

**Central Bucks School District**  
**School Board Brief**  
**September 18, 2025**

At the September 18, 2025 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Heard** Mrs. Reynolds speak about last month's Due Process Hearings. The Board plans to vote on both matters at the October 16, 2025 meeting.

**Announced** that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this evening's meeting on September 18, 2025 regarding litigation and personnel matters and also met on September 8, 2025 for a solicitor interview.

**Heard** Superintendent's Report: Substitute Superintendent Dr. Malone spoke about the cancellation of an author's visit at some elementary schools and a message shared in response to recent national events and said that in both cases, our messages fell short of the clarity and responsiveness that our families and staff deserve. Dr. Malone and the Board recognized and honored Jamison afterschool care staff members Christine Cool, Anita Haley, Michelle Kane, Natalie Lucca, Judy Shaffer, Connie Valimont, Cathy Wiggins, and Nancy Zartarian for keeping students safe when a motorcyclist drove onto school property while students were outside playing. Dr. Malone recognized Lenape Middle School for a trivia segment on Fox 29's Good Day Philadelphia. Dr. Malone spoke about the "Vison 2030" kick off meeting held Tuesday as we work on our next Comprehensive Plan. Dr. Malone discussed items on this evening's agenda including Operations, Education, and Policy items. Lindsay Smith and Angela Hendershot shared a Grade Realignment update. Jason Jaffe and Dr. Zaleski shared this school year's theme "See the Good; Be the Good". This year's lock screen contests will tie into this theme and student winners will be awarded gift cards donated by local restaurants.

Mrs. Reynolds spoke about the cancellation of author Jessie Sima's visits to two elementary schools and shared that Jessie Sima and the Doylestown Bookshop will host a virtual event on October 18th.

**Heard** Public Comment about agenda items:

1. Ed Mackouse spoke about the definition of abuse, a shortage of special education teachers, District Attorney Jennifer Schorn, and being careful about firing people.
2. Shannon Harris spoke about the order of agenda items being a Sunshine Act violation and spoke about the law firm on tonight's agenda having lost a free speech case.

**Appointed** Clarke Gallagher Barbiero Amuso & Glassman Law as General Solicitor

**Approved** the minutes of the August 21, 2025 School Board Meeting.

**Reviewed** School Board Reports:  
Policy Committee.

Finance and Operations Committee.  
Bucks County Intermediate Unit.  
Middle Bucks Institute of Technology.

**Approved** Business Department Items:

Financial Reports.

Accounts Payable Check Disbursements in the amount of \$18,509,003.83.

Staff conferences and workshops in the amount of \$3,357.00.

**Approved** Operations Department Items:

Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. Professional Services Design Contract for the Synthetic Turf Replacement at CB East High School in the amount of \$42,100.00.

Additional Engineering Services with Gilmore & Associates in support of the CB South Realignment Project in the amount of \$57,000.00.

Carroll Engineering Corp. Professional Services Design Contract for Domestic Water Service Replacement at Pine Run in the amount of \$47,100.00.

VDA, Inc. Professional Services Design Contract for Elevators at Linden and Butler in the amount of \$21,125.00.

Johnson Controls Contract for Rooftop HVAC Replacement at Buckingham in the amount of \$85,505.00.

Doyle and Linden Playground Replacements.

Resolution with Warrington Township for the Conditions of Land Development Related to the Amended/Final Plans for the Realignment Addition Project at CB South.

**Approved** Special Education Department Items:

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$30,500.00.

IEP Waiver Agreement with no fiscal impact.

**Approved** Student Services Item: PA School for the Deaf Agreement for the 2025-2026 School Year in the amount of \$48,500.00.

**Approved** Education Items:

Summit K-12 Program in the amount of \$18,796.50.

Course of Study: Advanced Math 6.

Course of Study: Academic Math 8.

Course of Study: Middle School Collaborative Health and Physical Education.

Course of Study: Middle School Collaborative Music.

Course of Study: High School Collaborative Family and Consumer Science.

Course of Study: Middle School Collaborative Family and Consumer Science.

Course of Study: Family and Consumer Science 6.

Course of Study: The Art of Photography.

Course of Study: High School Collaborative Art.

Course of Study: Middle School Collaborative Art.

Course of Study: Kindergarten Art.

**Approved** Policy:

Moved to First Read Policies 313 and 333

Approved Second Read Policies 103.1, 113.2, Policy 216, 235, 304, 340, 800, and 806.

**Approved** Field Trips:

CBE Mock Trial Team in September 2025.

Tamanend 7<sup>th</sup> Grade in October 2025.

Tohickon, CB East, and CB West STEM and History Clubs in October 2025.

Tohickon 8th Grade in October 2025.

Tohickon, CB East, and CB West CBVRP, History, and History Enrichment Club in November 2025.

CB West Harlequin Club in January 2026.

Lenape 8th-Grade in March 2026.

Unami 9th-Grade in March 2026.

Holicong 9th-Grade in May 2026.

**Approved** Human Resources Department Items:

Resignations and Terminations.

Leaves of Absence.

Appointments.

Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes.

New Positions.

Activities EDRs and Athletic Points.

**Reviewed** Reports and Information Items:

Leaves of Absence Report.

TPE/PE Semi-Annual Ratings.

New Job Descriptions.

**Heard** Public Comment:

1. Kirstin McGowan spoke about the benefits of bell-to-bell cell phone policies in schools.
2. Katie Moran spoke about screen addiction and bell-to-bell cell phone bans in schools.
3. Elizabeth Tolis spoke about Unified Bocci and Track teams, coaches, payments to coaches, and yearbook acknowledgements.
4. Michael Henry spoke about waiting for decisions on the Yanni and Heineman hearings and spoke about a unified school board.
5. Ed Mackouse spoke about rates of autism, vaccines, medical profits, and supporting Republicans.
6. Christina Bucci spoke about AP Seminar and AP Research courses with the goal of implementing the AP Diploma program.
7. Mara Witsen spoke about a vigil for Charlie Kirk, conservative students feeling silenced and ostracized in the district, school environments, and putting back a neutrality policy.

8. Doreen Stratton spoke about the 1950's House on Un-American Activities Commission hearings, the right to speak and learn, and spoke about "See the Good; Be the Good" program at CBSD.
9. Nicole Procz (Byers) spoke about her child's experience of bullying at school, a Safe-to-Say report, and read aloud some texts between students.

**Heard** Board Comment: Mrs. Smith thanked staff for their work over the summer preparing schools for the new school year. Mrs. Zdanowicz thanked administration and office staff for their extra work.