

Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2026 4:30 PM
Eastern

Administration Building Board Room
75 South Houcks Road
Harrisburg, PA 17109

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.A. **Approval of May 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
3. **Directors Report**
 - 3.A. **Summer Project Update**
 - 3.B. **Storm Water Damage Update**
 - 3.C. **Tech Centers at High Schools**
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.A. **Washer/Dryers for High Schools**
 - 4.B. **Security Options for East High Tennis Courts**
 - 4.C. **Vehicle Fleet Report**
 - 4.D. **Engineering/Architecture Firm - Opening RFP**
 - 4.E. **Enrollment Study**
5. **New Business**
 - 5.A. **North Side Project**
 - 5.B. **New Agenda Format and Reports**
6. **Community Input**
7. **Committee Representative Input**
8. **Adjournment**

CENTRAL DAUPHIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 14, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. by Dave Doernemann

Committee Members Present: Dave Doernemann, Eric Epstein, Mike Jacobs, Jeanne Webster

Other Board Members Present: Andrea Cavoli, Jeff Gordon, Kristen Hanford

Members of Staff Present: Eric Turman, Dr. Sarah Box, Howard Kressley, Peter Bard, Chris Lopez, Kim McConnell

Members of the Public: Bill Miller

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Epstein made a motion to approve the April 9, 2026, meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Jacobs and approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

3.1 CDMS Track Badge Access

Mr. Kressley reported that he is working with the Director of Safety & Security to determine the best option.

4. New Business

4.1 Lock Options for EHS Tennis Courts

Mr. Doernemann reported that students on the tennis team are unable to access the courts after practice due to the courts being locked, which prompted community inquiries about providing access for approximately 30 students, especially during the summer.

The committee discussed ongoing efforts to provide secure after-hours access to East High's tennis courts.

Mr. Kressley reviewed the following options:

- installing a turnstile-style entrance similar to Landis Field, which would require electrical work, concrete footings, and a professional engineer for stamped drawings and permits, with estimated costs between \$23,000 and \$28,000.
- using programmable electronic locks, which could be implemented for under \$1,000 for both gates, but would require regular monitoring and combination changes, potentially by the athletic director or security staff. The group discussed the need for someone to manage access codes and monitor usage, recognizing that while the electronic lock is a short-term, cost-effective fix, it would require administrative oversight and may not be suitable for public access.

Mr. Kressley will continue to review options and will present them at a future date.

4.2 Tech Centers for CDHS & EHS

Mr. Turman and Mr. Kressley presented an option to assist with high school overcrowding, focusing on the proposal to build new tech center buildings on each campus to expand shop and technical education, repurpose existing spaces, and address long-term capacity and program needs.

Mr. Turman outlined that while elementary and middle schools are generally managing capacity, high schools are facing significant overcrowding, with some buildings projected to reach 102-105% capacity and no feasible budget for large-scale expansions.

Mr. Kressley and Mr. Turman presented a plan to construct steel, insulated tech center buildings (similar to pole barns) on each high school campus, providing modern shop, construction, and culinary spaces, with the ability to expand as needed and at a much lower cost than traditional construction.

The estimated cost for two buildings is \$7 million (3.5 million each), with an additional \$3 million for equipment and furnishings, totaling around \$10 million, and the team discussed seeking grants, donations, and potential partnerships with trade organizations and local businesses to offset costs.

The new facilities would allow for expanded technical and vocational programs, including construction technologies, culinary arts, and potential partnerships with organizations like Home Depot, Lowe's, and trade unions, providing students with hands-on experience and industry certifications.

The group targeted the 2027-28 school year for opening the new tech centers, with next steps including presenting the proposal to the full board, considering cooperative purchasing or RFP processes, and integrating the project with other planned capital improvements.

Summer Construction and Renovation Project Updates: Howard and Kim provided detailed updates on ongoing and upcoming construction and renovation projects across multiple district buildings, including progress, timelines, and specific challenges encountered.

- **Blue Mountain Learning Center:** Site work and playground excavation at Blue Mountain Learning Center are nearly complete, with wall finishes, ceilings, and flooring progressing on schedule; occupancy is pending installation of a new water meter, expected within three weeks after production.
- **Colonial Park Learning Center:** Stair towers are being rebuilt to meet code, with new footers and walls in progress, windows and stairs scheduled for installation by June, and ongoing site work addressing drainage challenges due to the sloped lot.
- **Executive Park Learning Center:** The building is undergoing significant site and interior work, including bus loop development, drywall, painting, and electrical upgrades, with completion targeted for mid- to late June.
- **Union Deposit Learning Center:** The building is receiving intensive interior renovations, including a new elevator shaft and stair towers.
- **Paxtonia and E.H. Phillips Elementary Renovations:** AC renovation is underway with new ductwork and electrical upgrades,
- **North side and Linglestown Elementary Abatement:** projects are scheduled to start after school ends, and North Side's renovation drawings are at 25% completion.

- **Additional Summer Projects:** Other summer projects include expanding East High library classrooms, refreshing East Middle School with repairs and painting, and planning for future upgrades to unoccupied spaces over the next 18 months.

5. Community Input

Bill Miller discussed the impact of ongoing residential development in multiple municipalities, the district's technical curriculum offerings, including Cisco and other certifications and several facilities maintenance and safety issues.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.