols in the amount of \$25,439.70.

Trane Technologies agreement for chiller equipment preventative maintenance service in the amount of \$215,406.14.

Johnson Controls Inc. agreement for mechanical systems control services in the amount of \$175,472.00.

Siemens contract for building automation services agreement for HVAC systems in the amount of \$246,377.00.

Pittsburgh Stage contract for stage equipment inspections in the amount of \$24,987.00.

JMT, Inc. design proposal for CB South High School running track improvements in the amount of \$35,571.00.

KCBA Architects design proposal for Educational Services Center interior alterations in the amount of \$55,770.00.

Advanced Protection Co. contract for district event security services in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Approved Special Education Department Items:

IEP Waiver Agreement (1).

IEP Waiver Agreement (2).

Lakeside Youth Services contract for 2023-2024 in the amount of \$298,950.00.

CLC Agreement for 2023-2024 in the amount of \$119,950.00.

BCIU District MTSS Agreement in the amount of \$39,593.76.

BCIU Special Education Agreement for 2-23-2024 in the amount of \$2,292,297.00.

Sweet, Stevens, Katz, & Williams, LLP legal services agreement for 2023-2024.

Approved Student Services Department Items:

2023-2024 High School Tuition Student in the amount of \$13,525.19.

2023-2024 Middle School Tuition Student in the amount of \$13,525.19.

2023-2024 Elementary School Tuition Student in the amount of \$14,841.10.

Approved Curriculum Items: AP Physics Textbook.

Approved Policy Items:

Removed from Table and Approved School Board Policy 918.

Moved to Table for First Read School Board Policies 824, 626, 317.1, 249, and 304.

Retired School Board Policies 304 from the old 300 series and 404 from the old 400 series.

Approved Human Resources Department Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations.

Leaves of Absence.

Appointments.

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes.

New Position Approvals.

Activity EDRs and Athletic Points.

Sabbaticals Report.

Approved Student Items-Field Trips and Sports Proposals:

CB South Environmental Club to travel to Mifflinburg, PA in May 2023.

CB East Band and Orchestra to travel to Orlando, FL in November 2023.

Girls Wrestling Team Program at all the high schools for the 2023-2024 winter season.

Approved the 2023 senior classes from CB West, CB South, and CB East for graduation.