

Cheltenham School District
Hybrid Legislative Meeting of the Board of School Directors
September 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

In accordance with Sections 402 and 404 of the Pennsylvania School Code, the Board of School Directors of Cheltenham School District met on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7:05 p.m. to hold a hybrid legislative board meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Henry. Attendance was as follows:

CHELtenham SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Present: Mr. Charles Burdell-Williams, Mr. Zachary Epps, Ms. Pamela Henry, Ms. Jennifer Lowman, Ms. Leah Mulhearn Ms. Robyn Murphy, Mr. Daniel Schultz, Dr. Ross Whiting Absent: Ms. Mia Blitstein,

CHELtenham SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Chris Barone, Director of Information Technology; Ms. Charlene Collins, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Humanities; Mr. Kevin Kaufman, Director of Communications and Development; Dr. Stephen Catrambone, Director of Special Education; Ms. Jessica Keene, Director of Student Services; Mrs. ShaVon Savage, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Joshua Sweigard, Director of Business Services; Ms. Adrienne Tolbert-Jackson, Director of Human Services; Mr. Jonathan White, Safety and Security Manager; and Dr. Brian Scriven, Superintendent.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Edward Diasio, Esq.

BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Gwendolyn Hatcher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member, Mrs. Mulhearn

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Chrisitie Bergerson, parent and resident of Elkins Park, stated she would like to revisit the conversation regarding later start times for Cedarbrook East/ Cedarbrook MS, and Cheltenham High School. Also, two of our 8th grade students from Cedarbrook Middle School provided a message and shared information about their podcast focusing on the topic of later school start times. The meeting video and presentation for any Public Comments can be found [here](#).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Burdell-Williams, seconded by Dr. Ross Whiting, the minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Diasio reported the board met in executive session earlier this evening prior to tonight's public meeting. The board discussed Tax Assessment Appeal Litigation as well as the settlement of Special Education Litigation.

CHS STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Student Council member Elizabeth Striker, shared information from their last meeting held on August 26, 2025.

- Homecoming is September 20, 2025, from 7:00 –10:00 p.m., the doors close at 8:00 p.m.
- The Homecoming theme will be **Roaring Twenties**, the event colors will be Black, White, Gold, and Cream.
- The CHS football game is September 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Wissahickon High School.
- T-shirts and ticket sales for the game will be available from September 14-19, 2025.

The new Student Council President, Joshua Owens, and Vice President, Lucas Ngo, introduced themselves. Mr. Ngo shared that he and Mr. Owens will represent the student body of Cheltenham High School at legislative board meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent's Report can be found on the Cheltenham School District website at: [Superintendent's Report](#)

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Schultz, reporting for the Financial Affairs committee, shared information from the last meeting held on Sept 2, 2025. The meeting video and presentation for any Finance Committee meeting can be found [here](#). The next Financial Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2025, at the Administration Building with Hybrid option via zoom.

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Whiting, reporting for the Educational Affairs Committee, stated the committee did not meet in the month of August. The meeting video and presentation for any Educational Affairs Committee meeting can be found [here](#). The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2025, at the Administration Building, with Hybrid option via zoom.

EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Burdell-Williams, reporting for the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology, shared information from the last meeting held on August 14, 2025 via zoom. The minutes of any Joint Operating Committee (JOC) meeting can be accessed via the [Eastern Center for Arts and Technology – Joint Operating Committee website](#). The next JOC meeting will be held on September 10, 2025, via Zoom.

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**MONTGOMERY
COUNTY
INTERMEDIATE
UNIT (MCIU) REPORT**

Ms. Lowman, reporting for the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU), shared information from the meeting held on August 27, 2025. The minutes of any MCIU meeting can be found [here](#). The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2025, in person at the MCIU with Hybrid option via zoom.

**FACILITIES
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Mr. Burdell-Williams reporting for the Facilities Committee, shared information from the last meeting held on September 2, 2025. Any meeting video and presentation of the Facilities Committee can be found [here](#). The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2025, at the Administration Building with Hybrid option via zoom.

