

**BUCKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT
705 NORTH SHADY RETREAT ROAD
DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901**

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING**

OCTOBER 20, 2026

AGENDA FOR BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING (Tuesday, October 20, 2026)

Generated by Michele Ruggiero on Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Members present

(In-Person)

John D'Angelo, Flemming Godiksen, James Hallowell, Nicole Khan, Jill Waldbieser, Karen Winters,

(Virtually)

Liz Sheehan, Dana Foley, James Morgan, Brian Reimers, Thomas Trauger

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

1. Meeting Opening

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

C. Mr. D'Angelo announced that there was no Executive Session.

2. Public Participation - Comments for Agenda Items Only

A. Procedure for Public Comment

B. There was no Public Comment

3. Consent Agenda Items

A. Discussion of Consent Agenda Items

B. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Resolution: Approval of Consent Agenda Items 4A through 9C.

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Motion by Brian Reimers, second by Karen Winters.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: John D'Angelo, Liz Sheehan, Dana Foley, Flemming Godiksen, James Hallowell, Nicole Khan, James P Morgan, Brian Reimers, Thomas Trauger, Jill Waldbieser, Karen Winters

4. Recommendations for Action - Meeting Minutes and Committee Notes

A. Minutes of the September 15, 2026 Board Meeting

Resolution: Approval of the Minutes from the September 15 Board Meeting.

B. Minutes of the September 15, 2026 Committee on Advocacy for State and Federally Funded Programs (Ad Hoc) Meeting

Resolution: Approval of the September 15, 2026 Committee on Advocacy for State and Federally Funded Programs (Ad Hoc) Meeting

5. Recommendations for Action - Finance

A. September 2026 Treasurer's Report

Resolution: Approve the attached September 2026 Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

B. September 2026 Bills for Payment Report

Resolution: Approve September 2026 Bills for Payment Report in the amount of \$16,673,457.23.

C. Budget Approvals

Resolution: Approve the attached Budget Approvals in the amount of \$63,857.

D. Budget Revisions

Resolution: Approve the attached Budget Revisions in the amount of \$6,182,067.

E. October 2026 Contracts and Purchases

Resolution: Approval of October 2026 Contracts and Purchases of \$2,881,283.88.

F. Approval of Maillie LLP to provide Auditing Services

Resolution: Recommend the approval of Maillie LLP to provide auditing services for the three-year period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029 at a total anticipated base cost of \$117,000 plus direct expenses. The base cost includes the audit of one major federal program per year with additional major federal programs audited at a fee of \$3,000 per year.

G. Permission to Contract for the Purchase of Electricity

Resolution: Grant permission to contract for the purchase of electricity and natural gas through Provident Energy Consulting, LLC and for the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to sign the required documents.

6. Recommendations for Action - Revenue

A. Service Agreement with Bristol Borough for School Based Access Program (SBAP) Support Services

Resolution: Approval of the Service Agreement with Bristol Borough for School Based Access Program (SBAP) Support Services for the period of October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

B. Services Agreement with Allegheny Intermediate Unit

Resolution: Approval of Services Agreement between Allegheny Intermediate Unit and Bucks County Intermediate Unit to provide comprehensive support and improvement services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 for a total revenue amount of \$110,000.00.

C. Comprehensive Planning Service Agreement with Hatboro-Horsham School District

Resolution: Approval of the Bucks IU Comprehensive Planning Service Agreement with the Hatboro-Horsham School District for the time period November 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 for a total revenue amount of \$3,000, pending legal review by both parties.

D. Homestead Farmstead Application Mailing by Ratliff Transportation Inc. (RTI)

Resolution: Approval to invoice the districts for their proportionate share of the Homestead/Farmstead Application Mailing processed by RTI, Inc., in December 2026.

7. Recommendations for Action - Expenditures

A. Catapult Learning Agreement

Resolution: Approval of Agreement with Catapult Learning, LLC to provide services to Nonpublic schools through the provisions of Act 89 for the time period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 for a total cost of \$2,518,651.78.

B. Memorandums of Understanding with Bucks County School Districts for the Chief Science Officers (CSO) Program

Resolution: Approval of the Memorandums of Understanding with Central Bucks School District, Council Rock School District, and Neshaminy School District to provide Chief Science Officer (CSO) Services in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Education Job Training and Education Programs Grant for the period September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, pending legal review by both parties.

C. Contractor Service Agreement with Bucks County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Resolution: Approval of the Contractor Service Agreement with Bucks County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 for an estimated cost of \$7,500.00.

D. Facility Use Agreement with Delaware Valley University

Resolution: Approval of the Facility Use Agreement with Delaware Valley University for an event on November 3, 2026, at a total cost of \$1,100.00.

E. First Addendum to the Private Provider Agreement with Zen Educate, Inc.

Resolution: Approval of First Addendum to the Private Provider Agreement with Zen Educate, Inc. for the period of October 20, 2026 through August 15, 2028, at an estimated cost of \$593,500.00.

F. Additional Services with Private Providers

Resolution: Approval of Additional Services with Private Providers for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at the estimated total cost of \$1,943,500.00.

G. Certified QPR Gatekeeper Instructor Licensing Agreement with QPR Institute

Resolution: Approval of the Certified QPR Gatekeeper Instructor Licensing Agreement with QPR Institute for a period of three (3) years from date of licensing, at a total cost of \$611.95.

