

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
June 13, 2023

At the June 13, 2023 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session on June 13, 2023 regarding Act 44 Safety and Security and that the Board met for an Information Session on May 18, 2023 regarding staffing.

Approved the minutes of the May 9, 2023 School Board Meeting.

Heard Superintendent's Report

1. Work-Based Learning: Community Partners Appreciation

Superintendent Lucabaugh aired a video highlighting the district's Work-Based Learning Program and recognized local businesses that work with this program to ensure its success. To view the Work-Based Learning: Community Partners Appreciation presentation, please refer to the *Presentations at School Board Meetings* section of the website, <https://www.cbsd.org/Page/43953>

2. CB West Baseball Team: PIAA State Playoffs

The 2023 Bucks set a new standard for CB West Baseball and qualified for the playoffs, earning the #14 seed. Playing baseball in June for the first time ever, the Bucks took on Wilson West Lawn in the opening round of states and won 3-0 for their first ever state playoff victory behind Julio Ermigiotti's perfect game. The Bucks' ride ended in the state quarterfinals. Superintendent Lucabaugh and the Board of School Directors recognized team members and coaches. Team members: Quinn Illig, Sam Greer, Aaron Steiner, Jack Hogenauer, Tyler Thomas, Duke Psoras, Jacob Greer, Will Hogenauer, Colin McKenna, Michael Koldhoff, Sohumi Desai, Alex Jenkinson, Cayden Wertz, Max Slaymaker, Jonathan Mason, Matt Carr, Bill Zentmayer, Kevin Bukowski, Julio Ermigiotti, Max McGlone, Noah Gerstein, Carter Benson, Jack Sawyer, Julian Kim, Gavin Shiffler, Alex Valdes, Harrison Yim, and Luke Birkhead. Team coaches: Bill Evans, Matt McCarthy, Evan Grzymkowski, Kevin McLaughlin, Will Matteson, Zach Sibel, Greg Trimbur, Ryan Hanula, Gabe Hurtado, and Brian Weaver

3. E-Sports State Individual Championship: Super Smash Brothers Ultimate

Superintendent Lucabaugh and the Board of School Directors congratulated CB South senior Nathan Cherny, who won the State Individual Championship in Super Smash Brothers Ultimate. Nathan traveled to Pittsburgh to compete at Pittsburgh Technical College and his win earned him a championship belt and \$200.00 in scholarship money.

4. STEM Research Students

Superintendent Lucabaugh and the Board of School Directors recognized STEM Research students. Adult sponsors Mark Hayden, Carrie Bannon, Judith Elinow, Diane Liddington, and Robert Meletti were recognized and the following students were honored and congratulated: Maryam Abdel-Azim, Dhaval Tantry, Amanda Chan, Jerry Cheng, Matthew Cherry, Thomas Cherry, Aashish Cheruvu, Kiera Dozor, Emma Dunn, Ryan Fasti, Rory Gardner, Sydney Groves, Arya Haridas, Cecelia Hayes, Vedanta Jain, Mackenzie Junkin, Jasmin Kainth, Clara Lee,

Sophia Leone, Karolina Luchko, Mason Matich, Sanjay Nair, Clare Rajapakse, Ranjit Rajapakse, Jack Reilley, Benjamin Richlin, Saara Sheth, Aarav Shinde, Tamir Sklansky, Mason Smith, Riley Smith, Rishi Raghav Suresh, Diya Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Parth Vaidyanath, Sehaj Verma, Kasey Walker, Charley Wan, Lance Xu, and Rong Xu. To view the STEM Research Students presentation, please refer to the *Presentations at School Board Meetings* section of the website, <https://www.cbsd.org/Page/43953>

Heard Public Comment:

1. *Dev Avadaria, CB student*, spoke about Pride month, the Board's platform of bigotry, Policy 321, book bans, harming LGBTQ youth, Democracy, fascism, harming minority groups, taxpayer money sent to Duane Morris, and about speaking out against injustice.

