

# **Central Bucks School District**

## **School Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 24, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Meeting location: CBSD Educational Services Center

16 Welden Drive, Doylestown, PA 18901

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

President and Presiding Officer Heather Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3. ROLL CALL**

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| DAVID COMALLI:       | Present                               |
| KATRINA FILIATRAULT: | Present                               |
| DANA FOLEY:          | Present virtually via Microsoft Teams |
| SUSAN GIBSON:        | Absent                                |
| RICK HARING:         | Present                               |
| 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 Sclama 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, Board Secretary

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Solicitor Amuso announced that the Board met in Executive Session on September 9, 2026 regarding confidential student information and litigation matters and the Board met in executive session on September 24, 2026, prior to the start of tonight's board meeting, regarding litigation, personnel matters, and confidential student information.

### **5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Wexler introduced CB West senior Madison D., who is serving as tonight's student representative to the school board. Madison D. congratulated 2027 National Merit Commended students Samuel B., Nandini G., Katherine L., William Y., and Christoph Z.

Madison D. congratulated 2027 National Merit Semifinalists Hudson F., Abhinav M., and Angela Z.

Madison spoke about 9<sup>th</sup> grade students having positive transitions to high school.

Madison spoke about October being Mental Health Awareness Month and preparations that are being planned for schoolwide events.

Madison spoke about Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program.

CB West United Club members Patrick T., Lily S., and Piper K. spoke about initiatives that their club has taken on, including the West Pledge, No Place for Hate, visiting Kutz and Doyle Elementary Schools, National Kindness Day, Humans of CB West Instagram account, West Leadership Day, and Student Voice Day.

Dr. Wexler spoke about the successful first days of school and shared some of the events that are happening in schools across our district. Dr. Wexler congratulated Angela Hendershot for being awarded the 2026 SHAPE PA Bev Martin Advocacy award.

Dr. Wexler thanked the Operations Department for getting schools ready in time for the opening of school.

Dr. Wexler thanked the Technology Department for preparing classrooms and systems for the start of the new school year.

Dr. Wexler announced that the lockscreen art contests will run again this school year.

Dr. Wexler spoke about Digital Wellness and Technology Initiatives.

Dr. Wexler congratulated three Appointments that appear on tonight's agenda: Director of Specialized Educational Services Dr. Meghan Dennis; Director of Student Services Cassandra Oshinsky; and Manager on Information Technology Services Jodi Smith.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Jennifer Bish, Buckingham Township, spoke about the demographic study, creating maintainable feeder patterns, and prioritizing ending the practice of splitting schools.

Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about bullying, pharmacy vaccines, and the government being the biggest bully to the American people.

## **7. MEETING MINUTES**

A. Approval of August 27, 2026 School Board Meeting Minutes

**Action:** Motion to approve the August 27, 2026 School Board Meeting Minutes.

This motion, made by RICK HARING and seconded by KAREN SMITH, Carried.

### **Voting Detail:**

DAVID COMALLI: Yes

KATRINA FILIATRAULT: Yes

DANA FOLEY: Yes

SUSAN GIBSON: Absent  
RICK HARING: Yes  
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

To view the School Board Reports, please refer to Items 8A-8D on the September 24, 2026 board agenda.

A. Education Committee

B. Policy Committee

C. Finance & Operations Committee

D. Bucks County Intermediate Unit

E. Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

#### 9. FINANCE: Approval of All Finance Items

To view the Finance Items, please refer to Items 9A-9G on the September 24, 2026 board agenda.

**Action:** Motion to approve All Finance Items.  
Items 9A - 9G were taken by one Motion.

This motion, made by RICK HARING and seconded by KAREN SMITH, Carried.

#### **Voting Detail:**

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

**Voting Summary:** Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

A. Approval of Investment Portfolio & Treasurer's Report for July 2026 and Ratification of Investments Report for August 2026

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: \$5,660,324.24; Fund 30: \$5,101,927.94; Fund 50: \$20,545.29. Grand total= \$10,782,797.57.

C. Approval of Membership in the Lehigh University School Study Council (LUSSC) in the amount of \$2,500.00

This membership allows up to five Cabinet members to attend monthly professional learning opportunities that feature current topics impacting public education.

