

**Central Bucks School District**  
**School Board Briefs**  
**May 14, 2024**

At the May 14, 2024 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Joined** Groveland Elementary School students in the Pledge of Allegiance: Groveland Elementary School music teacher Steve Reilley, principal Kelly Carter, and assistant principal Christie Corcoran joined students Madison, Regan, Brianna, Kenna, and Josie. Regan, Brianna, Kenna, and Josie signed the National Anthem using sign language. Madison sang the National Anthem. Next, all five students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announced** that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this evening's meeting, May 14, 2024, regarding personnel and legal matters.

**Heard** Superintendent's Report: Dr. Scanlon announced that this month is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month. In the month of May, our nation reflects upon and celebrates the role that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have made in American history. This year's theme is "Bridging Histories, Shaping our Future".

Dr. Scanlon announced that the month of May is also Jewish American Heritage Month. Each May, organizations and Americans of all backgrounds join to celebrate and pay tribute to the many contributions that generations of Jewish Americans have made, and continue to make, to our nation's culture, history, government, and society.

Dr. Scanlon announced that Lenape Middle School students Rory Dee and Nikita Chezryakov were award winners at the 2024 Mordechai Anielewicz Creative Arts Competition. Named in memory of the heroic young leader who organized Jewish resistance and gave his life fighting in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943, the Mordechai Anielewicz Creative Arts Competition invites students in grades 7 - 12 to learn about the Holocaust and respond by means of creative expression. Students may submit original works in the form of poetry, prose, drawing, painting, sculpture, music, dance, and video. Artwork will be exhibited on-site at Gratz College in the Kramer Gallery. Nikita Chezryakov won Third Place in the Art category and Rory Dee won First Place in the Art category for her artwork titled "Bones and Bars".

Dr. Scanlon announced that Solution Tree recently recognized CB East as a "Promising Professional Learning Community at Work". Solution Tree recognizes schools whose educators focus on learning and building a collaborative culture.

Dr. Scanlon announced that CB West senior Sarah Ladley received McDaniel College's highest academic honor, a Dorsey Scholarship. Sarah's scholarship includes full tuition, room, and board for all four years, valued at over \$250,000.00.

Dr. Scanlon and President Smith recognized student achievements in STEM research. Mr. Mark Hayden, who serves as the instructor and research adviser for our Biotechnology Partnership Program, shared each project title and called each of the following students forward to receive a Certificate of Recognition:

Maryam Abdel-Azim  
Dahlia Atanasova  
Aarav Awasthi  
Henry Bai

Abhay Chathuruthy  
Augustine Cho  
Levi Cooper  
Krish Dixit  
Emma Dunn  
Sophia Fehrenbach  
Esha Gadi  
Flavio Grimaldi  
Deborah Gym  
Sarah Gym  
Leela Kafin  
Jasmin Kainth  
Shreejith Krishnamoorthy  
Aanika Oka  
Prisha Parmar  
Aditi Podduturi  
Salil Ponamgi  
Jake Saks  
Saara Sheth  
Mason Smith  
Riley Smith  
Kayden Tang  
Matthew Thomas  
Chantal van Dongeren  
Nishi Vyas  
Asher Wang  
Rong Xu  
Devin Yang  
Vivian Yang

Joining the students were the following CBSD teachers/STEM sponsors:

- From CB East: Judy Elinow
- From CB South: Lauren McNelis and Michelle Rhodes
- From CB West: Mark Hayden and Diane Liddington
- From Holicong: Stephen Geneva, Chris McGullam, and Robert Meletti
- From Lenape: Jennifer Conver

**Heard** Public Comment:

1. Mary Ayata, CB student, spoke about the CB West MSA Club, harassment by outside adults, mistakes of the past Board, and restrictions on speech.
2. Salman Benjelloun, CB student, spoke about the CB West MSA Club, the MSA and JSU Clubs standing together, not restricting student voices, and the Board supporting students.
3. Maen Alfeen, CB student, welcomed Dr. Yanni to CBSD and spoke about the interfaith collaboration between the MSA and JSU Clubs, not changing policies, and outside adults preying on children.

4. Egot Sakhabutdinov, CB student, spoke about the interfaith event hosted by the MSA and JSU Clubs, outside adults spreading lies, and the current Board protecting students.
5. Semyon Sakhabutdinov, CB student, spoke about policy revisions being unnecessary, a recent collaboration between school clubs, and outside adults trying to divide people.
6. Jenny Zhang, Buckingham Township, spoke about protecting students, building a welcoming learning environment, and protecting First Amendment rights.
7. Durriya Shamsi, Buckingham Township, spoke about Muslim students and community feeling under attack, standing against extremists, and ensuring the policies don't restrict student voices.
8. Marwa Ablad, Chalfont Borough, was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.
9. Shannon Harris, parent, spoke about executive sessions, Solicitor Conn, Sunshine Act violations, and read aloud from emails she obtained through Right to Know.
10. Doreen Stratton, Doylestown Borough, congratulated the students who were honored tonight and spoke about facilitator exercises that she was once a part of.
11. Mike Sobczak, Plumstead Township, spoke about actions and consequences, Policy 903, enforcing a policy disallowing people from outside the community speaking at our meetings, and Mrs. Gibson trying to control the policy meeting.
12. Einav Mizrachi, Warwick Township, spoke about her children's safety in school, Mr. A., Dr. Scanlon's contact with the media, and a teacher sending a private message to his son.
13. Shylev Mizrachi, Warwick Township, spoke about being blocked from the MSA Club Instagram account and a post that his teacher made.
14. Inna Pyatesky, Buckingham Township, spoke about the Holocaust, the MSA Club, a teacher's personal account, Dr. Mahmud's recent board meeting comments, school club social media accounts, and updating and enforcing policies.
15. Fania Karlitsky, Warrington Township, spoke about school clubs, social media, and school board policies that are in existence.
16. Areej Alfeen, New Britain Township, spoke about some of her experiences when in school, EID being added to the school holiday calendar, and having more collaborative school club events.
17. Mara Witsen, Chalfont Borough, spoke about Israeli Independence Day, policies that protect students, making policy changes, and comments that Dr. Mahmud made at a previous meeting.
18. Art Larson, Doylestown, spoke about the No Place for Hate Program, crime syndicates, the Anti-Defamation League, and the mafia.
19. Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, welcomed Dr. Yanni to CBSD and spoke about Muslim people, Jewish people, and an 8-point star on a flag in Minnesota.
20. Anne Ferguson, Doylestown Township, yielded her speaking time to Kathy Cranmer.

