Central Bucks School District School Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 22, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting location: CBSD Educational Services Center
16 Welden Drive, Doylestown, PA 18901

1. CALL TO ORDER:

President Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

DAVID COMALLI: Present
KATRINA FILIATRAULT: Present
DANA FOLEY: Present
SUSAN GIBSON: Present
RICK HARING: Absent
DANIEL KIMICATA: Present
AMANDA O'CONNOR: Present
HEATHER REYNOLDS: Present
KAREN SMITH: Present

Also present:
Dr. Joanna Wexler, Superintendent
Dr. Charles Malone, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Helen Zaleski, Assistant Superintendent
Jason Jaffe, Director of Technology and Innovation
Wayne Gehris, Chief Financial Officer
Kevin Spencer, Director of Operations
Cathy Rossi, Interim Director of Human Resources
Michael Petitti, Director of Communications
Peter Amuso, Solicitor
Stephanie Radcliffe, School Board Secretary

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4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Amuso announced that prior to the start of this evening's October 22, 2026 school board meeting, the Board met in executive session regarding confidential student matters, litigation, and labor relations. Solicitor Amuso announced that the board also received information about the Right to Know law prior to this evening's board meeting.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Wexler introduced CB East senior Gwen A., who is serving as tonight's student representative to the school board. Gwen aired a video titled "CB East Morning Show Montage of Student Life" and spoke about The Patriot Way, which highlights the school's values. Gwen spoke about welcoming new students, building connections, and creating opportunities for students. Gwen spoke about "East Connect", which enables student mentorship to build connections, belonging, and school pride.

Dr. Wexler and Mr. Jaffe congratulated CB South 9th-grade student Tim M, who is this month's "Move Forward, Imagine More" lockscreen contest winner.

Dr. Wexler congratulated the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Competition Semifinalists:
CB East – Aarav A., Krish D., Justin D., Salil P., Kayden T., Tyler T., Asher W., and Max Z.
CB South – Alexis C., Saisanthosh K., Satvik M., Lakshya P., and Dharunish Y.
CB West – Hudson F., Abhinav M., and Angela Z.

Dr. Wexler congratulated teacher Andrew Durie for being named the winner of the 2026 Shape PA Innovation in Physical Education Award.

Dr. Wexler shared that CBSD was named an Outstanding Visual Arts Community by the Pennsylvania Art Education Association. Teachers honored included Brandi Daly, Stephanie Ferraro, Jessica Fidler, Danielle Hallman DiCicco, Stu Kesilman, Allison Levin, Izabella Mazzenga, Gabby Miller, Helene Moriarty, Dave Mussari, Rebecca Panitch, Sam Schollenberger, Ali Theis, Deb Thomas, Alison Thompson, Tina Warren, Cara Alderfer, Beca Dunst, Kerri Fedorowicz, Nicole McNamara, Madison Pirolli, Morgan Potter, Kristin Ritter, Kate Sayer, Naomi White, Erin Casey, Kyle Cinciripini, Nicole Doubet, Allison Farrell, Amy Palmer, Kelli Patrick, Maeve Potash, Olivia Servidio, Stephani Thomas, Marc West, and Colleen Zachmann.

Dr. Wexler spoke about the recent Community Engagement Forums that featured talks about budget, enrollment, staffing, class sizes, special education, grade realignment, digital wellness, screen time, A.I., transportation, and long-term planning. Dr. Wexler spoke about Listening and Learning tours with staff that she is conducting. Dr. Wexler shared information about the Community Internship Program, joining the CB email list, and the Gold Card Program for Central Bucks senior citizens. The Gold Card Program, for residents 65-years and older, allows free attendance to regular season home athletic games and certain school shows. A full list of Gold Card events is posted on our website www.cbsd.org

Dr. Zaleski and Mr. Jaffe spoke about digital wellness and artificial intelligence.

Dr. Wexler spoke about schoolwide initiatives surrounding the October 4-11 Mental Health Awareness Week, October's Bullying Prevention Month, and September's Suicide Prevention Month.

Dr. Wexler spoke about the CB Education Foundation, which awarded $27,000.00 in grants to support the arts, photography, television production, STEM, robotics, music, and more.

Dr. Wexler spoke about some of the items that appear on tonight's agenda, including school board policies, new course of study AP US Government and Politics, and class gifts from the CB West Class of 1976, including a bronze statue of the school mascot and a scholarship.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Seraphina B., CB student, spoke about 23 students from all three of our high schools who started the first Water Polo season. Seraphina spoke about how school sponsorship would help create a more consistent and accessible opportunity for students across the district.

