

**Central Bucks School District Finance
and Operations Committee Meeting**
Thursday, October 8, 2026
7:00 p.m.

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

In attendance:

Rick Haring, Chairperson
Daniel Kimicata, Committee member
Katrina Filiatrault, Board member
Heather Reynolds, Board member
Dr. Joanna Wexler, Superintendent
Dr. Helen Zaleski, Assistant Superintendent
Wayne Gehris, Chief Financial Officer
Barbara Markowitz, Finance manager
Kevin Spencer, Director of Operations
Margaret Baldwin, Solicitor
Stephanie Radcliffe, Board Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Haring called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment at the October 8, 2026 committee meeting.

3. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING REPORT

4. FINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

4.A. Approval of Investment Portfolio & Treasurer's Report for August 2026 and Ratification of Investments Report for September
Mrs. Markowitz reviewed the financial reports with the Committee.

4.B. Approval of 2026-2027 BCIU Homestead Farmstead Agreement at a Rate of \$1.128 per parcel
CFO Gehris shared that the BCIU prepares the mailers for the Homestead-Farmstead applications, and this is the standard Agreement that we present to the Board annually.

4.C. Approval of Kelly Pediatric Therapy Services Agreement
CFO Gehris spoke about school-based therapy services positions that we would use Kelly Services to fill. Section four of this Agreement outlines hourly rates.

4.D. Approval of BCIU Chief Science Officer Program MOU
CFO Gehris shared that the BCIU received funding for PDE job training and education programs; this is an opportunity for us to collaborate with other districts throughout our county.

5. FINANCE INFORMATION ITEMS

5.A. Review of Budget Variance Report for 2025-2026 School Year
CFO Gehris shared that our auditors are now off-site and finalizing their reports.

6. OPERATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6.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 of the purchase of a 2500 pickup truck with a plow to replace the old F650 dump truck that did not pass inspection. This 2500 pickup truck will be more versatile for plowing and for towing trailers.

6.B. Approval to accept the CB West Class Gift from the graduating Class of 1976.

Administration seeks approval from the board to adopt a resolution to officially accept the bronze statue of a buck from the Class of 1976. The statue will be installed at the Court Street entrance of the building.

6.C. 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.

Mr. Kimicata spoke about the amount of this change order.

6.D. Approval of Gilmore & Associates Professional Services proposal in the amount of \$57,490.00 for the design of the 2027 Playground Renovation Projects.

Administration seeks approval of the professional services proposal from Gilmore & Associates for design and construction administration services for the 2027 Playground Renovation Project. The project will include the Bridge Valley playgrounds, the Groveland Kindergarten playground, and accessibility improvements to the Jamison playground. The Committee discussed the significantly different costs and upgrades at different schools.

6.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 at Cold Spring Elementary School.

6.F. Approval to Resume the East High School Stadium Turf Replacement Project and approve additional professional services for bidding and construction administration.

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

Mrs. Reynolds confirmed that bundling these items will save some money.

6.G. Approval of Trane Valve Repair Proposal for the HVAC System at 20 Welden.

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.

Mr. Haring confirmed that the system is out of warranty.

7. OPERATIONS INFORMATION ITEMS

7.A. Realignment Construction Update

Mrs. Reynolds confirmed that the CB West change order was due to asbestos.

7.B. Capital Projects Update

CFO Gehris spoke about DCD awards that should be awarded in late November.

8. TRANSPORTATION AND FOOD SERVICE

8.A. Approval of First Student Drivers

8.B. 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 would next seek coverage from this outside consultant.

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Haring thanked Dr. Wexler for Monday's Community Forum at CB West. Mr. Haring spoke about some confusion about a statement made at the Forum and the clarification that she and the district provided to the community. Mr. Haring spoke about this bringing awareness about the district's finances. Mr. Haring spoke about people attending finance committee meetings to be engaged in these discussions.

Dr. Wexler said that CFO Gehris will attend the next Community Forum.

The next Community Forum is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on October 12th, and will be held at Holicong Middle School.

9. ADJOURNMENT: The October 8, 2026 committee meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

9.A. Next scheduled Finance & Operations Committee Meeting: November 12, 2026