Central Bucks School District
Education Committee Meeting Report

Thursday, November 5, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Meeting location: CBSD Educational Services Center
16 Welden Drive, Doylestown, PA 18901

IN ATTENDANCE:

AMANDA O'CONNOR, CHAIRPERSON
DANA FOLEY, COMMITTEE MEMBER
HEATHER REYNOLDS, COMMITTEE MEMBER
SUSAN GIBSON, BOARD MEMBER
DR. JOANNA WEXLER, SUPERINTENDENT
DR. CHARLES MALONE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
DR. HELEN ZALESKI, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
RICHARD KRATZ, DIRECTOR OF TEACHING & LEARNING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
   Mrs. O'Connor called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Kitty Semisch. Mrs. O'Connor read aloud a message sent by Mrs. Smith about Kitty Semisch's impact on her own son, on the thousands of students in the district and throughout the community. Mrs. Reynolds spoke about Kitty Semisch and shared that the Board will honor Kitty at the full Board meeting later this month.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   There was no public comment at the November 5, 2026 committee meeting.

3. **REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING REPORT**

4. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.A. Grades 1 – 5 General Music Curriculum Revisions — **Speaker: Mike Gruver, Music Teacher and K - 12 Music Coordinator**

Mr. Gruver shared an update on Elementary Music courses, including an overview of the instructional map, curricular structure and units of study which focus on performing, creating, responding, and connecting.

4.B. SRSD Writing Update and AP Seminar Update — **Speaker: Michele Myers, Supervisor of English Language Arts**

Ms. Myers shared an update on Elementary Writing courses, including Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD), which is an instructional approach designed to help students develop writing strategies and self-regulation skills.
Ms. Myers also shared an update on the AP Seminar Program of Studies for grades 10-12. AP Seminar aims to build college-ready research, argument, collaboration, and communication skills and will be implemented in the 2027-2028 school year.

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

5.A. Grade 11 Academic and Honors Course of Study Approval; Grade 12 Academic and Honors Course of Study Approval; AP Language Course of Study Approval; AP Literature Course of Study Approval; MEMBEAN Pilot Approval Ms. Myers shared information about English Language Arts courses, including Units of Study and Course Overviews. The cost for 105 copies of Perrine's Story and Structure, An Introduction to Fiction, will be $16,269.75. Ms. Myers presented to the Committee regarding approval to pilot MEMBEAN for Tier Two support for grades 7 and 8 at one middle school. The cost will be $22,261.50 per year, pending a 3-year agreement, starting next school year. The Committee agrees to move these requests to the full Board for a vote.	**Speaker: Michele Myers, Supervisor of English Language Arts**
5.B. Community Internship 2 Course of Study Approval Mr. Melvin presented to the Committee regarding Community Internship 2 Course of Study, which would be an elective designed for students interested in exploring a career and have completed Community Internship 1. Students will complete a career thesis and plan a Capstone presentation and portfolio that documents their learning and growth. The Committee agrees to move this request to the full Board for a vote.	**Speaker: Will Melvin, English Teacher**
5.C. 2027 – 2028 Middle School and High School Program of Studies Adoption Dr. Malone and Mr. Kratz presented the secondary-level 2027-2028 Program of Studies to the Committee. To view the Program of Studies, please refer to Item 6C. The Committee agrees to move this request to the full Board for a vote.	**Speakers: Dr. Charles Malone, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and Richard Kratz, Director of Teaching and Learning**
6. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.	