D. Approval for Candice Hall Consulting to provide E-Rate consulting and processing services for E-Rate Funding Year 2027 at an annual fee not to exceed \$14,000.00

Candice Hall Consulting will provide E-Rate consulting and processing services for E-Rate Funding Year 2027 at an annual flat fee not to exceed \$14,000.00. The E-Rate program is a federally funded initiative that provides schools and libraries with discounts on eligible telecommunications, internet access, and network infrastructure services. Due to the program's extensive application, bidding, and compliance requirements, specialized consulting services are often utilized to maximize funding opportunities and ensure adherence to federal regulations. Candice Hall Consulting will provide comprehensive E-Rate support, including application preparation, competitive bidding assistance, compliance guidance, funding commitment monitoring, and reimbursement processing. These services help the District secure and manage federal E-Rate funding that offsets technology infrastructure costs, resulting in a significant financial benefit while reducing administrative burden. The expenditure directly supports the District's goal of maintaining and enhancing a reliable, secure, and sustainable network infrastructure for students and staff.

E. Approval of Amendment to CCRES Agreement: Addition of Consultant to the Scope of Services, with services not to exceed 20 hours

This CCRES Amendment will add Consultant Laurel Podraza at a billing rate of \$66.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours.

F. Approval of Staff Conferences in the amount of \$1,702.00

G. Approval of Staff Conferences in the amount of \$2,594.00

#### 10. **OTHER BOARD ITEMS**

A. **Information Item:** Financial Planning Update presented by CFO Wayne Gehris

Mr. Gehris shared a presentation that highlighted the profile of the district including enrollment, staffing, student/teacher ratios, and current financial numbers.

**Action:** Motion to approve Other Board Action Items 10B and 10C. Items 10B and 10C were taken by one Motion.

This motion, made by KAREN SMITH and seconded by RICK HARING, Carried.

**Voting Detail:**

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

**Voting Summary:** Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

B. Approval of Proposal from Pennsylvania Economy League (PEL) for Development of a 10-Year Demographic Projection

To view the PEL proposal, please refer to Item 10B on the September 24, 2026 board agenda.

C. Approval of CBEA Memorandum of Understanding: IEP Writing

To view the MOU, please refer to Item 10C on the September 24, 2026 board agenda.

**11. OPERATIONS: Approval of All Operations Items**

To view the Operations Items, please refer to Items 11A-11C on the September 24, 2026 board agenda.

**Action:** Motion to approve All Operations Items. Items 11A - 11C were taken by one Motion.

This motion, made by DANIEL KIMICATA and seconded by AMANDA O'CONNOR, Carried.

**Voting Detail:**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| DAVID COMALLI:       | Yes    |
| KATRINA FILIATRAULT: | Yes    |
| DANA FOLEY:          | Yes    |
| SUSAN GIBSON:        | Absent |
| RICK HARING:         | Yes    |
| DANIEL KIMICATA:     | Yes    |
| AMANDA O'CONNOR:     | Yes    |
| HEATHER REYNOLDS:    | Yes    |

KAREN SMITH: Yes

**Voting Summary:** Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

- A. Approval of Professional Services Contract for HVAC Systems Mechanical Engineering Study at CB West in the Amount of \$2,880.00

This Snyder Hoffman Associates, Inc. contract is for an hourly rate not to exceed \$2,880.00

- B. Approval of Plumstead Christian School Transportation Agreement

This Plumstead Christian School Agreement allows for reimbursement of their transportation services for students who live within the Central Bucks School District but attend Plumstead Christian School. This agreement is structured with the following rates:

\$11.91 per day per student for the 2026-2027 school year.

\$12.39 per day per student for the 2027-2028 school year.

The agreement automatically extends thereafter at 4% annually, and either party may cancel with notice of one-year.

- C. Approval of First Student Drivers and Monitors for Transportation Services

**12. SPECIAL EDUCATION: Approval of All Special Education Items**

To view the Special Education Items, please refer to Items 12A-12E on the September 24, 2026 board agenda.

