

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
August 13, 2024

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

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session on August 13, 2024 regarding legal and personnel matters.

Heard Public Comment:

1. Cami Martin, CB student, spoke about her experiences playing water polo and about bringing this sport to our school district.
2. Seraphina Bozzacco, CB student, spoke about her experiences playing water polo and asked CB to create a water polo team.
3. Sheri Bozzacco, Buckingham Township, spoke about her experiences while advocating for a CB water polo team and the obstacles she has faced when trying to work with the CB aquatics director.
4. Peder Cox, Doylestown Township, spoke about his experiences trying to secure a teaching job at CB, advised the Board to look into hiring retired military personnel for teaching positions, and yielded the remainder of his speaking time to Vonna DeArmond.

* Speaker taken out of order: Vonna DeArmond, Plumstead Township (listed as #6 on the sign-up sheet), spoke about the Legal Services Request for Proposals on the agenda, the conflict in the initial hiring of Solicitor Conn, and making wise choices. Ms. DeArmond spoke about School Board Policy 903, the Pennsbury case surrounding Policy 903, defining words such as "profane" and "vulgar", splitting Public Comment into two sections, and comment at Committee Meetings. Ms. DeArmond spoke about the Cyber school resolution on the agenda and suggested that the Board consider creating a CB Cyber School.

* Speaker taken out of order: Shannon Harris, parent (listed as #5 on the sign-up sheet), spoke about Solicitor Conn emails that she obtained through a Right to Know request, the Sunshine Act, School Board Policy 903, Dr. Mahmud's resignation, and asked that President Smith be replaced by Mrs. Gibson as Board President.

7. Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about letting people with other previous experiences teach students, the teachers union, Democrats, the national deficit, gasoline prices, the country being energy independent under President Trump, the separation of church and state, and stars on flags.

8. Christina Bucci, Chalfont Borough, spoke about early kindergarten admission and its advantages for children who are developmentally ready.

9. Jennifer Strauss, New Britain Township, spoke about her support for grade realignment, costs for building additions at schools, and vetting alternatives such as redistricting.

10. Christopher Martin, Buckingham Township, was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

11. Mike Witsen, Chalfont Borough, yielded his speaking time to Mara Witsen, listed as #13 on the sign-up sheet.

12. Daniel Grabianowski, Plumstead Township, spoke about the recent Class Action lawsuit and the Board having made the right decision about that lawsuit.

13. Mara Witsen, Chalfont Borough, spoke about School Board Policy 903, defining and enforcing "community groups" and the suggestion of having two public comment sections at board meetings. Ms. Witsen welcomed Dr. Yanni to CB and spoke about controversy in the district, a school club advisor, Dr. Mahmud's resignation and the selection of a person to replace her seat on the Board, and about bringing Policy 321 back for more discussion.

Approved the minutes of the June 11, 2024 School Board Meeting.

Approved the minutes of the June 18, 2024 Special School Board Meeting.

Heard Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Yanni offered condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Clifford Dilg.

Dr. Yanni congratulated Melissa Brevic, Jennifer Costantini, David Filson, Heather Jacobson, and Jennifer Snyder on their new Assistant Principal roles at CBSD.

Dr. Yanni welcomed Cassandra Oshinsky to her new MTSS Supervisor role at CBSD.

Dr. Yanni discussed School Board Policy 903: Public Comment in Board Meetings that is on this evening's agenda.

Dr. Yanni spoke about the Cyber School Funding Formula Resolution that is on this evening's agenda.

Dr. Yanni discussed the Board Solicitor Request for Proposals that appears on this evening's agenda.

Dr. Yanni spoke about incorporating professional development around School Board Policy 816 and thanked the community for the warm welcome to the district.

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 for May.

Financial Reports for June.

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$11,984,027.22.

Year-End Budget Transfers.

Designated Depository Accounts.

Technology Education Lumber Bid Award to O'Shea Lumber in the amount of \$32,419.06.

Audit Services to BGAF Certified Public Accountants in the amount of \$32,850.00.