LIAISON GROUP

Ms. Mulhearn, reporting for the Liaison Group shared the committee has not met since its last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled, September 15, 2025, via zoom.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lowman, reporting for the Policy Committee, shared information from the last meeting held on August 26, 2025, [minutes](#). Any meeting video and presentation of the Policy Committee can be found [here](#). The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2025, at the Administration Building, with Hybrid option via zoom.

**LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Epps, reporting for the Montgomery County Legislative Committee, reported on what's happening in Harrisburg and DC that is relevant to education, particularly in Cheltenham. Any meeting video and presentation of the Legislative Committee can be found [here](#). The next Legislative Committee is scheduled to meet on October 6, 2025.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA ITEMS**

Upon motion to approve by Mr. Shultz, seconded by Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Henry opened up the meeting to the board for comments: Mr. Burdell-Williams acknowledged one of the items for approval tonight is the retirement of Mr. Tim Holman, Director of Facilities for Cheltenham SD for 4 years. He acknowledged he had the pleasure of working with Mr. Holman for the entire 4 years and spoke about the impacts that Mr. Holman made:

- The ground work he laid
- The Employee Relations
- Helping the district through some very challenging come back from COVID times were very significant that proved to be very challenging

The impact Mr. Holman made here on the district will stay. Mr. Burdell-Williams thanked Mr. Holman for his duty and service and wished him the best.

The following consent agenda items were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS

Adopted Policies

- #121 Field Trips (2017)
- #121.1 Other Student Travel (2019)

Approval of Volunteers

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the following volunteer pursuant to Policy 916:

Ralph Burnley, Jr.
Donya Baxter
Lynette Lark
Denise Portner

Approval of Conferences

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the attendance and payment of expenses for **Tracey Horne**, Administrative Assistant, to attend **PowerSchool University Engage** in New Haven, CT from September 30 - October 3, 2025. This conference is sponsored by PowerSchool. This training has an estimated cost of \$3,075.00 to be paid from the general fund.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Teaching & Learning

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the attendance and payment of expenses for **Dr. Stephen Catrambone**, Director of Special Education, to attend the **Special Education Leadership Conference** in Skytop, PA from October 22-24, 2025. This conference is sponsored by Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU). This training has an estimated cost of \$225.00 to be paid from the general fund.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Teaching & Learning

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the attendance and payment of expenses for **Natalie Freeman**, Title I Reading Teacher, Cheltenham Elementary School, to attend **Wilson Reading System (WRS) Level I Certification Wilson with Web Practicum** online during the 2025-2026 school year. These meetings are sponsored by the MCIU and have an estimated cost of \$2,900.00 to be paid from the general fund.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Teaching & Learning

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the attendance and payment of expenses for **Victoria Edwards**, Child Accounting Specialist, to attend **ACAPA 2025** in Hershey, Pa from November 4-7, 2025. This conference is sponsored by ACAPA and has an estimated cost of \$1,250.60 to be paid from the general fund.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Teaching & Learning

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the attendance and payment of expenses for **Diane Rodriguez**, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

Supervisor, to attend **MTSS/Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS)** meetings for the 2025-2026 school year: 10/10, 10/24, 11/5, and 12/17. Meetings will be in person at the MCIU and also virtually. There is no cost for these meetings.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Teaching & Learning

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the attendance and payment of expenses for **Diane Rodriguez**, MTSS Supervisor, to attend MTSS virtual meetings: **Leading Change Building Inclusive and Comprehensive MTSS** through the MCIU for the 2025-2026 school year: 9/29, 10/28, 1/3, 2/9, 3/18, 5/4. There is no cost for these meetings.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Teaching & Learning

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the attendance and payment of expenses for **CSD Nurses Donel Forte, Rita Fernandes, Aisha Raye, Tria Jones and Marilyn Shadis** to attend **Keeping Kids with Diabetes Safe in School and Community Settings** at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on October 25, 2025. This conference has a cost of \$200.00 to be reimbursed from the general fund.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Teaching & Learning