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Cami M., CB student, spoke about having Water Polo become a high school sport team instead of a club team.
Olivia M., CB student, spoke about the Water Polo Club becoming a school team.
Addie P., CB student, spoke about creating a water polo high school team.
Victoria K., CB student, spoke about the CB Water Polo Club and said that CB would benefit from having a Water Polo Team.
Indrek S., CB student, spoke about playing water polo and about making water polo a PIAA sport.
Emilia E., CB student, spoke about making water polo a PIAA-recognized varsity sport in CBSD.
Charlotte M., Jacqueline S., and Olivia W., CB students, spoke about making water polo a varsity sport at CBSD.

7. MEETING MINUTES: Approval of September 24, 2026 School Board Meeting Minutes
Action: Motion to approve Minutes of the September 24, 2026 School Board Meeting.
This motion, made by DANA FOLEY and seconded by KAREN SMITH, Carried.
Voting Detail:
DAVID COMALLI: Yes
KATRINA FILIATRAULT: Yes
DANA FOLEY: Yes
SUSAN GIBSON: Yes
RICK HARING: Absent
DANIEL KIMICATA: Yes
AMANDA O'CONNOR: Yes
HEATHER REYNOLDS: Yes
KAREN SMITH: Yes
Voting Summary: Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

8. SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS
8.A. Education Committee
8.B. Policy Committee
8.C. Finance & Operations Committee
8.D. Bucks County Intermediate Unit
8.E. Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

To view the School Board Reports, please refer to Items 8A-8E on the October 22, 2026 board agenda.

9. FINANCE: Approval of All Finance Items
Action: Motion to approve All Finance Items.
This motion, made by DANIEL KIMICATA and seconded by SUSAN GIBSON, Carried.
Voting Detail:
DAVID COMALLI: Yes
KATRINA FILIATRAULT: Yes
DANA FOLEY: Yes
SUSAN GIBSON: Yes
RICK HARING: Absent
DANIEL KIMICATA: Yes
AMANDA O'CONNOR: Yes
HEATHER REYNOLDS: Yes

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KAREN SMITH: Yes
Voting Summary: Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

9.A. Approval of Financial Reports: Investment Portfolio & Treasurer's Report for August 2026 and Ratification of Investments Report for September 2026

9.B. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Disbursements
The Accounts Payable Check Registers provide a listing of payment transactions for Fund 10 General Fund, Fund 30 Capital Fund, and Fund 50 Food Service Fund.
Fund 10: $ 6,848,742.68; Fund 30: $10,612,382.23; Fund 50: $89,351.93.
Grand total= $17,550,476.84

9.C. Approval of 2026-2027 BCIU Homestead Farmstead Agreement at a Rate of $1.128 per parcel
This annual Agreement is for the BCIU to prepare the mailers for the Farmstead-Homestead applications.

9.D. Approval of BCIU Chief Science Officer Program MOU
Administration recommends approval of the MOU with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 for participation in the Chief Science Officers (CSO) Program, providing STEM leadership opportunities for students in grades 6-12 and grant funding for advisor stipends and student projects.

9.E. Approval of Kelly Pediatric Therapy Services Agreement
This Agreement is for school-based therapy services positions.

9.F. Approval of Staff Conferences in the amount of $13,792.00

To view the Finance Items, please refer to Items 9A-9F on the October 22, 2026 board agenda.

10. OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS: Approval of All Other Board Action Items
Action: Motion to approve All Other Board Action Items (Items 10A-10C)
This motion, made by KAREN SMITH and seconded by DANA FOLEY, Carried.
Voting Detail:
DAVID COMALLI: Yes
KATRINA FILIATRAULT: Yes
DANA FOLEY: Yes
SUSAN GIBSON: Yes
RICK HARING: Absent
DANIEL KIMICATA: Yes
AMANDA O'CONNOR: Yes
HEATHER REYNOLDS: Yes
KAREN SMITH: Yes
Voting Summary: Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

10.A. Approval of MOU with Central Bucks Transportation Association

10.B. Approval of MBIT Special Education MOU with sending districts

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10.C. Approval of Amendment #2 to CCRES Agreement to provide Special Education Consultant Services from 10/22/2026 through 12/23/2026, not to exceed 15 hours per week, at a total billing rate of $82.50 per hour.
Administration recommends approval of a part-time consulting agreement with Mrs. Jill Schweizer to provide specialized support for the district's autism programming. Initial focus will be on supporting the autistic support programming at Barclay Elementary School.

