

Central Bucks School District
Policy Committee Meeting Report
Wednesday, September 30, 2026
6:00 p.m.

**Meeting location: CBSD Educational
Services Center Board Room
16 Welden Drive
Doylestown, PA 18901**

In Attendance:

Karen Smith, Chairperson
Katrina Filiatrault, Committee member
Susan Gibson, Committee member
David Comalli, Board member
Rick Haring, Board member
Daniel Kimicata, Board member
Amanda O'Connor, Board member
Heather Reynolds, Board member
Joanna Wexler, Ph.D., Superintendent
Charles Malone, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
Kevin Spencer, Director of Operations
Thomas Hanna, Capital Projects Manager
Wayne Gehris, Chief Financial Officer
Peter Amuso, Solicitor
Stephanie Radcliffe, Board Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Prior to Public Comment, Mrs. Reynolds read aloud this prepared speech:
“First, I want to thank everyone for being here tonight, and everyone who has taken the time over the past several months to attend meetings, send emails, make calls, and share your thoughts with us. We’ve heard a lot of different perspectives, and I, for one, am grateful for that. At the end of the day, I think we all agree on the most important thing: we want what is best for our students. We want them to be safe, we want them learning in quality facilities, and we want to be responsible stewards of the taxpayers’ dollars that make all of this possible. As you know, we’ve been discussing the idea of a Responsible Contractor Policy, or RCP, on and off since February, and much more robustly over the past several months. I think a lot of good has come out of those meetings. We will undoubtedly come out of this with a stronger, safer, and more clearly defined process for how Central Bucks approaches construction bidding and what we mean when we say we want responsible contractors working on our projects. That will likely not result in a policy called an RCP, as we are likely to move away from some of the core components of the original proposal. Tonight, rather than revisit the RCP itself, we’ve asked our administrators to walk us through our current bidding process, identify where there are gaps, and talk about where and how we can strengthen it. And again, I want to highlight something really important about the process we’ve gone through. We brought an idea forward. We debated it openly. We listened to our community, our administrators, and other districts. We asked questions, considered different perspectives, and were willing to change our thinking as we learned more. That is what good governance looks like. We are nine individual board members, and we don’t have to, nor do we, agree on everything. In fact, healthy boards shouldn’t. Our responsibility is to come together, take in and consider all of the

information available to us, listen to one another, work through any differences, and make the decision we believe is best for Central Bucks, our students, our staff, our taxpayers, and our community. That's what we're here to continue to do tonight."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Greg Bankos, Plumstead, spoke about fund balance and about policies that have not shown reduced costs to taxpayers.
- Jim Zeek, Buckingham, spoke in support of a Responsible Contractor Policy.
- Ian Lewis of PAFFC spoke in support of a Responsible Contractor Ordinance.
- Ryan Murphy, Warrington, spoke in support of a Responsible Contractor Policy.
- Carla Grabianowski, Plumstead, spoke about Dr. Wexler's priority of fiscal responsibility, formalized apprenticeship programs, and asked why the Board is bringing a Responsible Contractor Policy up.

3. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING REPORT

4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM: PROJECT BIDDING PROCESSES

Mr. Spencer presented to the Committee regarding strengthening Bidder qualifications. Mr. Spencer highlighted the district's broad qualification framework, which are addressed in the district's current Project Manual. Once a Bid is received, its security, surety, qualifications, financial disclosure, and non-collusion documents are evaluated. Mr. Spencer shared that nine of the ten responsibility certification themes in a previously discussed Responsible Contractor Policy already exist in the district's Project manual. These include Licenses/certifications, bonding/insurance, past/professional/legal standing, prevailing wage, and firm qualifications; the theme not included in the district's current Project Manual is Class A apprenticeship. Mr. Spencer discussed how construction Bonds protect the district-the Performance Bond guarantees faithful performance to job completion; the Payment Bond protects labor and materials; the Maintenance Bond secures corrections after the job is finished. Mr. Spencer discussed current safety requirements and job meeting reviews.

The Committee and board members held robust discussion surrounding the bidding process, including managing change orders, reviewing standard contract language, deadline schedules, verifying Bid documents, bonds and insurance, the pre-Bid certification process, and asked about OSHA 30 on-site supervisors and adding a requirement for a percentage of OSHA 10 certified workers. The Committee and board members discussed memorializing criteria in current Policy 610 or possibly adding a second policy surrounding the Bidding process, and about adding a step to verify the attestations made by Bidders prior to awarding Bids.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

5.A. Next scheduled Policy Committee Meeting: October 8, 2026