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the attendance and payment of the expenses for **Dana Diamondstein**, Title I Math Teacher, Myers ES, **Stacy Epstein**, Math Interventionist, Glenside ES and **Fanny Tan**, Math Specialist, Cheltenham ES to virtually attend **Bridges Intervention Getting Started** sponsored by The Math Learning Center on September 10, 2025. The cost of this meeting is \$75.00 (each) to be paid from the general fund.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Teaching & Learning

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the attendance and payment of the expenses for **Kristopher Hovis**, Teacher, Cheltenham ES, and **Kathryn Jacob**, Reading Specialist, Glenside ES, to attend **LETRS Training** at the through the MCIU for the 2025-2026 school year: 9/17, 12/3, 2/5, 4/7. The cost of this meeting is \$858.00 (each) to be paid from the general fund.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Teaching & Learning

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the attendance and payment of the expenses for **Stephanie Keller**, Kindergarten Teacher/CIA Leader, Glenside ES, to attend LETRS Training at through the MCIU for the 2025-2026 school year: 9/17, 12/3, 2/5, 4/7. The cost of this meeting is \$891.20 to be paid from the general fund.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Teaching & Learning

Approval of Agreements for an Approved Private School Placement

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the Board approve the Approved Private School Agreement and Addendum. This agreement governs the contractual terms and conditions for placement of students when a non-traditional placement is required in order to provide the student with an appropriate program:

Student # 403377

Student # 405953

Student # 409910

Student # 410062

Student # 413273

Student # 413062

Student # 412585 & 413933

Approval of Educational Services Agreements

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval of the educational services agreements between the district and the parents/guardians of the students identified below by confidential student number in the form presented to the Board:

Student # 406499

Student # 408256

Student # 409100

Student # 410697

Student # 410916

Student # 411305

Student # 413434

Student # 2027995

Approval of Contracts

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the 2025-2026 private pay contract with **Aldersgate Youth Service Bureau** to offer mental health support services at no cost to families in our school buildings.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Climate and Culture for Student Success

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the 2025-2026 agreement with **The Lincoln Center** to hold 3 educational slots for Cheltenham School District students.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Climate and Culture for Student Success

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the 2025-2026 contract with **Family and Communities on the Move** to offer male mentoring support for students during the school day.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Climate and Culture for Student Success

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the 2025-2026 contract for **We R H.O.P.E.** to offer mental health support services for Cedarbrook, Cheltenham High School, and EPIC.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Climate and Culture for Student Success

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the award of a contract with the **Montgomery County Intermediate Unit #23** to provide shared special education services for the 2025-2026 school year, in the amount of \$1,265,894.02.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Climate and Culture for Student Success

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the 2025-2026 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with **Make the Distinction (MTD)** to facilitate (8) week evidence-based curriculum, called Girls Circle - "Who Am I" at Cedarbrook Middle School during the Fall and Spring semester, subject to final solicitor review.

Strategic Plan Pillar III - Social Emotional & Mental Health.

Approval of Payments

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval of bills for payment for the period August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025 in the following amounts in accordance with the list submitted to the board.

FUND	Check Numbers	Amount
General Fund	173041-173213	
	WT260072-WT260081	
	CC 261000-261151	4,357,187.91
Payroll Fund	13640-13651	
	WT 260037-260071	1,731,110.50
Food Service	43002845-43002846	266,742.62
Self-Insurance	WT 260035-260036	1,009,853.11
Scholarship Fund	61001861-61001862	800.00
Capital Reserve	100124-100139	679,622.95

Appointment of Bus Transportation Staff

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the appointments of the following Bus Drivers, Bus Aides, Van Driver effective 2025-2026 School Year.