2. *Peder Cox of Doylestown Township* yielded his speaking time to Joan Natoli.

3. *Joan Natoli of Doylestown Township* spoke about reports of bullying in our district that are being addressed, a school board candidate who spoke about bullying at a School Board Meeting, and that a documented pattern of bullying and lawsuits against the district should disqualify a person from running for school board. Ms. Natoli spoke about policies that destroy Title IX, biological men having no place in women's sports, and read aloud a Twitter post from a school board candidate's wife.

4. *Leslie Watson of Buckingham Township* thanked the Board and staff for prioritizing the well-being of children over personal agendas and ideology. Ms. Watson spoke about the internal investigative report regarding the ACLU complaint of bullying and harassment and about the honorable actions of the Lenape Middle School principal. Ms. Watson spoke about activists, LGBTQ bullying, hypocritical people, transgenderism, the Board majority and asked if School Director Smith would still call the investigative report a sham if it had shown systemic bullying.

5. *Anne Ferguson of Doylestown Township* yielded her speaking time to Kathleen Cranmer.

6. *Kathleen Cranmer of Doylestown Township* spoke about faith, the Ten Commandments, taking rights from other parents, book reviews, child abuse by clergy, Mr. Rinaldi's report, incivility at a School Board Meeting, last May's Superintendent's Report, and the Superintendent not disputing Mr. Rinaldi's report.

7. *Kate Nazemi of Doylestown Township* thanked her children's educators and spoke about book challenges, our safe and accessible school libraries, librarians who connect students with the right books at the right time, books that contain characters with whom students can relate, repealing School Board Policy 109.2, and replacing Policy 109.2 with a standard library policy recommendation.

8. *Edward Mackouse of Buckingham Township* spoke about the great teachers and school board in our district. Mr. Mackouse spoke about sex and reasons to put off sex, transgender and gay people, Moms4Liberty, our district being under attack by the ACLU, Gays Against Grooming, women having the right to respect and safety in showers, and about men protecting women. Mr. Mackouse spoke about the transgender medical industry, Catholic and private schools that didn't

shut down, confronting Nazis in Chicago, fascists, violence in public schools, vaccines, and honest elections.

9. *Mara Witsen of Chalfont Borough* thanked Policy Chairperson Sciscio and spoke about important changes to Policy 317.1. Ms. Witsen spoke about Mr. Ohrt sentencing, protecting students, what the terms Nazism and Fascism really mean, usurping parental rights, women's sports, a recently published Johns Hopkins LGBTQ Glossary, and thanked the Board for supporting policies that don't feed into nonsense.

10. *CJ Weintraub of Doylestown Township* spoke about students living in fear, hearing queer students share their experiences, feeling scared for the district, and the school board majority.

11. *Donna Shannon of Doylestown Township* spoke about a narrative that only LGBTQ members of our community are bullied, policies that protect all, and litigious endeavors. Ms. Shannon spoke about a student being told by a teacher that (s)he wouldn't receive a leadership role when the student wanted to consult with parents before accepting the position.

12. *Max Jin of Warrington Township* yielded his speaking time to Edward Mackouse, listed #8 on the sign-up sheet.

13. *Daniel Grabianowski of Plumstead Township* yielded his speaking time to Vonna DeArmond.

14. *Vonna DeArmond of Plumstead Township* spoke about the Aramark contract and improving the quality of food in our schools. Ms. DeArmond read aloud part of School Board Policy 011. Ms. DeArmond asked if School Director Smith was aware that she broke Policy 011 when she wrote a letter to the Department of Education and asked if School Director Smith was choosing politics over children. Ms. DeArmond thanked an earlier speaker who discussed a school board candidate, bullying, Title IX, and males competing in women's sports. Ms. DeArmond spoke about someone finding out who the members of the book challenge committee are and read aloud from Matthew 7:3-5.