To view the Other Board Action Items, please refer to Items 10A-10C on the October 22, 2026 board agenda.

11. OPERATIONS: Approval of All Operations Items
Action: Motion to approve All Operations Items (Items 11A-11I)
This motion, made by DANA FOLEY and seconded by DANIEL KIMICATA, Carried.
Voting Detail:
DAVID COMALLI: Yes
KATRINA FILIATRAULT: Yes
DANA FOLEY: Yes
SUSAN GIBSON: Yes
RICK HARING: Absent
DANIEL KIMICATA: Yes
AMANDA O'CONNOR: Yes
HEATHER REYNOLDS: Yes
KAREN SMITH: Yes
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11.A. Approval to purchase a 2500 pickup truck with plow for $59,288.24 as a replacement vehicle from Bergey's Chevrolet
Administration seeks approval to purchase a 2500 pickup truck with a plow in the amount of $59,288.24, which will replace the old F650 dump truck that did not pass inspection.

11.B. Approval of Change Order in the amount of $102,647.18 with Gilmore & Associates related to additional engineering services and construction administration for the new well and water treatment building for Holicong Middle School and CB East High School.
Administration seeks approval for the additional professional engineering services needed to complete the construction administration and oversight of the well and treatment building to comply with the DEP consent order timeline of August of 2027.

11.C. Approval of Gilmore & Associates Professional Services proposal in the amount of $57,490.00 for the design of the 2027 Playground Renovation Projects.
The project will include Bridge Valley playgrounds, Groveland Kindergarten playground, and accessibility improvements to the Jamison playground.

11.D. Approval to Resume the East High School Stadium Turf Replacement Project and approve additional professional services for bidding and construction administration in the amount of $19,970.00.
The East Stadium Turf Replacement Project was suspended in early 2026. Administration seeks approval to resume design of the Turf Replacement Project for construction in summer

2027. Consideration will be given to expanding the project scope to include re-coating the existing track surface. The project suspension and changes in scope warrant updating the original design services. Additional design services for JMT, Inc. are presented for approval**.**

11.E. Approval of Professional Services proposal from VDA for the 2027 Elevator Modernization Project in the amount of $15,660.00.
Administration seeks approval of the professional services proposal from VDA, Inc. for design and construction administration services for the 2027 Elevator Modernization Project. The project will include modernization of the Cold Spring Elementary elevator.

11.F. Approval of Trane Valve Repair Proposal for the HVAC System at 20 Welden Drive in the amount of $34,887.00.
Administration seeks approval of the proposal from TRANE for repairs to the east side HVAC condenser valves at the district's administration building. The valves have failed and are allowing refrigerant to pass, which does not allow the HVAC system to function properly.

11.G. Approval to accept Class Gifts from the CB West Class of 1976.
The CB West Class of 1976 would like to donate a bronze statue depicting the school mascot, a buck, and to fund a $10,000.00 scholarship at the Bucks County Foundation (BCF) for qualifying CB West student(s) in accordance with the terms and conditions of BCF.

11.H. Approval of First Student Drivers and Monitors.

11.I. Approval of transportation services agreement with Zum for field trips and athletics trips that cannot be covered by our own district staff.
Administration seeks approval of a transportation services agreement with Zum to provide bus transportation for field trips and athletic team trips. The district first offers these trips to our drivers and if we cannot fill a trip with our own staff due to other commitments, the district then seeks coverage from the outside consultant. Costs will be $430.00 with a 4-hour minimum and additional hourly rates of $90.00 per hour.

To view the Operations Items, please refer to Items 11A-11I on the October 22, 2026 board agenda.

