

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
June 11, 2024

At the June 11, 2024 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Heard Kutz Elementary School students share information regarding their recent Bike to School event and joined them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session on May 21, 2024 regarding Legal Case 20-1995RE21-2587 and met in Executive Session prior to this evening's meeting, June 11, 2024 regarding safety and security and Legal Case 20-1995RE21-2587.

Heard Superintendent's Report: Dr. Scanlon announced that Alyssa Wright, Director of Pupil Services, and Justin Rubenstein, Supervisor of Student Services, have been selected to present at the 2024 National Association of Pupil Services Administrators Annual Conference in October, in Richmond, Virginia. The topic of their workshop will be how to restructure a Student Services Department to maximize services in a large public school district. In addition, Alyssa and Justin have been asked to serve as panelists to discuss the significant impact that chronic absenteeism has on school performance, as well as interventions to help.

Dr. Scanlon announced that June is Pride Month, an annual celebration that honors the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community to history, society, and cultures worldwide. It takes place throughout the month of June and commemorates its roots dating back to 1969. Pride Month is about acceptance, equality, celebrating the LGBTQ community, educating people about its history, and raising awareness of issues affecting the community.

Dr. Scanlon and the Board recognized CB East senior Lily Freeman for recently being named the recipient of the Pennsylvania State Education Association's 2024 Human and Civil Rights Student Leader Award. Lily is an advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and has advocated at the local and national level. Joining Lily were her parents, Mindy and Brett Freeman, Cara Alderfer of CBSD, and Dr. Julia Szarko, who nominated Lily for this award.

Dr. Scanlon announced that Commencement is this Thursday, June 13th. CBSD will be celebrating the accomplishments of 1,499 students in our three high schools. Dr. Scanlon congratulated the graduates and thanked the K-12 staff members for helping to get these students to the finish line. Dr. Scanlon announced Commencement times: CB East at 2:00 p.m., CB South at 4:15 p.m., and CB West at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Scanlon aired a video highlighting Jamison Elementary School's partnership with The Bridges at Warwick, a retirement community located next to the school. Dr. Scanlon shared that 5th grade students, led by Mr. Jared Hottenstein, made a few trips there during the school year to spend time with the residents. Dr. Scanlon spoke about the impact these visits have on both the students and the residents and demonstrates the importance of intergenerational relationships.

Heard Public Comment:

1. Egor Sakhabutdinov, CB student, spoke about his friends in the MSA Club, coming together as a community, and read aloud part of a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr.

2. Semyon Sakhabutdinov, CB student, spoke about not implementing policy changes, his Jewish friends experiences, and about Muslim students being discriminated against.

3. Ramia Tulemat, Doylestown Borough, yielded her speaking time to Silvi Haldipur.
4. Silvi Haldipur, Buckingham Township, spoke about Israel and Gaza, anti-Semitism in our community and schools, teaching kids, Policy 816.1, the Board and Administration fighting against anti-Semitism, and that they must do the same for Muslim students.
5. Imad Benjelloun, Chalfont Borough, yielded his speaking time to Salma Jeghalef.
6. Salma Jeghalef, Chalfont Borough, thanked Dr. Mahmud for listening to students. Ms. Jeghalef spoke about MSA Club flyers being taken down, adults targeting children, her child's experience in school, training teachers about student safety, equality, and race, and having attended the recent Compassionate Listening session.
7. Frank Ayata, Doylestown Township, thanked Dr. Scanlon for his service and spoke about anti-Semitism in our community, harassment and targeting of MSA Club members and the Muslim community, and about creating a supportive environment for our children.
8. Olcay Ayata, Doylestown Borough, spoke about bringing people together, her child's experience in school, promoting open dialogue, and protecting students.
9. Raghad Alfeen, New Britain Borough, yielded her speaking time to Mary Ayata.
10. Mary Ayata, CB student, spoke about her experience with racism in our schools, MSA Club members being harassed by adults, MSA Club flyers being taken down, Genocide, policy changes, and training teachers and students to be culturally sensitive.
11. Adam Wright, Plumstead Township, spoke about violation of Policy 816.1 by the MSA Club Advisor, reviewed the term "Genocide", and spoke about the Gazan Health Ministry's and IDF's death statistics. Mr. Wright thanked Dr. Mahmoud for her service and asked President Smith to resign.
12. Mateen Afzal, Doylestown Township, said that he represents CAIR in Doylestown Township and Bucks County. Mr. Afzal spoke about students in the MSA and JSU Clubs, bullying and harassment, and educating ourselves so we don't perpetuate hate in our schools and community.
13. Matt Silverhardt, Buckingham Township, spoke about bridging divides, the Golden Rule, selective compassion, his background, and putting love into the community.
14. Fania Karlitsky, Warrington Township, yielded her speaking time to Inna Pyatetsky.
15. Inna Pyatetsky, Buckingham Township, spoke about updating and implementing policies, teaching accurate history in schools, and training teachers to handle complex historical topics. Ms. Pyatetsky asked the Board to conduct a review of proposed teaching material for historical accuracy.
16. Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, thanked everyone who came out to speak this evening. Mr. Mackouse spoke about Genocide, Jewish and Muslim populations, the Iranian people respecting Israel, and the 8-point star on the Muslim flag.
17. Michael Witsen, Chalfont Borough, yielded his speaking time to Mara Witsen.