BCIU Technology Pool Counsel in the amount of \$800.00.

Act 93 Merit Pay in the amount of \$146,140.00.

Discovery Education renewal in the amount of \$39,294.00.

BT Pros retainer in the amount of \$10,000.00.
Multiple Tax Assessment Settlements.
Renewal of Wisler Pearlstine for Special Counsel services.
2023-24 Gift Report in the amount of \$67,374.10.
Staff conferences in the amount of \$20,257.00.
First Student Drivers and Aides.
Expunge past-due lunch balances in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.
School lunch cost increases in amounts from .08 -.12 cents.
Student Activity Account reports.

Approved Operations Department Items:

Otis Elevator PM Services in the amount of \$12,000.00.
KCBA Architects amendment to Kutz Elementary renovations in the amount of \$1,875,718.00.
Gilmore & Associates, Inc. design services for CB South & Mill Creek Building additions in the amount of \$144,160.00.
Gilmore & Associates, Inc. design services for CB East & Holicong water well feasibility study additions in the amount of \$120,200.00.
Twining Construction interior and exterior improvements to the New Britain bus garage in the amount of \$222,924.25.
Keystone Fire & Security fire pump rental at Holicong in the amount of \$172,400.00.
Keystone Fire & Security fire pump replacement at Holicong in the amount of \$270,000.00.
Carroll Engineering services proposal for CB South and Mill Creek building additions in the amount of \$44,500.00.
Warrington Township Professional Services Agreement for CB South and Mill Creek building additions in the amount of \$750.00.
Change order in the amount of \$89,645.67 for additional work on the Operations & Transportation offices project.

Approved Special Education Department Items:

IEP Waiver Agreement.
IEP Waiver Agreement in the amount of 6,100.00.
IEP Waiver Agreement.
IEP Waiver Agreement.
IEP Waiver Agreement in the amount of \$8,000.00.
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Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$25,000.00.
Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$80,925.37.
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Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$124,672.00.
Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$42,000.00.
Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$117,950.00.

Approved Student Services Items:

2024-25 high school tuition student in the amount of \$14,424.21.
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2024-25 elementary school tuition student in the amount of \$15,259.90.
PA School for the Deaf ESY Agreement in the amount of \$10,305.72.

PA School for the Deaf ESY Agreement in the amount of \$19,770.16.
2024-25 School Physician and Dentist agreements.
Sarah Stout School Psychologist Agreement in the amount of \$30,000.00.
K/S Consultants Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00.
Pathway School ESY tuition in the amount of \$8,300.00.
Pathway School one-to-one aide in the amount of \$5,800.00.
2024-25 Lakeside Agreement in the amount of \$134,000.00.
Lakeside Trauma Informed Classrooms training in the amount of \$6,000.00.
Acclaimed, LLC PI services agreement in the amount of \$70.00 per hour.
BCIU CHOR Mathom House Agreement in the amount of \$75,000.00.
New Hope Academy tuition contract in the amount of \$42,945.00.

Approved Curriculum Items:

2024-2025 ELD Program.
Honors Jazz Ensemble course of study.
AP Music Theory course of study.
Middle School science pilot program in the amount of \$5,279.65.

Approved Policy Items:

School Board Policy 122 to Table for First Read.
School Board Policy 816.1 to Table for First Read.

Approved Student Field Trips:

CBE Cheer to Beach Lake, PA in August 2024.
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Tohickon History Classes to Camden, NJ in September 2024.
CB Swim Team to Flagstaff, AZ in January 2025.
CBW Theater Club to West Chester, PA in February 2025.
CBE Cheer to Kissimmee, FL in February 2025.
CBE Mock Trial Club to Philadelphia, PA in September 2024.

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.
ESY, summer camps, summer temps.
TPE/PE semi-annual ratings.
Sabbaticals.

Approved Other Action Items:

Board Resolution: Cyber Charter School Funding Formula Reform.
RFP for Legal Services.

Accepted the resignation of School Board Member Dr. Mariam Mahmud.

Discussed School Board Policy 903: Public Comment in Board Meetings.