H. Amendment to Agreement for Investment Consulting Services

Resolution: Approval of the Amendment to extend the current Agreement with Cornerstone Advisors Asset Management, LLC for investment consulting services the period January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029. Compensation will remain governed by the fee and compensation provisions of the Agreement.

8. Recommendations for Action - Other

A. Preschool Early Intervention Provider and Service Memorandums of Understanding with Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit and Signatory Authority for the Program Director of Preschool Early Intervention

Resolution: Approval of the Preschool Early Intervention Provider and Service Memorandums of Understanding with Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit and Signatory Authority for the Program Director of Preschool Early Intervention to sign individual Memorandums of Understanding for each student receiving services under the agreements for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

B. Local Educational Agency Responsibility Agreement with Spring-Ford Area School District

Resolution: Approval of the Local Educational Agency Responsibility Agreement with Spring-Ford Area School District, beginning October 20, 2026, through the duration of student placement.

C. Local Educational Agency Responsibility Agreement with Lower Merion School District

Resolution: Approval of the Local Educational Agency Responsibility Agreement with Lower Merion School District, beginning August 18, 2026, through the duration of student placement.

D. Signatory Authority for the Program Director of School Age Programs to execute Local Educational Agency (LEA) Responsibility Agreements for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 School Years

Resolution: Approval of signatory authority for the Program Director of School Age Programs to sign Local Educational Agency Responsibility Agreements for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 School Years.

E. Educational Services Terms and Conditions Agreement with Potential Inc., DBA The Springtime School

Resolution: Approval of the Educational Services Terms and Conditions Agreement with Potential Inc., DBA The Springtime School for the period of September 9, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at an estimated cost of \$196,363.45.

F. Affiliation Agreement with Saint Elizabeth University

Resolution: Approval of the Affiliation Agreement with Saint Elizabeth University beginning October 1, 2026 and continuing in perpetuity until either party provides notice of termination.

G. Affiliation Site Agreement with The University of Scranton

Resolution: Approval of the Affiliation Site Agreement with The University of Scranton beginning September 15, 2026 through September 14, 2029.

H. Affiliation Agreement with Liberty University, Inc.

Resolution: Approval of the Affiliation Agreement with Liberty University, Inc. for the period of September 4, 2026 through September 4, 2029.

I. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Use of Facilities in the Event of an Evacuation to a Secondary Site

Resolution: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bucks County Intermediate Unit and Host Sites for the use of Facilities as a Secondary Location in the Event of an Evacuation for the time period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 School Year.

J. Approval of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Limited Consent for Alternate Portal Use of PSBA Materials Agreement

Resolution: Approval of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Limited Consent for Alternate Portal Use of PSBA Materials Agreement for the period of October 20, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

K. Purchase and Sale Agreement

Resolution: Ratification of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for Property in the total amount of \$1,900,000.00, and authorization for President of Bucks IU Board of School Directors, Executive Director and/or Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to Execute All Documents and Take Such Other Actions Necessary to Complete Settlement for the Acquisition of the Property.

L. Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council Items

Resolution: Approve the information/action items of the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council as presented at the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council meeting held in October, 2026.

M. Personnel Items

Resolution: Approval of Personnel Items for October 2026

9. Recommendations for Action - Board Policies

A. Introductory Reading of Amendments to Policy 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying

Resolution: Approval of Introductory Reading of Updates to Policy 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying along with accompanying new Administrative Regulation and Report Form.

B. Introductory Reading of Numbering Amendment to Policy 2133 - Drug/Alcohol Free Workplace

Resolution: Approval of Introductory Reading of Amendment to Policy 2133 - Drug/Alcohol Free Workplace to Renummer content to now be Policy 351

C. Introductory Reading of Policy 823 - Naloxone

Resolution: Approval of Introductory Reading of Amendment to Policy 823 - Naloxone.

10. Presentations and Mini Reports

A. Recognition of Six Graduates of the Grow Your Own Teacher Partnership Program with Gwynedd Mercy University

B. Special Education Mini-Report: Early Childhood Programs Family Engagement - Comprehensive Plan Update

C. Programs & Services Mini Report: District Support Team Plans for 2026-2027

D. Facilities Mini-Report: Overview of Bucks IU Facilities Services

E. Executive Director's Report

11. Information Items

A. Legislative Report

12. Executive Session

A. Mr. D'Angelo announced that there was no Executive Session.

13. Old Business

A. There was no Old Business.

14. New Business

A. Ms. Waldbieser inquired about getting an update on safety and security procedures and protocols.

- B. Ms. Waldbieser acknowledged Chad Evans guidance and training with the student voter registration drive.
- C. Mr. Trauger acknowledged and thanked Dr. Hoffman and Rebecca Roberts-Malamis, Esq., for their assistance with facilitating Board retreats for Pennridge School District.

15. Public Participation - Comments Not Limited to Agenda Items

- A. Procedure for Public Comment
- B. There was no Public Comment

16. Adjournment

- A. Next Meeting Notice - Tuesday, November 17, 2026
- B. Meeting Adjournment

A motion is needed to adjourn the meeting.
Motion by Flemming Godiksen, second by James Hallowell.