

**Central Bucks School District**  
**School Board Brief**  
**January 22, 2026**

At the January 22, 2026 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

**Announced** that the Board met in executive session on December 15, 2025 about personnel, specifically, the superintendent search process, the board held a Board Retreat on January 14, 2026 and held an executive session on Monday, January 19, 2026 regarding personnel.

**Heard** Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Malone spoke about BCIU funding for early intervention for infants and toddlers with special needs.

Dr. Malone and Mr. Jaffe recognized and congratulated Holicong Middle School student Emma K. as the December winner for the theme "See the Good, Be the Good in Your Community" and Butler Elementary School Kelsey S. as the January winner for the theme "See the Good, Be the Good in the New Year". Emma was presented with a gift card to McDonald's and Kelsey was presented with a gift card to Chick-fil-A.

Dr. Malone acknowledged our QUEST teachers and spoke about QUEST (Questioning and Understanding through Engineering, Science, and Technology), which is an interdisciplinary approach to learning at the elementary level. QUEST teachers help students apply rigorous academic concepts that are coupled with real world challenges, enabling students to incorporate technology in new ways.

Dr. Malone announced that school board member Karen Smith was recently recognized for her decade of service to Central Bucks School District as a school board member.

Dr. Malone announced that January is School Director Recognition Month and thanked each of our nine school board members.

Dr. Malone announced that Grade Realignment will occur this fall. Elementary schools will consist of grades kindergarten through grade 5; middle schools will consist of grades 6-8; high schools will consist of grades 9-12.

Dr. Malone spoke about several items on tonight's agenda, including a contract for a system-level evaluation of our Pupil Services Department by the Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement at the University of Minnesota (CAREI), the 2026-2027 preliminary budget, an Artificial Intelligence Pilot, a temporary stipend for Mr. Lyndell Davis who is performing additional duties, and a demographic boundary change proposal for Mill Creek and Butler Elementary Schools.

**Heard** Presentation: Deputy Executive Director and BCIU In-House Legal Counsel Rebecca Roberts-Malamis, Esquire shared information about the superintendent search process, which included stakeholder meetings, community meetings, surveys, communications, and advertising about the job posting. Mrs. Roberts-Malamis shared that 26 people have applied for the position, and the Board will decide which of these candidates they wish to move forward to the first round of

interviews. Mrs. Roberts-Malamis spoke about a community forum with the finalist that is planned for the springtime.

**Heard** Public Comment about agenda items:

- 1.) Deneen Dry, CBESPA President, spoke about budgeting strains that affect the district's support staff. Ms. Dry said that since August, 111 support staff members have retired or resigned, and that of the staff that remains, nearly 80% are below the Bucks County annual self-sufficiency wage. Ms. Dry spoke about respect and fairness, pay inequities, and a stipend on the agenda for extra work duties. Ms. Dry spoke about contract negotiations and asked the Board to treat this workforce with the respect that they have earned.
- 2.) Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about the CAREI contract on the agenda, rates of autism, restraint techniques, Proverbs 13:24, and the 4th Commandment.

**Approved** the minutes of the November 20, 2025 School Board Meeting and the minutes of the December 1, 2025 School Board Organization Meeting.

**Reviewed** School Board Reports:

Education Committee.

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 \$12,178,578.33.

Ratified a Pupil Services Contract in the amount of \$112,255.00.

Contract with Educational Leadership Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$2,800.00.

Sharpan Tax Assessment Appeal Stipulation in the amount of \$41,420.00.

Staff conferences and workshops in the amount of \$5,557.00.

2026-2027 Preliminary Budget submission to the state in the amount of \$454,287,756.00.

**Approved** Other Board Action Items:

Revised 2026-2027 district calendar.

CBESPA MOU: Overtime Clarification

Appointment of Dana Foley as CBSD representative to the BCIU Board of Directors.

Appointment of Dr. Charles Malone as Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education for the term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Employment Contract with Dr. Charles Malone for the term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

**Approved** Operations Department Items:

Trane Technologies Contract in the amount of \$177,891.00 for CB West rooftop units.

Gilmore & Associates Change Order in the amount of \$40,000.00 for CB South realignment construction.

Chesapeake Systems proposal in the amount of \$43,518.00 for Tohickon Middle School chilled water system.

Snyder Hoffman Associated contract in the amount of \$11,675.00 for Tohickon Middle School chilled water pumps engineering design.

Elite Elevator Services, LLC proposal in the amount of \$554,640.00 for elevator modernizations at Butler and Linden Elementary Schools.

Demographic boundary modifications at Mill Creek and Butler Elementary Schools.

Stormwater Operations and Management Agreement with Warrington Township.

**Approved** Special Education Department Items:

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$72,000.00.

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$50,000.00.

**Approved** Education Items:

Resource adoption: Environmental Science in the amount of \$127,793.78.

Pilot: Principles of Teaching II in the amount of \$2,850.00.

Pilot: Artificial Intelligence and Lightspeed.

**Approved** Policy Items: Moved to Table for First Read Policy 121 Field Trips and Policy 820 Use of Scanning Equipment to Detect Weapons and Prohibited Items.

Approved Policy 113 Special Education; Policy 317 Discipline Procedures for Staff; and Policy 800.2 Recording.

**Approved** Field Trips:

Lenape 9<sup>th</sup> grade in June 2026.

Lenape 8<sup>th</sup> grade in June 2026.

CB East Girls Track in May 2026.

CB South Writing Center in March 2026.

CB South HOSA Club in March 2026.

CB East & CB South Chamber Choirs in March 2026.

CB East Track in February 2026.

CB South DECA Club in February 2026.

CB East & CB West DECA Clubs in February 2026.

Tamanend Gold 'n' Blue Chorus in February 2026.

CB West Cheerleading in February 2026.

CB East Girls Track in February 2026

CB East Second Girls Track in February 2026.

CB South Boys Track in January 2026.

CB East Girls Track in January 2026.

CB East Cheerleading in January 2026.

CB East Girls Track in January 2026.

CB East Girls Track in December 2025.

**Approved** Human Resources Department Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations.

Leaves of Absence.

Appointments.

Assignment Changes.

Activities EDRs and Athletic Points.

Sabbaticals.

**Reviewed** Reports and Information Item: Leaves of Absence Report.

**Heard** Public Comment:

- 1.) Elizabeth Tolis, Warwick Township, spoke about the district's pupil services director not being in attendance tonight and about the district's Unified Bocce program.
- 2.) Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about the rights of women and girls, National Merit scholars, Pride flags, pronouns, undermining girls' privacy, and teachers being afraid to restrain children.
- 3.) Katie Veisz, Buckingham Township, spoke about ChildLine Reports not being made for an incident at Bridge Valley Elementary nor for an incident at the summer ESY program. Ms. Veisz asked what actions the Board will take when staff fail to meet their obligations as mandated reporters.
- 4.) Daniel Grabianowski, Plumstead Township, was listed on the sign-up sheet but did not speak.

**Heard** Board Comment: Mrs. Gibson said that the Board hasn't set any sort of standard that exceeds any legal requirements of the district related to child abuse. Mrs. Gibson said that the Board oversees the district, and that compliance issues are handled by administration. Mrs. O'Connor spoke about the CB East production of *Grease* that she recently enjoyed.