Name	Job Title	Hire Date	License/Certification ID
St Jean Gedeus	CDL	07/10/2025	25829045
Alice Culver	CDL	07/16/2025	17170632

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Oluwayemisi Oresanwo	CDL	07/30/2025	32021952
Zacharie Sineus	Van Driver	08/19/2025	35404441
Jamiya Parrott	Van Driver	08/19/2025	35252225
Shatawn Smalls	CDL	08/19/2025	25421825
Lunie Bernard	Bus Aide	08/19/2025	34897865
Joseph Johnson	CDL	08/19/2025	31456263
Dave Pierre	Van Driver	08/19/2025	34853336
Benjamin Toussaint	CDL	08/25/2025	24029541
Estelle Brioche	Bus Aide	08/25/2025	30680202
Josnel Benjamin	Van Driver	09/02/2025	28204971

Approval of Hearing Officer Adjudications (Student Residency Matters)

RESOLVED: The administration recommends approval of the proposed non-residency adjudications prepared by Hearing Officer A. Kyle Berman, Esq for the students listed below.

- Student #412794
- Student #413169
- Student #413675
- Student #413674
- Student #413496
- Student #410447
- Student #413841
- Student #413916
- Student #413819
- Student #413990
- Student #413148
- Student #413207
- Student #412719
- Student #409208
- Student #408709
- Student #412248
- Student #413281
- Student #412366
- Student #413868
- Student #413287
- Student #413286
- Student #410476
- Student #412601
- Student #413921
- Student #413767
- Student #413981

Appointment of Long-Term Substitute

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **Janelle Wesley**, Long Term Substitute [Floater] at Cheltenham Elementary at a salary of \$56,956 (Step 1/Bachelors) to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 18, 2025.

Appointment of Support Staff

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **Martina Echewa**, Paraeducator at Cheltenham Elementary, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$21.00 (Tier III/Step 1) [annual salary of \$27,048] to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 18, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of **Sarita Fobbs**, Computer Technician at Cheltenham High School, 8 hours per day for 260 days, at an hourly rate of \$31.50 (Step 1) [annual salary of \$65,520] to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 25, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of appointment of **Jayla Lewis**, Paraeducator at Wyncote Elementary, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$21.00 (Tier III/Step 1) [annual salary of \$27,048] to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 18, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of appointment of **JaNelle Strange**, Building Aide [Part-time] at Glenside Elementary, 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$17.11 (Tier I/Step 1) to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 18, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of appointment of **Kevin Norris**, Building Aide [Part-time] at Cheltenham Elementary, 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$17.11 (Tier I/Step 1) to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 18, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of appointment of **Tiesha Stevenson**, Building Aide [Part-time] at Wyncote Elementary, 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$17.11 (Tier I/Step 1) to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 18, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of appointment of **Taj Simmons**, Paraeducator at Myers Elementary, 7 hours per day for 184

days, at an hourly rate of \$21.00 (Tier III/Step 1) [annual salary of \$27,048] to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 18, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of appointment of **Michael Walsh**, Paraeducator at Myers Elementary, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$21.00 (Tier III/Step 1) [annual salary of \$27,048] to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 18, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

Approval of Changes of Assignment

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of approval of a change in position for **Tomika Morris-Washington** from: Custodian [Part-time] at the Administration Building to: Custodian [Grade 18] at Cedarbrook Middle School, 8 hours per day for 260 days, at an hourly rate of \$22.30 (Step 1), effective August 25, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of approval of a change in position for **David Bloom** from: Lead Custodian [Grade 17] at the Cedarbrook East School to: Head Custodian [Grade 16] at the Myers Elementary School, 8 hours per day for 260 days, at an hourly rate of \$30.33 (Step 10), effective September 2, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of approval of a change in position for **Jason Brown** from: Custodian [Grade 18] at the Wyncote Elementary School to: Custodian [Grade 17] at the Wyncote Elementary School, 8 hours per day for 260 days, at an hourly rate of \$25.67 (Step 3), effective September 2, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of the appointment of approval of a change in position for **Suzanne Wissman** from: Secretary to the Principal [Grade 5] at the Cedarbrook Middle School to: Secretary to the Director of Facilities and Maintenance [Grade 6] at the Administration Building, 7.5 hours per day for 260 days, at an hourly rate of \$35.30 (Step 5), effective September 8, 2025. A 90-day probation period is required.