18. Mara Witsen, Chalfont Borough, read aloud part of a quote from President Smith and asked President Smith not to bring Rethinking Schools nor the Zinn Ed Project into the district. Ms. Witsen spoke about the Munroe vs. CBSD lawsuit, policies having no effect if not enforced, and called for Dr. Mahmud's resignation. Ms. Witsen spoke about CBSD hiring a DEI Director and asked how DEI effectiveness will be measured. Ms. Witsen thanked Mr. Pepper for his comments at the last Board meeting.

19. Doreen Stratton, Doylestown Borough, wished students a wonderful summer and advised them to read a book, leave their cell phones at home and walk around their neighborhoods, and interact with elders in their communities.

20. Art Larson, Doylestown Township, spoke about the media, the Philadelphia Inquirer, mob-controlled media, national crime syndicate, the CIA, JFK's assassination, hate speech, crime families, and the No Place for Hate Program.

Approved the minutes of the May 14, 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 \$5,333,240.56.

Lowe's Settlement Agreement.

UKG Ready upgrade in the amount of \$25,410.00.

Solor Winds Help Desk software in the amount of \$32,922.10.

CrowdStrike contract in the amount of \$38,228.07.

Lenovo leases in the amount of \$3,646,896.18.

BCIU Network Services Agreement in the amount of \$42,411.24.

Solicit Bids for the purchase of school buses and vans.

Senior accountant engagement in the amount of \$575.00 per day.

First Student Bus Monitor.

Aramark Food Service contract.

Infinite Campus System suite of products in the amount of \$76,793.65.

LightSpeed Classroom Management tool in the amount of \$77,960.00.

FinalSite Mass Communication platform in the amount of \$72,680.00.

Staff conference in the amount of \$255.00.

2022-23 Audit Report.

Student Activity Account reports.

Approved Operations Department Items:

Purchase of 2 Chevy Trailblazers in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

JMT Engineers contract amendment in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Barrasso Excavating, Inc. contract for Force Main Replacement at Kutz I the amount of \$204,400.00.

Preferred Masonry Restoration, Inc. contract for Exterior Envelope Repairs at Cold Spring and Jamison in the amount of \$611,440.15.

Trane US, Inc. contract for Tohickon chiller rebuild in the amount of \$153,403.00.

Johnson Controls, Inc. contract for HVAC preventative maintenance in the amount of \$62,413.00.
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Schiller & Hersh Engineers contract for Operations Center design and construction administration services in the amount of \$30,000.00.
Turnkey Technologies, Inc. change order for elementary school camera installation in the amount of \$61,902.13.
KCBA Architects contract amendment for Mill Creek additional classrooms design services in the amount of \$538,350.00.

Approved Special Education Department Items:

Settlement Agreement.
Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$10,000.00.
Addendum to Settlement Agreement in the amount of 900.00.
IEP Waiver Agreement.
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Approved Student Services Items:

BCIU 3-year contract for Title I Part A and Title II Part A services.
2024-25 Michelle Lachman Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$20,000.00.
2024-25 Valley Forge Educational Services Agreement in the amount of \$85,000.00.
2023-27 Austill's Rehabilitation Services Agreement in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.
2024-25 Nyman Associates Agreement in the amount of \$21,750.00.
2024-25 Power School License Agreement in the amount of \$34,962.83.
2024-25 high school tuition student in the amount of \$14,424.21.
2024-25 middle school tuition student in the amount of \$14,424.21.
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Approved Curriculum Items:

Discovery education Pilot in the amount of \$5,279.65.
7th & 8th grade ELA Textbooks in the amount of \$754,083.94.
Latin 1, 2, and 3 Course of Study and Textbooks.
Modern World History Textbooks in the amount of \$80,860.00.
Sociology Textbooks in the amount of \$23,696.40.
AP European History Textbooks in the amount of \$40,277.38.
CB West Targeted School Improvement Plan Program.

Approved Student Field Trips:

CB East Marching Band & Orchestra in November 2024.
CB South Girls Basketball in December 2024.
CB South Boys Basketball in December 2024.
CB South 9th Grade Wrestling in December 2024.
CB South Wrestling in December 2024.
CB West Band, Choir, & Orchestra in February 2025.
CB East Choir & Patriot Players in April 2025.

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.
Employment Modification Agreement.

Approved Other Action Items:

Board Resolution: Summer Hiring.
Settlement Agreement with student and parent in the amount of \$25,000.00.