21. Kathy Cranmer, Doylestown Township, spoke about faith and religion, taking time to listen, Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism, two school clubs coming together, her granddaughter's name, and a trip to tour concentration camps.

22. Mike Witsen, New Britain Township, spoke about his family's history fleeing the Nazis, the person running the MSA Club, and switching the advisors on the MSA and JSU Clubs.

23. Brett Freeman, Buckingham Township, spoke about free speech, anti-Semitism not being treated as a hate crime in CBSD, his daughter's experiences in school, staff training, and finding solutions.

24. Daniel Grabianowski, Plumstead Township, thanked the Board, spoke about free speech, age-appropriate school materials, and read aloud a portion of School Board Policy 109.

**Approved** the minutes of the April 9, 2024 School Board Meeting.

**Reviewed** School Board Reports:

Business and Operational Support Services Committee.

Curriculum Committee.

Policy Committee.

Bucks County Intermediate Unit.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

**Approved** Business Department Items:

Financial Reports.

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$6,643,174.01.

General Supplies Bids in the amount of \$471,222.54.

Team Sports Supplies Bids in the amount of \$113,008.13.

Catalog Discounts Bids.

Vector Solutions Contract Renewal in the amount of \$9,032.50.

Blejwas Associates quote for priority walk-in refrigerator and freezer condensing & evaporator units in the amount of \$73,940.36.

Advertise the proposed final budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$420,590,064.00.

First Student bus driver and aide list.

Staff Conferences in the amount of \$4,127.00.

Election of Tara B.G. Houser as Board Treasurer from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Approved** Operations Department Items:

Gilmore & Assoc. Engineering Consultant Agreement to evaluate scoreboard in the amount of \$6,490.00.

GKO Architects Concept Design Agreement in the amount of \$8,000.00.

VDA Elevator Consultants Contract in the amount of \$9,760.00.

Keystone Fire & Security Fire Alarm System in the amount of \$36,050.00.

Siemens HVAC Controls Upgrade in the amount of \$829,750.00.

Blejwas Assoc. Refrigeration and Ice Machine Maintenance in the amount of \$99,612.50.

Operations and Transportation Offices Renovations in the amount of \$698,329.00.

Operations and Transportation Offices furniture in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

2024 Summer Flooring Projects in the amount of \$202,994.30.

2024 Paving Projects in the amount of \$964,404.55.

Facility Use Rules and Rates for the 2024-25 School Year.

Waive field use fees for Doylestown American Legion Baseball.

Resolution for Public School Facility Improvement Grant to be used for Kutz renovation.

**Approved** Special Education Department Item:

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$60,000.00.  
Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$127,500.00.  
Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$600.00.  
Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$7,000.00.  
IEP Waiver Agreement  
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Addendum to Settlement Agreement.  
2023-24 CLIU21 Agreement in the amount of \$10,300.00.  
2024-25 CLIU21 Agreement in the amount of \$25,000.00.  
2023-24 Devereux Agreement in the amount of \$16,000.00.  
2024-25 SSKW Agreement in the amount of \$21,000.00.

**Approved** Student Services Item: Legal Services Agreement with UTBF, Attorneys at Law. Attorney rates: \$200.00 per hours; Paralegal rates: \$130.00 per hour.

**Approved** Curriculum Items:

Course of Study: AP Comparative Government.  
Reflex Mathematics purchase in the amount of \$79,821.45.  
Into Mathematics Resource purchase and Math Pathways revisions in the amount of \$133,653.81,  
IXL site licenses purchase in the amount of \$24,945.00.  
Calculus 1 & 2 resources purchase in the amount of \$53,062.15.

**Approved** Policy Items:

Remove from Table and Approved School Board Policies 904, 803, 317.2, and 218.1  
Remove from Table and Retired School Board Policies 109.1 and 109.2

**Approved** Student Field Trips:

CB East Media Class in May 2024.  
CB South Environmental Club in May 2024.  
CB West Football in July 2024.  
CB East Football in July 2024.  
CB South Cheerleading in August 2024.

**Approved** 2024 Senior Classes from CB East, South, and West for Graduation

**Approved** Human Resources Department Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations.  
Leaves of Absence.  
Appointments.  
Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes.  
New Position Approvals.  
Activities EDRs and Athletic Points.  
Sabbaticals.  
Auxiliary Pay List.

**Approved** Other Action Items:

Appointment of Steven M. Yannj, Ed.D. as Superintendent

Employment Agreement with Steven M. Yanni, Ed.D.