Approval of Salary Adjustment

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the ratification of approval of a salary adjustment for **Tria Jones** and **Aisha Raye**, Staff Nurses, at the hourly rate of \$31.00, effective July 1, 2025.

Appointment of Stipends

RESOLVED The administration recommends that **Charlene Gallagher**, Secretary to Supervisor of Transportation, be paid additional compensation in the amount of \$1,500 stipend for performing additional duties due to the transition of Transportation Supervisor.

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of a stipend for **Kimyatta Taylor**, Confidential Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent, for services as the district notary in the yearly amount of \$300.

Extra Duty/Extra Pay

RESOLVED: The administration recommends the approval of the following Extra Duty/Extra Pay assignments, per the attachment, at a rate of \$235 per unit, as listed.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE NOT SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

Retirement

Lisa Rock, Technology Staff Developer at the Administration Building effective September 16, 2025 end of workday. Lisa Rock has been with the district for 20 years.

Timothy Holman, Director of Facilities & Maintenance at the Administration Building effective August 13, 2025 end of workday. Timothy Holman has been with the district for 4 years.

Dorothy Dean, Custodian at Glenside Elementary School effective October 3, 2025, at the end of workday. Dorothy Dean has been with the district for 24 years.

Resignations

Colleen Boyle, Paraeducator at Cheltenham Elementary School effective August 8, 2025, at the end of workday.

Kathleen Darwin, Paraeducator at Cedarbrook East School effective August 14, 2025, at the end of workday.

Thomas DiGiulio, Latin Teacher at Cheltenham High School effective August 19, 2025, at the end of workday.

Jordan Toran, Paraeducator at Glenside Elementary School effective August 29, 2025, at the end of workday.

Reginald Butler, Building Aide [Part-time] at Cedarbrook East School effective August 19, 2025, at the end of workday.

Non-discretionary Leaves of Absence

Stephanie Blocker, Paraeducator at Cedarbrook Middle School be granted an unpaid leave of absence from August 18, 2025 through September 2, 2025, pursuant to ARTICLE VIII.B.2 of the collective bargaining agreement with the Business Employees' Council (BEC). Stephanie Blocker's return to work date is September 3, 2025.

Maranda Siler, Paraeducator at Cheltenham Elementary School be granted an unpaid FMLA leave from August 18, 2025 until November 17, 2025. Maranda Siler's return to work date is November 18, 2025.

First Read Policies

- #102 Academic Standards (2020)
- #212 Assessment and Reporting of Student Progress (2019)
- #904 Public Attendance in School Facilities (2024)
- #336 Personal Necessity Leave (New)
- #339 Uncompensated Leave (New)
- #828 District-Wide Safety (2023)
- #317 Disciplinary Procedures (2021)
- #320 Freedom of Expression (2020) - Title Change to "Freedom of Speech/Expression by Employees"
- #712 Service Animals (2020)
- #701 Facilities Planning (2018)
- #704 Maintenance (2018)
- #810 Transportation (2018)

Administrative Regulations (ARs)

- #121 Field Trips (2017)
- #121.1 Other Student Travel (2019)
- #212 Assessment and Reporting of Student Progress (2019)
- #339 Uncompensated Leave (New)
- #828 District-Wide Safety (2023)
- #317 Disciplinary Procedures (2021)
- #712 Service Animals (2020)
- #704 Maintenance (2018)
- #810 Transportation (2018)

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA
ITEMS**

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were four (4) public comments on non-agenda items.

