

**Central Bucks School District**  
**School Board Briefs**  
**February 13, 2024**

At the February 13, 2024 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Announced** that the Board met in Executive Session on February 13, 2024, prior to this evening's meeting, regarding litigation Burgess vs. CBSD Civil Action 23-1369, the four open OCR complaints against the district, the severance agreement with Dr. Lucabaugh, legal advice regarding Right to Know requests, and a personnel issue.

**Heard** Superintendent's Report: Dr. Scanlon announced that he has visited 19 CB schools already and has plans to visit the other 4 schools as well as the Operations, Transportation, and Curriculum Departments.

Dr. Scanlon announced that CB East student Maryam Abdel-Azim has been named a Finalist in the 2024 Regeneron Science Talent Search.

Dr. Scanlon hopes to honor Maryam at the next meeting; today was a snow day so students were asked to stay safely at home.

Dr. Scanlon announced that when current CB South sophomore students Maximilian Jin, Luka Jonjic, and Dylan Schwartz were in the ninth grade at Tamanend Middle School, they entered the C-SPAN Student Cam Competition.

Their documentary entitled "America's Silent Struggle: Social Media's Impact on Teen Mental Health", earned Honorable Mention, and they are now working with state-elected officials to help draft legislation related to their theme.

Dr. Scanlon announced that February is Career and Technical Education Month, and Middle Bucks Institute of Technology shared that there was record attendance at their annual open house.

Dr. Scanlon spoke about the MBIT podcast "Ambitious: The MBIT Podcast" hosted by Administrative Director Dr. Mark Covelle.

Dr. Scanlon congratulated the CBSD students who participated in the SkillsUSA Competition and shared statistics:

In the Skills USA Gold category, MBIT had 21 winners; 14 are CBSD students.

In the Skills USA Silver category, MBIT has 18 winners; 14 are CBSD students.

In the Skills USA Bronze category, MBIT had 10 winners; 8 are CBSD students.

Dr. Scanlon announced that February is Black History Month. Black History Month honors Black Americans from all periods of United States history and is an annual celebration and recognition of the achievements of Black Americans. The theme for 2024 is "African Americans and the Arts".

Dr. Scanlon announced that the Lunar New Year marks the first new moon of the lunar calendar and is a celebration of the arrival of spring. Each year honors an animal based on the Chinese zodiac, and 2024 is the Year of the Dragon! Celebrations include family and community gatherings, parades, fireworks, and other festivities. The last day of the celebration, The Lantern Festival, will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> this year, and may originate as far back as China's Han Dynasty.

Dr. Scanlon announced that CBSD is proud to host a Wellness Expo from 6:00pm-8:00pm on February 20th at Central Bucks High School South. Over 75 service providers will be available to speak with students, staff, and parents about physical, mental, and behavioral health. Highlights include general wellness practices such as yoga, mindfulness, and massage therapy.

Dr. Scanlon announced that Central Bucks School District will host a Community Update on Realignment at 6:00 p.m. on February 21st at Tohickon Middle School.

Many service projects were taking place across our school district community on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in January, and Dr. Scanlon shared a few examples:

- The Jamison Elementary School community sent in donations to help students assemble and personalize care packages. These “Care Kits” were offered to residents of The Bridges and to patients at The Fox Chase Cancer Center in Buckingham.
- The Mill Creek Elementary School community held its annual “Souper Bowl”, whereby containers of homemade soup were donated by local families and given to Caring Friends and to the Barclay Elementary Food Pantry.
- Mrs. Moyers’s 5th-grade class at Groveland Elementary School assembled personal-hygiene bags for individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Ms. Gregory’s 3rd-grade class at Cold Spring Elementary School made and donated 8 fleece crate blankets for animals at the Last Chance Ranch Shelter.
- Kutz Elementary School’s Cougars for a Cause group made and donated fleece blankets for Project Linus to provide comfort to children experiencing serious illness, trauma, and other difficult circumstances.
- At Butler Elementary School, Mrs. Camburn’s Kindergarten class learned about Dr. King and shared their dream for the future through writing, Mrs. Szczypiorski’s 3rd-grade class reflected on their own character traits that help them to be the change they wish to see in the world and to lead by example, and Mrs. Charter’s 4th-grade class wrote their thoughts in the dream cloud and then together drew a picture of Dr. King using “Art Hub”.
- The Central Bucks West community has an ongoing Sock Drive to benefit people experiencing homelessness.

Dr. Scanlon announced that School Board Recognition Month, held each year in January, presents us with an opportunity to thank our School Board members for their dedication to our school and community.

On behalf of Central Bucks School District, Dr. Scanlon extended thanks to board members Cannon, Foley, Gibson, Haring, Mahmud, Pepper, Reynolds, Sciscio, and Smith.

Each of our 23 schools contributed items to fill appreciation bags for our school board members.

**Heard** Public Comment: 1. Anne Ferguson, Doylestown Township, spoke about the Remind app, Canvas rosters, taxpayer dollars, and board attendance at committee meetings.

2. Art Larson, Doylestown Township, spoke about Cicero, the St. Valentine's Massacre, the mob taking over cities, the book *Citizen Kane*, mob-controlled media, and read aloud portions of articles from [americanmafia.com](http://americanmafia.com) and *Race Wire* from *Crime Magazine* Part Two.

3. Matt Silverhart, Buckingham Township, spoke about diversity of viewpoint, library books, people making mistakes, "group-think" mentality, feeling included, and seeing more unity.

