

Central Bucks School District
School Board Brief
March 26, 2026

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

Announced that the Board met in executive session on March 4, 2026 regarding the final superintendent search interview, on March 10, 2026 regarding the superintendent contract, on March 19, 2026 regarding special education audit information, on March 24, 2026 regarding labor negotiation matters, and prior to this evening's meeting on March 26, 2026 regarding litigation and personnel matters.

Announced that the finalist candidate for Superintendent is Dr. Joanna Wexler. There will be a Community Forum to meet Dr. Wexler on April 8, 2026 and a Special Meeting to appoint Dr. Wexler on April 14, 2026.

Thanked Dr. Malone for his leadership, commitment, and service during this time of transition.

Heard Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Malone and Mr. Jaffe recognized and congratulated Holicong Middle School student Ehab K. as the March winner for the theme "See the Good, Be the Good through Leadership". Ehab was presented with a gift card to Outback Steakhouse.

Dr. Malone and the Board recognized and congratulated the CB East Cheerleading team for winning the 2026 Universal Cheerleaders Association National Championship in the Division 1 Small Varsity Non-Tumbling Game Day category. The athletes were presented with certificates of recognition.

Dr. Malone and the Board recognized and congratulated National Merit Scholarship Finalists. NMS Finalists are: Susanna D., Hanwen H., Madelyn M., and Harper Grace P. from CB East; Alaina A., David D., Julian G., Deborah G., and Lucas M. from CB South; Noah G. and Sanat N. from CB West.

Dr. Malone spoke about the CAREI evaluation of our Pupil Services Department. Preliminary findings are expected to be shared during the month of April.

Dr. Malone spoke about several items on tonight's agenda including the 2026-2029 Comprehensive Plan, Sweet. Stevens. Katz & Williams legal services agreements, and school board policies.

Heard Public Comment about agenda items:

1. Jozie Beyer, CBSD student, spoke about her mother receiving a cease-and-desist letter and about an April 1st deadline.

2. Deneen Dry, CBESPA President, spoke about Item 6C, that funding continues to be found, support staff compensation, retaining the workforce, valuing the support roles, and that there are 96 days left until the expiration of the support contract.

3. Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about Greg Bankos who is running for Senate, positive behavior reports, the number of reported restraints in Philadelphia and in Central Bucks, and about breaking up fights when he was a teacher.

Approved the minutes of the February 26, 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 \$9,465,326.62.

\$136,686.76 Tax Assessment Appeal Stipulation.

\$125.00 per hour contract with School Operations Services Group, Inc. for food service operations training.

\$1,512.00 Staff Conferences and Workshops.

\$421,200.00 Apple Financial Services Lease Agreement.

Approved Other Board Action Items:

2026-2029 Comprehensive Plan.

2025-2030 Act 93 Agreement-wording change on page 11.

Amendment to June 17, 2025 BCIU Agreement for Business & H/R office services.

Approved Operations Department Items:

\$416,309.00 paving at Mill Creek.

\$164,900.00 orchestra pit fill-in at CB South.

\$28,500.00 fire suppression system at CB South.

\$58,000.0 dry fire suppression systems at Jamison & Pine Run.

\$369,965.50 renovations to classroom 106 at Tamanend.

\$152,400.00 lawn mowing services for eleven schools.

\$58,322.00 fire alarm control panel at Buckingham.

\$154,383.00 fire alarm and suppression system inspections.

\$3,393,395.00 for new buses and vans.

Approved Special Education Department Items:

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$115,274.00.

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$40,030.00.

\$21,000.00 SSKW Agreement.

Approved Student Services Items:

\$32,558.35 PowerSchool Agreement.

Approximately \$600,000.00 SSKW Agreement.

\$3,000.00 SSKW Retainer.
Foreign exchange student for 2026-2027.

Approved Education Items:

\$42,978.00 Textbooks: Accounting 1 and Accounting 2.

\$207,828.83 Textbooks: Academic Math 6 and Academic Math 8.

Approved Policy Items: Moved to Table for First Read Policy 226 Searches.

Approved Policy 126 Class Size; 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies; 805.2 School Security Personnel; and 910 Community Relations.

Approved Field Trips:

Tamanend Chorus in March 2026.

CBW TSA Club in April 2026.

CBW DECA Club in April 2026.

Approved Human Resources Department Items:

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations.

Leaves of Absence.

Appointments.

Assignment Changes.

Activities EDRs and Athletic Points.

Reviewed Reports and Information Item:

Leaves of Absence Report.

Heard Public Comment:

1. Kimberly Devlin, CB employee, spoke about support staff pay, staff shortages, low wages, and investing in support staff. Ms. Devlin urged the Board to prioritize fair pay.

2. Lee Eisenman, CB employee, spoke about support staff job experiences and training models.

3. Diana Thomas, CB employee, spoke about the roles of nurses in schools and about compensation.

4. Joanne Schaefer, CB employee, spoke about the support staff contract, her current rate of pay, and her role in a school office.

5. Maribel Alicea, CB employee, spoke about wages and staffing, PCA roles in schools, staffing shortages, and low CBSD pay rates. Ms. Alicea spoke about a survey that she sent to some CB employees.

6. Elizabeth Tolis, Warwick Township, spoke about the absence of the Interim Pupil Services Director at board meetings, her son's experience at his school and about a meeting that followed an incident at her son's school.

7. Joe Deibler, CB employee, spoke about his grandmother's experience teaching at CBSD in the past, about new positions, and about raises and stipends for employees.

8. Megan Maris, CB employee, spoke about support staff shortages, her role at CB, and fair compensation.

9. Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about support staff, about 6,000 reports of restraints in Bucks County, and about his experiences when he was a teacher.

President Reynolds thanked employees for attending the meeting.

Heard Board Comment:

Mrs. Gibson thanked the support staff members for the work they do and for attending this evening's meeting.

President Reynolds announced the April 8th Community Forum with Dr. Joanna Wexler at CB West, the April 14th Special Meeting to appoint a new superintendent at 16 Welden Drive, and the April 23rd regular school board meeting at CB West.