12. SPECIAL EDUCATION: Approval of All Special Education Items
Action: Motion to approve All Special Education Items (Items 12A and 12B)
This motion, made by SUSAN GIBSON and seconded by AMANDA O'CONNOR, Carried.
Voting Detail:
DAVID COMALLI: Yes
KATRINA FILIATRAULT: Yes
DANA FOLEY: Yes
SUSAN GIBSON: Yes
RICK HARING: Absent
DANIEL KIMICATA: Yes
AMANDA O'CONNOR: Yes
HEATHER REYNOLDS: Yes
KAREN SMITH: Yes
Voting Summary: Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

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12.A. Approval of Settlement Agreement 10.22.26
12.B. Approval of Settlement Agreement 10.22.26 (2)

13. EDUCATION: Approval of AP US Government and Politics Course of Study
Action: Motion to approve AP US Government and Politics Course of Study (Item 13A)
This motion, made by AMANDA O'CONNOR and seconded by KATRINA FILIATRAULT, Carried.
Voting Detail:
DAVID COMALLI: Yes
KATRINA FILIATRAULT: Yes
DANA FOLEY: Yes
SUSAN GIBSON: Yes
RICK HARING: Absent
DANIEL KIMICATA: Yes
AMANDA O'CONNOR: Yes
HEATHER REYNOLDS: Yes
KAREN SMITH: Yes
Voting Summary: Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

To view the Education Item, please refer to Item 13 on the October 22, 2026 board agenda.

14. POLICY: Approval of All Policy Items
Action: Motion to approve All Policy Items (Items 14A-14G)
This motion, made by KAREN SMITH and seconded by KATRINA FILIATRAULT, Carried.
Voting Detail:
DAVID COMALLI: Yes
KATRINA FILIATRAULT: Yes
DANA FOLEY: Yes
SUSAN GIBSON: Yes
RICK HARING: Absent
DANIEL KIMICATA: Yes
AMANDA O'CONNOR: Yes
HEATHER REYNOLDS: Yes
KAREN SMITH: Yes
Voting Summary: Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

14.A. Approval to Move to Table for First Read Policy 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products
14.B. Approval to Move to Table for First Read Policy 224 Care of School Property
14.C. Approval to Move to Table for First Read Policy 228 Student Government
14.D. Affirmation of Second Read and Approval of Policy 123.3 Athletic Trainers
14.E. Affirmation of Second Read and Approval of Policy 210 Use of Medications
14.F. Approval to Waive School Board Policy 003 and to Affirm the First and Second Read and Approval of Policy 223 Use of Bicycles and Motor Vehicles
14.G. Approval to Waive School Board Policy 003 and to Affirm the First and Second Read and Approval of Policy 230 Public Performances by Students

To view the Policy Items, please refer to Items 14A-14G on the October 22, 2026 board agenda.

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15. FIELD TRIPS: Approval of All Field Trips

Action: Motion to approve All Field Trips (Items 15A-15J)
This motion, made by DANIEL KIMICATA and seconded by DAVID COMALLI, Carried.
Voting Detail:
DAVID COMALLI: Yes
KATRINA FILIATRAULT: Yes
DANA FOLEY: Yes
SUSAN GIBSON: Yes
RICK HARING: Absent
DANIEL KIMICATA: Yes
AMANDA O'CONNOR: Yes
HEATHER REYNOLDS: Yes
KAREN SMITH: Yes
Voting Summary: Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

15.A. Approval for CB South Boys Baseball to travel to Myrtle Beach, SC on March 18-21, 2027
15.B. Approval for Tohickon World Language Classes to travel to Bristol, PA on March 18, 2027
15.C. Approval for CB South Cheerleaders to travel to Kissimmee, FL on February 3-8, 2027.
15.D. Approval for CB East Cheerleaders to travel to Orlando, FL on February 2-7, 2027
15.E. Approval for CB South Cheerleaders to travel to Johnstown, PA on January 7-9, 2027
15.F. Approval for Tohickon 7th-grade to travel to Rose Valley, PA on December 16 and on December 17, 2026
15.G. Approval for Lenape 7th-grade to travel to Princeton, NJ on December 16, 2026
15.H. Approval for Tohickon 8th-grade to travel to Philadelphia, PA on November 2, 2026
15.I. Approval for Tohickon 6th-grade to travel to Warminster, PA and to Earlington, PA on November 6, 2026
15.J. Approval for Lenape 6th, 7th, and 8th-grades to travel to Philadelphia, PA on October 8, 2026
To view the Field Trip Items, please refer to Items 15A-15J on the October 22, 2026 board agenda.