Reviewed School Board Reports:

- 1) Curriculum Committee.
- 2) Finance and Facilities Committee.
- 3) Policy Committee.
- 4) Bucks County Intermediate Unit.
- 5) Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

Approved Finance Department Items:

- 1) Financial Reports
- 2) Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$6,098,321.06
- 3) Engagement of Wisler Pearlstine for Legal Services as an On-Needed Basis for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$8,000.00
- 4) STEAM Initiative with Flux Space in the amount of \$16,000.00
- 5) Five-Year Contract with 911 Inform in the amount of \$195,651.90
- 6) BCIU District Service Agreement for MTSS support in the amount of \$39,593.76
- 7) Physician and dentist contract to support our students in the 2023-24 school year

- 8) Professional Development Summer Training Sessions in the amount of \$6,450.00
- 9) EKOS Software for Fuel Management in the amount of \$1,188.00
- 10) Stop Arm Enforcement Program with Bus Patrol America, LLC
- 11) Food Service Contract with Aramark
- 12) Amended 2023-2024 MBIT Budget
- 13) Staff Conferences and Workshops in the amount of \$9,224.00
- 14) District's Share in the Cost for BCIU to Execute a Contract with Plymouth Environmental Company, Inc. Regarding Structures on the Red Cedar Drive Properties in the amount of \$22,719.17
- 15) Three Act 1 resolutions for the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:
 - A. Resolution to levy taxes for school purposes for the year beginning July 1, 2023
 - B. Resolution on Homestead/Farmstead exemptions
 - C. Resolution approving the Final Budget amount of \$388,307,314.00
- 16) Student Activity Reports

Approved Facilities Department Items:

- 1) Student Activity Reports
- 2) Contract with Edwards & Company for the Building Envelope Consultant. In the amount of \$94,650.00
- 3) Simon Butler Playground Review Professional Services Agreement
- 4) MOU with Bucks County for Alternate Summer Fueling Option
- 5) FMX Work Order, Scheduling, and Inventory System in the amount of \$36,688.88
- 6) Access Security: Burglar, Fire, and Elevator Alarm Monitoring contract in the amount of \$31,920.00

Approved Special Education Department Items:

- 1) IEP Waiver Agreement (1).
- 2) IEP Waiver Agreement (2).
- 3) IEP Waiver Agreement (3).
- 4) Transportation Agreement in the amount of \$9,000.00.
- 5) Settlement Agreement (1) in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- 6) Settlement Agreement (2) in the amount of \$261,315.00.
- 7) Settlement Agreement (3) in the amount of \$82,500.00

Approved Student Services Department Items:

- 1) MOU with BCIU for Head Start Grantee/Pre-K Provider/Private Agency
- 2) 2023-2024 Technical Career Center Tuition Agreement for Student in the amount of \$9,815.00

Approved Curriculum Items:

- 1) Textbook Adoption: Precalculus and Honors Precalculus in the amount of \$196,798.98.
- 2) Textbook Adoption: Statistics and Data Analysis in the amount of \$50,519.00.

Approved Policy Items:

- 1) Moved to Table for First Read School Board Policies 011, 137, 137.2, 137.2, and 137.3.
- 2) Removed from Table and Approved School Board Policies 824, 626, 317.1, 304, and 249.

Approved Student Items-Field Trips:

- 1) Approval for CB East Football to travel to East Stroudsburg, PA.
- 2) Approval for CB East Cheerleading to travel to Beach Lake, PA.
- 3) Approval for CB East Choir to travel to Montreal, Canada.
- 4) Approval for CB West Choir, Orchestra, and Band to travel to Washington, DC.

Approved Human Resources Department Items:

- 1) Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations.
- 2) Leaves of Absence.
- 3) Appointments.
- 4) Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes.
- 5) New Position Approvals.
- 6) Activity EDRs.
- 7) Sabbaticals.