4. Mike Sobczak, (listed as CB student on sign-up sheet), spoke about knowing positivity in the district, advocating for oneself, working together, the Board listening to the public, Policy 321, and cultivating relationships.

5. Kathy Cranmer, Doylestown Township, spoke about codes of ethics, exercising fiduciary responsibility, approving Dr. Lucabaugh's separation contract without reading it, and immunity from the consequences of one's actions.

6. Shannon Harris, Chalfont, spoke about notice of this meeting, adding agenda links to the website's home page, settling lawsuits, an email from Mrs. Haring to the Board, working on election campaigns and *quid pro quo*.

7. Mara Witsen, Chalfont Borough, spoke about staff conferences not including details, resources for the district including "Rethinking Schools", comments at previous meetings during public comment, Black History Month, and asked about the district accepting books that she would like to donate to school libraries.

8. Tabitha Dell'Angelo, Doylestown Borough, thanked Dr. Scanlon for his opening remarks. Ms. Dell'Angelo spoke about an agenda item confirming Mrs. Cannon as representative to the BCIU, the BCIU partnership with her employer for teachers of the deaf and hard-of-hearing, and Mrs. Cannon trying to block a student's BCIU clinical training.

9. Diana Leygerman, Warwick Township, welcomed Dr. Scanlon to the district and commended the current board majority for working cohesively with the board minority. Ms. Leygerman spoke about appointing Mrs. Cannon as BCIU representative, and about students who spoke about policies at previous board meetings.

10. Michelle Wire, Doylestown Township, spoke about the former board majority breaking laws, ignoring queer kids who begged for safety, attacking teachers and trying to tear our community apart. Ms. Wire thanked the current board majority for hiring a skilled and experienced interim superintendent, for suspending policies rooted in fear, for hiring the best school solicitor, and for going in the right direction.

11. Pam Masciotro, Warrington Township, yielded her speaking time to Vonna DeArmond.

12. Vonna DeArmond, Plumstead Township, spoke about agenda Item 6I: *Staff Conferences* not having staff name and conference details listed. Ms. DeArmond spoke about Item 7C: *Visitor Management System Agreement* and wanted to confirm that other modules are not being purchased in addition to the visitor management system. Ms. DeArmond spoke about a Code of

Ethics, the solicitor's advice which breaks the Sunshine Act, about Mrs. Cannon caring about and putting children first, and about the community coming together.

**Approved** the minutes of the January 11, 2024 School Board Meeting.

**Reviewed** School Board Reports:

Curriculum Committee.

Finance and Facilities Committee.

Bucks County Intermediate Unit.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

**Approved** Business Department Items:

Financial Reports.

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$5,181,025.37.

Big Teams contract for sports team management in the amount of \$13,000.00/.

Purchase of 400 Clear Touch PCs for inclusion in the 2024-25 budget.

First Student Bus Drivers and Aid list.

Staff conferences in the amount of \$14,837.00.

**Approved** Operations Department Items:

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Raptor Technologies visitor management system subscription in the annual amount of \$14,280.00 and a one-time equipment fee of \$25,368.00.

Gilmore & Associates, Inc. proposal for summer paving in the amount of \$57,090.00.

Operations and Transportation building renovation proposals: \$14,000.00 for MC Architects and \$11,995.00 for Schiller & Hersh Associates, Inc.

Pro Com Roofing change orders in the amount of \$50,259.00.

Edwards & Company, Inc. proposals for façade repairs in the amount of \$55,600.00.

Purchase of six kilns in the amount of \$58,402.00.

**Approved** Special Education Department Items:

IEP Waiver Agreement (1).

IEP Waiver Agreement (2).

Settlement Agreement (1) in the amount of \$4,875.00.

Settlement Agreement (2) in the amount of \$184,200.00.

Settlement Agreement (3) in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**Approved** Student Services Item: Expulsion Agreement in the amount of \$42,000.00.

**Approved** Curriculum Items:

Amira Learning by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Reading Pilot: Amount \$1,140.00.

Chinese 1, 2, and 3 Textbook Adoption and Resource Adoption: Amount \$20,879.49.

Unified Art, Unified Music, and Unified FCS Pilot.

7th and 8th Grade ELA Textbook Pilot.

Geodes Decodable Texts Adoption: Amount \$114,810.00.

Reflex Math Pilot.

**Approved** Policy Items:

Remove from Table and Approve School Board Policy 005.

Move to Table for First Read School Board Policy 006, 012, and the Procurement Attachment for School Board Policy 626.

**Approved** Student Field Trips:

CB West Boys Winter Track to travel to New York, NY on February 11, 2024.

CB South DECA Club to travel to Hershey, PA on February 21-23, 2024.

CB South HOSA Club to travel to Lancaster, PA on March 13-15, 2024.

CB South Writing Center Group to travel to Boston, MA on March 14-16, 2024.

Tamanend 9th-Grade Class to travel to Washington DC on April 4, 2024.

CB East FBLA to travel to Hershey, PA on April 7-10, 2024.

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CB East Spanish Honors and Spanish AP Classes to travel to New York, NY on April 9, 2024.

**Approved** Human Resources Department Items:

Retirements/Resignations/Terminations.

Leaves of Absence.

Appointments.

Assignment Changes.

Activities EDRs/Athletics Points.

New Positions.

Release and Settlement Agreement: Matthew Gaulden.

**Approved** Other Action Items:

BCIU Superintendent Search Agreement at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00.

Appointment of Debra Cannon as BCIU Representative.

2024-25 BCIU Budget.

Remove from Table 2024 Committee Meetings Schedule.

Approve Table 2024 Committee Meetings Schedule.