Student Council President Joshua Owens, accompanied by Lucas Ngo, Vice President both CHS student and community members, expressed concerns about Panther Prep changes. Joshua and Ngo shared the following comments and concerns:

- Eastern students who have morning shift miss Panther Prep.
- Clubs will be taking place during Panther Prep, and those Eastern students that miss morning sessions will be missing clubs, time to connect with teachers and to get help.
- Students not arriving to homeroom on time should be moved to the beginning of the day, because Panther Prep is after homeroom. This schedule is not affecting all students in the same manner and this is why we are requesting you to reconsider the changes that have been made to Panther Prep.
- Students have two lunch periods, 45 minutes split in two sections. The original transition time was 6 minutes and now the time has been reduced to 4 minutes. The decrease in transitional time makes it difficult and this has caused an increase in student's being a couple minutes late, which causing a delay in everyone's learning experience overall.
- Transition time was used by clubs, however this time is "taking away" essential time.

Michelle Still and Doris Pitt, Wyncote residents, expressed frustration regarding hazardous trees on her and other neighbors' property. Mrs. Still thank the district for removing trees from 304 and 306 and acknowledge the progress that has been done, but wants more done on Old Farm Road. The hazardous trees do not just affect 304, 306 they affect the entire block on Old Farm Road.

There are 30 neighbors that have signed the petition who are concerned about the trees that remain behind their homes. Many of the community members have suffered unbelievable damage. The hazardous trees remaining this affects the power during storms trees fall on lines. They would like the remaining trees removed. Asplundh tree experts that were hired by PECO came out today to access the back of their property to look and see if any trees or branches were laying on wires.

Mrs. Still would like the district to reach out to PECO, Verizon and Comcast to help them get the wires taken care of. Mr. Carter has been out to their homes; however, he will go back out to take a look because these properties back into Cedarbrook Middle School. Properties in question is 304, 306, 310. Mrs. Still thanked the district for what they have already done.

Mrs. Doris Pitt, community member expressed her concerns that she would like the school district to be responsible for their property, the same way she has to be. Mrs. Pitts thanks the district for letting her share that.

Mr. Larry Diggs, Cheltenham resident, parent in community with two students in CBK and one in CES, in the gifted program. Stated there was a meeting over the summer in August with, some board members, Commissioner Irv Brockington an Officer from Cheltenham. His wife attended and they were discussing the traffic around Cheltenham Elementary. Now that has a 5th grade added and more cars have added to environment. There was a 2nd meeting that Mr. Diggs attended in which Officer Murphy, Cheltenham Police Department, Commissioner Irv Brockington, and some concerned parents voiced some frustration and concerns about the traffic drop and pick up cluster at CE.

Mr. Diggs read a prepared statement and he will email the board members because he would like to have further dialogue about the situation.

We acknowledgement the efforts that have been made and we appreciate and are grateful for the following:

- Placement of Traffic Cones
- Painting of Curbs
- Police Present at Pick-Up and Drop -Off

Although these actions are steps in the right direction, he truly appreciates the support. However, the meeting also brought to light some critical outstanding issues that still need to be addressed:

- Formal traffic study still has not been completed
- No timeline for insulation of speed cushions at CE
- PennDOT is a barrier for some of the traffic calming measures

His concern is our children's safety should not be a matter of uncertainty. We need to move from temporary fixes to permanent data driven solutions and our families deserve a clear path forward. That is why I am here tonight to ask for your partnership, and I, along with other parents, would like to assist in the effort to create a safer environment around our school.

We respectfully ask the school board to take three Key Actions:

1. Commission of formal Traffic Study
2. Designate a specific point of contact from the board: Email was sent in April or May and there was never a response from last the meeting
3. Utilizing the board authority to open dialogue with PennDOT

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Elizabeth Stricker, a CHS Student is in her 4th year in color guard. They practice Monday and Wednesday from 6:00-9:00 pm and sometime Friday afternoon. There are currently 34 members. Elizabeth wanted to make two requested for the Band:

- Re-painting of the Yard Markers
- More Gym Space

Future Meetings listed

Facilities and Financial Affairs will be held on Wednesday, November 5, instead of Tuesday, November 4th due to the elections.


Hybrid Legislative Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 11th


**RESPONSE TO
PRIOR
QUESTIONS**

There were no unanswered prior questions.

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**

Upon motion by Dr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Burdell-Williams, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.


_____, Board Secretary


_____, Board President