

Central Bucks School District
School Board Briefs
November 12, 2024

At the November 12, 2024 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the board met in Executive Session this evening, November 12, 2024, prior to the school board meeting regarding personnel and legal matters.

Heard Superintendent's Report:

A. Recognitions: Dr. Yanni recognized CB West student Kayla Sanocki for her original design for the November lock screen contest. Kayla's artwork was based on this month's Portrait of a Graduate attribute "Effective Communicators".

Dr. Yanni recognized Cold Spring Elementary School teacher Katie Cuerou who recently administered the Heimlich maneuver to a student who was choking during snack time.

B. Remarks: Dr. Yanni spoke about the six CBSD schools that will pioneer full-day kindergarten next year: Cold Spring, Doyle, Groveland, Jamison, Kutz, and Mill Creek.

Dr. Yanni shared updates to the district calendar: Class of 2025 graduation ceremonies will be held on June 11, and June 11, 12, and 13 will be early dismissal days.

Dr. Yanni spoke about retiring School Board Policy 123.3; the current (suspended) policy 123.3 has some conflict with current law and spoke about how our policies should be grounded in law and in statute.

Dr. Yanni spoke about School Board Policy 903; proposed language includes having two periods of public comment at school board meetings. The first period pertaining to agenda topics and the second period pertaining to any topic. CBSD students will always be offered time to speak during the first period of public comment without regard to the topics they wish to address.

Dr. Yanni spoke about the appointment of solicitors: Wisler Pearlstine, LLP for district solicitor, and Clarke, Gallagher, Barbiero, Amuso, & Glassman Law for labor relations and tax matters. Ed Diasio and Peter Amuso will be the district's primary solicitors from each firm.

Dr. Yanni spoke about the PSSM Belonging Survey that was presented to staff and to students in grades 5-12. The survey questions are posted to our website.

Heard Public Comment:

- 1.) James Lamb, Plumstead Township, spoke in support of retiring School Board Policy 123.3.
- 2.) Diana Leygerman, Warwick Township, spoke about the current Board fulfilling its promises of governing with compassion and common sense and keeping partisan politics out of schools.
- 3.) Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about Solicitors Clarke and Amuso, potential conflicts of interest for the law firms on the agenda, the rights of girls being threatened, girls on swim teams having to undress in front of people with male genitalia in locker rooms, about Democrats, and about Title IX.
- 4.) Lindsay Herbel, New Britain Township, yielded her speaking time to Mike Sobczak.
- 5.) Mike Sobczak, Plumstead Township, spoke about sports teams and sports clubs, making sure that sports are fair, and about starting transgender sports clubs at schools.
- 6.) Katherine Good Semisch, Doylestown Borough, spoke about students and athletics, fitting out locker rooms for modesty, and spoke in support of retiring School Board Policy 123.3.
- 7.) Kate Nazemi, Doylestown Township, spoke about all athletes deserving fair and safe competition, inclusive sports, and spoke in support of retiring School Board Policy 123.3.
- 8.) Christian Bucci, Chalfont Borough, spoke about early kindergarten admission, IQ scores, and gifted instruction.

9.) Mara Witsen, Chalfont Borough, spoke about School Board Policy 123.3 and yielded her remaining speaking time to Vonna DeArmond.

10.) Vonna DeArmond, Plumstead Township, spoke about a law firm on the agenda and a potential conflict of interest for Dr. Yanni, our district being sanctioned, politicians and solicitors, School Board Policy 123.3, the Board ignoring data regarding males and females in sports, and spoke about a social media post made by Mrs. Reynolds.

11.) Brett Freeman, Buckingham Township, spoke about positive impacts from participating in youth sports and spoke in support of retiring School Board Policy 123.3.

12.) Adriana Comprelli, Pipersville, spoke about striving for inclusivity, respects and equality and about students feeling safe and valued.

13.) Daniel Grabianowski, Plumstead Township, spoke in support of putting School Board Policy 123.3 back in place, read aloud portions of a transgender athlete study, read aloud part of a speech made by a Massachusetts representative, and spoke of his disappointment in this Board.

Approved the minutes of the October 8, 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 \$10,380,188.80.

Staff conferences and workshops in the amount of \$15,377.00.

Lukoil North America, LLC assessment appeal settlement in the amount of \$37,260.66.

First Student drivers and aides list.

Student Activity Reports.

Approved Other Board Action Items:

Updated 2024-25 district calendar.

Appointment of Wisler Pearlstine, LLP as district solicitor effective 11/13/2024.

Appointment of Clarke, Gallagher, Amuso & Glassman Law as labor relations and tax matters solicitor effective 11/13/2024.

Approved Operations Department Items:

Johnson Controls air chiller project at CB West in the amount of \$363,695.00.

Trane US Inc. HVAC project at Admin. Center in the amount of \$67,711.00.

Construction easement and temporary access at Pine Run Elementary School.

Trane US Inc. kitchen exhaust project at Tohickon in the amount of \$70,876.00.

Gilmore & Assoc. 2025 playground renovation projects in the amount of \$58,720.00.

Gilmore & Assoc. 2025 paving renovation projects in the amount of \$70,826.00.

Carroll Engineering traffic management project at CB West in the amount of \$32,000.00.

Twining Construction handrail installation project at Lenape in the amount of \$48,733.00.

Board Resolution for building renovations at all three high schools to support Grade Realignment.

KCBA Architects contract modification for building additions at high schools to support Grade Realignment in the amount of \$2,892,960.00.
Board Resolution for building renovation at Mill Creek Elementary to support Grade Realignment.
PFM Bond Offering to support Capital Projects to support Grade Realignment.

Approved Special Education Department Item:
Mileage Agreement in the amount of \$10,000.00.
IEP Waiver Agreement (1).
IEP Waiver Agreement (2).
IEP Waiver Agreement (3).
Settlement Agreement (1).
Settlement Agreement (2) in the amount of \$67,000.00.

Approved Student Service Item: MOU with MBIT for procedures related to the education of eligible students with IEPs.

Approved Curriculum Items:
Course of Study: Ceramics 1.
Course of Study: AP Studio Art.
Course of Study: Beginning Photography.

Approved Policy Items:
School Board Policy 903.
School Board Policy 313 to First Read

Retired School Board Policy 123.3

Approved Field Trips:
CBE Global Relations & AP Micro/Macro classes in December 2024.
CBW Wrestling in December 2024 (1).
CBW Wrestling in December 2024 (2).
CBW Wrestling in December 2024 (3).
CBE Girls Basketball in December 2024.
CBS Cheerleaders in December 2024.
CBS Choir, Band, and Orchestra in April 2025.
Lenape 9th-grade classes in April 2025 (1).
Lenape 9th-grade classes in April 2025 (2).

Approved Human Resources Department Items:
Transfer of Athletic Points.
Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations.
Leaves of Absence.
Appointments.
Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes.
New Positions.
Activities EDRs and Athletic Points.
CBTA Grievance Settlement