

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
August 8, 2023

At the August 8, 2023 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Approved the minutes of the July 25, 2023 School Board Meeting.

Heard Superintendent's Report: *CBSD Athletic Strategic Plan*

Dr. Charles Malone and Mr. Tim Donovan presented the Central Bucks School District Athletic Strategic Plan. Dr. Malone and Mr. Donovan shared the plan's mission, core values, portraits of student athletes and coaches, areas of focus, community engagement, access and opportunity, and operational excellence.

SRO Update

Mr. Kevin Spencer presented an update to the SRO program. Mr. Spencer shared the district's commitment to student and staff safety, progress made on the SRO program, and the targeted implementation of the SRO program.

Heard Public Comment:

Note: The first five speakers were listed on the July 25, 2023 sign-up sheet but were not afforded time to speak due to the 90-minute time limit; their names are listed as the first five on this evening's Public Comment speaker list.

1. Phyllis Arnold, Buckingham Township, spoke about fiscal irresponsibility, elected officials, and library books.

2. Alan Gold, New Britain Township, was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

3. Michael Witsen, Chalfont Borough, spoke about the Superintendent's contract, comments made by a speaker at the last meeting, and about his own experience with employment contract negotiations.

4. Spencer Halstead, Buckingham Township, was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

5. Gail Hutchins, Doylestown Township, was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

6. Anne Ferguson, Doylestown Township, spoke about voicing her own opinion, book bans by school districts, and the content of some challenged books.

7. Doreen Stratton, Doylestown Borough, spoke about CRT, projects to erase Black history, this evening's Athletics presentation, and the CB Hall of Fame.

8. Garrett Rooney, Plumstead Township, yielded his speaking time to Liz Rooney.

9. Liz Rooney, Doylestown Township, spoke about the state of this district, the people who make the district successful, making things better for staff, and district professional development. Ms.

Rooney spoke about using district funds to hire and retain staff, air condition all schools, and improve staff benefits.

10. Greg Bankos, Plumstead Township, spoke about keeping children safer with SROs, public safety and politics, Central Bucks Regional Police Department, a recent police commission meeting, and an email written by the Superintendent that was obtained through a Right to Know request.

11. Lela Casey, Doylestown Borough, spoke about protecting girls, education about puberty and safe sex, school bans on backpacks and purses, and offering free period products in school bathrooms.

12. Rev. Steven T. McComas, Doylestown Township, spoke about school taxes, salaries, tax money going to Philadelphia lawyers, and protecting children.

13. Christine Callaghan, Buckingham Township, speaking time was yielded to Ed Mackouse.

14. Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about Dr. Lucabaugh being one of the best Superintendents in the state and the country, his son's school experience, teachers and students, the Superintendent's raise, physicists, climate change, transgender surgeries, dealing with problems of puberty, LGBTQ controlling the media, vaccines, and shutting schools down.

15. Vonna DeArmond, Plumstead Township, spoke about the Athletic Strategic Plan, protecting girls and Title IX, making period products accessible, the SRO program, recent Commissioners meetings, and a friend's opinion of Dr. Lucabaugh's positive leadership qualities.

16. Daniel Grabianowski, Plumstead Township, spoke about the competitive CB taxes, and biological males competing in female sports.

17. Patricia Jimenez, Doylestown Township, was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

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:

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements with the removal of the Duane Morris entry on page 12.

Accounts Payable Check Disbursement Duane Morris entry on page 12.

Liberty Village Tax Assessment Appeal

Approved Special Education Department Item: IEP Waiver Agreement.

Approved Student Services Department Item: 2023-2024 High School Tuition Student in the amount of \$14,106.43.

Approved Policy Items: Removed from Table and Approved School Board Policies 105, 318, 322, 831, 832, and 906.

Approved Student Field Trip: CBE Choir to travel to Providence, RI in February 2024.

Approved Human Resources Department Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations.

Leaves of Absence.

Appointments.

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes.

Athletic Points.

Summer Staff-Transportation.

Reviewed Human Resources Department Item: Sabbaticals