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16. HUMAN RESOURCES: Approval of All Human Resources Items

Action: Motion to approve All Human Resources Items (Items 16A-16G)
This motion, made by SUSAN GIBSON and seconded by KAREN SMITH, Carried.
Voting Detail:
DAVID COMALLI: Yes
KATRINA FILIATRAULT: Yes
DANA FOLEY: Yes
SUSAN GIBSON: Yes
RICK HARING: Absent
DANIEL KIMICATA: Yes
AMANDA O'CONNOR: Yes
HEATHER REYNOLDS: Yes
KAREN SMITH: Yes
Voting Summary: Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

16.A. Approval of Appointments

16.B. Approval of Assignment Changes
16.C. Approval of Activities EDRs and Athletic Points
16.D. Approval of Retirements, Resignations & Terminations
16.E. Approval of Leaves of Absence
16.F. Approval of Sabbaticals
16.G. Approval of Revised Auxiliary Pay List

President Reynolds acknowledged the names of eight employees who are retiring and thanked them for their years of service to the district.

To view the Human Resources Items, please refer to Items 16A-16G on the October 22, 2026 board agenda.

17. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

17.A. JOB DESCRIPTIONS:
Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)
Supervisor of K-6 Reading Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs
Supervisor of K-12 Social Studies Curriculum & Instruction and Success Plan
Supervisor of K-12 Science Curriculum & Instruction and District Data
Supervisor of K-12 Mathematics and District Assessment Coordinator
Supervisor of K-12 English Language Arts and Internship Programs

17.B. Leaves of Absence Report
To view the Reports and Information Items, please refer to Items 17A and 17B on the October 22, 2026 board agenda.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

Edward Mackouse, Buckingham, spoke about the school district heading toward bankruptcy, one-third of the budget going to special education, Governor Shapiro, covid, autism, Stacy Garrity, cancer rates, voting Republican on Election Day, women's sports, and transgender teenagers.
Greg Bankos, Plumstead Township, thanked Dr. Wexler for hosting recent Community Forums. Mr. Bankos spoke about the 2015 - 2021 school district budgets that included budget reserves without tax increases.
Alyson Zimmer, Buckingham Township, spoke about the financial direction of the district, taxpayers contributing more towards schools, spending increases and enrollment decreases, staffing levels not matching declining enrollment, administrative growth, authorized supervisory positions, cost increases, and millage increases.
*Following Ms. Zimmer's comments, President Reynolds said that she wanted to clarify that the supervisory positions approved are not additional positions, rather a consolidation of positions, and that the job descriptions on the agenda are listed to be accurate.
Carla Grabianowski, Plumstead Township, was listed last on the sign-up sheet but switched speaking positions with Daniel Grabianowksi. Ms. Grabianowski spoke about budget, reserves, examining spending decisions, realignment, full-day kindergarten, accountability, benefits, special programs, increased costs for administrative, business, and central office, repeated tax increases, declining enrollment, and rising expenditures. Ms. Grabianowski thanked the Board for listening to the community regarding a responsible contractor policy proposal.
Daniel Grabianowski, Plumstead Township, spoke about fiscal responsibility, higher taxes, looking for ways to save money, responsible contractor policies, and apprenticeship programs. Mr.

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Grabianowski said that a group of people meet at the flagpole before each board meeting to pray for administrators and school board members, to pray that they make wise decisions, and said that they welcome others to join them.

19. BOARD COMMENT

President Reynolds spoke about transparency, fiscal responsibility, looking ahead, acknowledging the past in order to understand how we got into the situation we are in so that we can move forward and not make the same mistakes. Mrs. Reynolds said that everything the Board does will start from a place of transparency.

Mrs. Gibson spoke about the concerns and questions raised during Public Comment and said that the Board is listening. Mrs. Gibson spoke about Mr. Gehris being a dedicated CFO who she believes is the right person to help us with this dire financial situation.

Mrs. Smith spoke about having made past decisions based upon information that was had at that time, that the district is not in danger of not being able to operate but that our reserves have decreased. Mrs. Smith encouraged people to attend our Finance Committee meeting. Mrs. Smith said she wants to send a positive message to our transgender students and that we are glad you are here in our district.

Mrs. O'Connor spoke about some of her best decisions so far being her votes to hire Dr. Wexler and Mr. Gehris and that there has been open communication since they began in July and also thanked community members who came out tonight.

President Reynolds said that Dr. Wexler will get the district to a healthier place.

Superintendent Wexler spoke about job descriptions that appear as agenda items; they will continue to be brought to the Board as we review vacancies in the district and decide if vacancies need to be replaced.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Action: There being no further business before the Board, Motion to Adjourn at 8:51 p.m.
Motion by Amanda O'Connor; Second by Karen Smith

20.A. Next scheduled meeting: November 19, 2026 (3rd Thursday of the month)

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephanie Radcliffe
School Board Secretary

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