**Action:** Motion to approve All Special Education Items. Items 12A - 12E were taken by one Motion.

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: Absent

RICK HARING: Yes

DANIEL KIMICATA: Yes

AMANDA O'CONNOR: Yes

HEATHER REYNOLDS: Yes

KAREN SMITH: Yes

**Voting Summary:** Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

- A. Approval of Lakeside Youth Service Agreement for the 2026-27 School Year

- B. Approval of LifeWorks School Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year

C. Approval of Settlement Agreement 9.24.26 (1)  
The fiscal impact for Settlement 1 is \$26,000.00.

D. Approval of Settlement Agreement 9.24.26 (2)  
The fiscal impact for Settlement 1 is \$409,774.00.

E. Approval of Settlement Agreement 9.24.26 (3)  
The fiscal impact for Settlement 1 is \$46,938.00.

**13. STUDENT SERVICES: Approval of All Student Services Items**

To view the Student Service Items, please refer to Items 13A-13C on the September 24, 2026 board agenda.

**Action:** Motion to approve All Student Services Items.  
Items 13A - 13C were taken by one Motion.

This motion, made by RICK HARING and seconded by DAVID COMALLI, Carried.

**Voting Detail:**

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

**Voting Summary:** Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

A. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Michelle Lachman for the 2026-2027 School Year  
This Agreement is to provide school psychologist assessment and consultation services at a rate of \$95.00 per hour.

B. Approval of Bucks Learning Academy Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year

C. Approval of Devereux Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year

**14. EDUCATION: Approval of All Education Items**

To view the Education Items, please refer to Items 14A-14C on the September 24, 2026 board agenda.

**Action:** Motion to approve All Education Items.  
Items 14A - 14C were taken by one Motion.

This motion, made by AMANDA O'CONNOR and seconded by DANIEL

KIMICATA, Carried.

**Voting Detail:**

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

**Voting Summary:** Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

A. Approval of Courses of Study: Compass 6, 7, 8  
and Integrated Technology 6

B. Approval of Course of Study: Ceramics 4

C. Approval of Course of Study: Environmental Science

15. **POLICY: Approval of All Policy Items**

To view the Policy Items, please refer to Items 15A-15D on the  
September 24, 2026 board agenda.

**Action:** Motion to approve All Policy Items.  
Items 15A - 15D were taken by one Motion.

This motion, made by KAREN SMITH and seconded by KATRINA  
FILIATRAULT, Carried.

**Voting Detail:**

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

**Voting Summary:** Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

A. Approval to Table for First Read Policy 123.3 Athletic  
Trainers

B. Approval to Table for First Read Policy 210 Use of  
Medications

C. Approval to Affirm the Second Reading and Approval of Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

D. Approval to Affirm the Second Reading and Approval of Policy 810 Transportation

16. **HUMAN RESOURCES: Approval of All Human Resources Items**

To view the Human Resources Items, please refer to Items 16A-16E on the September 24, 2026 board agenda.

**Action:** Motion to approve All Human Resources Items. Items 16A - 16E were taken by one Motion.

This motion, made by DANIEL KIMICATA and seconded by AMANDA O'CONNOR, Carried.

**Voting Detail:**

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

**Voting Summary:** Yes: 7, No: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 1

A. Approval of Appointments

B. Approval of Assignment Changes

C. Approval of Athletic Points and EDRs

D. Approval of Leaves of Absence

E. Approval of Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

Mr. Haring's completed abstention form is attached to the official September 24, 2026 school board meeting minutes. President Reynolds acknowledged the names of four employees who are retiring and thanked them for their years of service.

17. **REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

To view the Leaves of Absence Report, please refer to Item 17A on the September 24, 2026 board agenda.

A. Leaves of Absence Report

18. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tom Shead, Doylestown Township, spoke about having union workers do work at the district and about giving donations to parties.

Greg Bankos, Plumstead township, spoke about Senator Steve Santarsiero, responsible contractor policies, lower Makefield Township contracts, PACs, and campaigns.

Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about Senator Steve Santarsiero, women's sports, autism, and the Pennsylvania Governor's debate.

19. **BOARD COMMENT**

Dr. Wexler spoke about the September 30<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee Meeting, which is planned to be an informational meeting around the processes for bidding.

Mrs. O'Connor spoke about a potential responsible contractor policy that has only been in early discussions; it hasn't even had a First Read yet.

Mrs. Smith spoke about the American Academy of Pediatrics vaccine schedule.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Action:** There being no further business before the Board, Motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

This motion, made by RICK HARING and seconded by AMANDA O'CONNOR, Carried.

**Voting Detail:**

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

**Voting Summary:** Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

A. Next scheduled meeting: October 22, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Radcliffe  
Board Secretary