

Central Bucks School District
School Board Brief
February 26, 2026

At the February 26, 2026 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in executive session regarding the superintendent search on January 27, 2026, February 2, 2026, February 4, 2026, February 5, 2026, February 19, 2026, February 20, 2026, and February 23, 2026; the Board met in executive session regarding litigation on February 17, 2026; the Board met in executive session regarding labor relations, litigation, and personnel today, February 26, 2026.

Heard Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Malone and Mr. Jaffe recognized and congratulated Tamanend Middle School student David M. as the February winner for the theme "See the Good, Be the Good in Challenges". David was presented with a gift card to Chick-fil-A.

Dr. Malone and the Board recognized and congratulated the CB East Girls Soccer team as State Champions. The athletes were presented with certificates of recognition.

Dr. Malone and the Board recognized and congratulated Linden Elementary School, Lenape Middle School, Tamanend Middle School, Tohickon Middle School, and Unami Middle School for being recognized by the state for Tier 1 Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

Dr. Malone announced that the Comprehensive Plan has been posted to the website for public review.

Dr. Malone reviewed several items on the agenda including the 2026-27 calendar that reflects no kindergarten classes on September 4, 2026, a Resolution banning cell phone use during the school day, playground equipment, a new high school elective, and policies 121 and 820 for approval.

Heard Public Comment about agenda items:

1. Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, was listed as #2 on the sign-up sheet, but spoke first. Mr. Mackouse spoke about students with disabilities, special education ARs, autism rates, and vaccines that cause autism.

2. Deneen Dry, CBESPA, was listed as #1 on the sign-up sheet, but spoke second. Ms. Dry spoke about agenda section 8-Operations, including Operations Department expenses, Operations Department leadership, and Operations Department members feeling undervalued and dismissed. Ms. Dry spoke about agenda section 15-Human Resources, including resignations and retirements, a supervisor's \$135,000.00 salary, and short-staffed support positions. Ms. Dry spoke about support staff negotiations and about having stability, equity, and respect for the professionals who serve our students every day.

Approved the minutes of the January 22, 2026 School Board 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 \$6,180,575.09.

Audit Report for School Year 2024-2025.

2026-2027 BCIU Programs and Services and Instructional Materials and Research Services Budget Resolution in the amount of \$140,051.00.

\$860,374.54 e-Plus Technology, Inc. Contract for Wireless Equipment and Licenses.

\$1,011,077.00 e-Plus Technology, Inc. Contract for Network Switches and Licenses.

\$5,387.00 Staff Conferences and Workshops.

Approved Other Board Action Items:

Revised 2026-2027 district calendar.

Unit Clarification Agreement with CBESPA.

Resolution in Support of State Law to Ban Cellphone Use in Schools Throughout the School Day.

Approved Operations Department Items:

\$13,500.00 Professional Services Contract for Architect Design of Central Bucks High School South Pool Railing.

\$55,900.00 Contract with Siemens for Fire Alarm Panel Upgrades at Pine Run Elementary.

Department of Community & Economic Development Grant Authorization Application for HVAC Projects.

Department of Community & Economic Development Grant Authorization Application for Roofing Projects.

\$441,162.00 Playground Equipment for Doyle, Linden, and Butler Elementary Schools.

\$178,673.05 Generator Equipment for Pine Run Elementary, Barclay Elementary, and Central Bucks High School East.

\$1,990,250.00 Holicong Middle School Chiller Plant Replacement Project.

\$212,440.00 Tohickon Middle School Cooling Tower Piping and Pump Replacement.

\$487,990.00 Partial Roof Replacement Project at Kutz Elementary and Linden Elementary Schools.

\$55,681.00 Professional Engineering Design Services for Replacement of the Pine Run Chiller Plant.

\$6,480.00 Professional Engineering Design Services associated with the New CB East/Holicong Water System.

Additional First Student Drivers & Monitors.

Approved Special Education Department Items:

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$6,070.00.

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Settlement Agreement.

ACCESS Services Agreement.

Approved Student Services Items:

HS tuition student for 2026-2027.

Settlement Agreement.

Approved Education Items:

Course of Study: Culinary and Cultural Roots Travel Abroad.

Textbooks: Encuentros 2026 for Spanish 1A, 1B, 2, 3, and 4 Classes and Chemins 2026 for French 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 3-Honors, 4, and 4-Honors Classes.

Approved Policy Items: Moved to Table for First Read Policy 126 Class Size; 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies; 805.2 School Security Personnel; and 910 Community Relations.

Approved Policy 121 Field Trips and Policy 820 Use of Scanning Equipment to Detect Weapons and Prohibited Items.

Approved Field Trips:

CB East, South, and West STEM Research Clubs in May 2026.

Unami PEN Classes in May 2026.

CB South TSA Club in April 2026.

CB South FBLA in April 2026.

CB East Girls Track in April 2026.

CB East Girls Track in March 2026.

Tamanend 9th-Grade in March 2026.

Elementary School Social Studies Classes in March 2026.

CB East Girls Track in February 2026.

CB East Track Team in January 2026.

Approved Human Resources Department Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations.

Leaves of Absence.

Appointments.

Assignment Changes.

Activities EDRs and Athletic Points.

Sabbatical.

Reviewed Reports and Information Item:

Student Activity Encumbrance Reports

Leaves of Absence Report.

Heard Public Comment:

1. Clinton Basalik, employee, spoke about support staff having financial stability and about helping and protecting students.

2. Stacy McBride, employee, spoke about the dedication of the support staff and about wages.

3. Rob Rodgers, employee, spoke about Operations Department leadership. Mr. Rodgers spoke of a lack of quality in Operations leadership and the problems that linger in the department.

4. Kim Devlin, employee, spoke about the pay structure for educational teaching assistants and about aligning compensation with the realities of the roles.

5. Ed Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about autism and vaccines, "Frankensteinian billionaires", Democrats not standing when President Trump spoke, nuclear war and nuclear weapons, and about women needing to be protected by men.

6. Rebecca Cartee-Haring, Doylestown Township, spoke about the Equal Pay cases, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and read aloud portions of a recent EEOC statement.

7. Don Willing, employee, wasn't originally listed on the sign-up sheet but was added during the meeting. Mr. Willing spoke about the cell phone resolution on the agenda and about having a supportive environment for our students to thrive.

Heard Board Comment:

Mr. Haring said that he hears and sees Becky, the 380 other women, and the support staff employees, and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.