

**Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
September 10, 2024**

At the September 10, 2024 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session on Thursday, July 25, 2024 regarding the equal pay lawsuit, case number 20-1995-21-2587.

Heard Public Comment:

1. Ed Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about the meeting format for candidate interviews and about each candidate. Mr. Mackouse shared his support of board candidate Elana Abrams-Sudai. Mr. Mackouse spoke about Covid, vaccines, Twitter posts, autism rates, and links between autism and vaccinations.

2. Kirsten McGowen, Buckingham Township, spoke about no-phone policies in schools, smart phone use by children, and the "Wait Until 8th" pledge.

3. Jamie Walker, Chalfont Borough, yielded her speaking time to Vonna DeArmond.

4. Vonna DeArmond, Plumstead Township, spoke about Mr. Haring missing two meetings. Ms. DeArmond read aloud part of policy regarding removal from the board after missing meetings. Ms. DeArmond spoke about the board candidates, posts on Twitter, Sunshine Act violations, Right to Know emails, Solicitor Conn, board training, and asked Mrs. Smith to resign.

5. Mara Witsen, Chalfont Borough, asked if the board did a google search on the board candidates and spoke about Mr. Haring's meeting attendance.

6. Art Larson, Doylestown Township, spoke about gangster government, the Philadelphia Inquirer, national crime and Anenberg syndicates, the ADL, and his offer to help COO Houser with the district's budget. Mr. Larson provided a handout.

7. Angelo Menta, Doylestown Borough, spoke about our support staff, advertising to increase staff, shared some hourly rates from other districts, and about prioritizing the hiring of PCAs and EAs.

8. Shannon Harris, parent, recommended appointing one of the two Republican candidates for the vacant board seat and asked why Solicitor Conn is in attendance. Ms. Harris read aloud some emails obtained through a Right to Know request and presented a handout.

9. Christina Bucci, Chalfont Borough, spoke about early admission to kindergarten, read aloud part of policy 201, and about other Pennsylvania school districts that allow early admission.

10. Carla Grabianowski, Plumstead Township, was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

Appointed Daniel Kimicata Region V School Director.

Elected Heather Reynolds Vice President.

Approved the minutes of the August 13, 2024 School Board Meeting.

Heard Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Yanni spoke about the fantastic start to the 2024-2025 school year and thanked staff members who worked behind the scenes all summer.

Dr. Yanni spoke about the district's commitment to school safety and security, and thanked Scott Argetsinger and Kevin Spencer for their work.

Dr. Yanni spoke about his recommendation of the appointment of Robert Freiling as the new Human Resources Director.

Dr. Yanni congratulated Harry Krotz for being named recipient of the Lenovo Elite Award.

Dr. Yanni spoke about communications that will be shared over the next few weeks regarding Realignment and then aired a slide show highlighting back to school.

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 \$10,110,435.08.

Shull tax refund resolutions in the amount of approximately \$22,000.00.

Active volunteer service tax rebate program resolution.

Staff conferences in the amount of \$41,124.00.

First Student staff members.

2024-25 Bus routes.

Approved Operations Department Items:

Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority agreement in the amount of \$8,500.00.

Gilmore & Associates, Inc. geotechnical engineering services for the CBE realignment renovation project in the amount of \$10,500.00.

Trane US, Inc. proposal for rooftop HVAC equipment at Tohickon in the amount of \$335,776.00.

VDA Elevator & Escalator Consultants engineering design services for elevator renewal projects at Holicong and CBW and a chair lift at Butler in the amount of \$23,100.00.

AH Cornell & Sons change order for the summer paving projects in the amount of \$64,556.79.

Approved Special Education Department Item: IEP Waiver Agreement.

Approved Student Services Items:

2024-25 Agreement with MECA in the amount of \$554,462.34.

2024-25 Sharp-Ross PD services in the amount of \$1,000.00.

2024-25 PA School for the Deaf Tuition Agreement in the amount of \$68,000.00.

2024-25 Pathway School Tuition Agreement in the amount of \$68,750.00.

2024-25 Pathway School Aide Services Agreement in the amount of \$43,500.00

Approved Curriculum Items:

Course of Study: Fitness Trend.

Course of Study: Aquatics.

Course of Study: Advanced Health.

Membean Vocabulary Platform in the amount of \$27,378.00.

Spotlight K-12 Solutions Software in the amount of \$21,871.25.

Course of Study: AP European History.

Course of Study: Sociology.

Course of Study: Academic Math 7 & Accelerated Math 7.
Course of Study: Foundations of Algebra A and B.
Course of Study: Calculus 1 and 2.
Course of Study: Math SAT Workbook.
Course of Study: AP Biology.
Elementary Science Pilot.
MOU with Roxy Therapy Dogs.

Approved Policy Items:

School Board Policy 122.
School Board Policy 816.1.
School Board Policy 816 to First Read.
School Board Policy 824 to First Read.
School Board Policy 829 to First Read.
School Board Policy 202 to First Read.
School Board Policy 206 to First Read.
school Board Policy 209.3 to First Read with intent to retire.
School Board Policy 210.1 to First Read.
school Board Policy 805 to First Read.
school Board Policy 918 to First Read.

Approved Human Resources Department Items:

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

Approved Other Action Items:

Unami field trip to NYC in November 2024.
Amendment to Employment Contract for Lisa V. Corr.
Human Resources Director Employment Contract with Robert Freiling Jr.