

Central Bucks School District
School Board Brief
April 23, 2026

At the April 23, 2026 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in executive session on April 7, 2026 regarding special education information, on April 14, 2026 regarding safety, personnel, and labor negotiations, and on April 23, 2026 regarding budget process, legal matters, and labor negotiations.

Heard Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Malone and Mr. Jaffe recognized and congratulated CB West student Addison C. as the April winner for the theme "See the Good, Be the Good in Creativity". Addison was awarded a gift card to PF Chang's. Dr. Malone recognized Jennifer Hendri for being named 2025 NASN Pennsylvania School Nurse of the Year. Dr. Malone recognized Cold Spring staff members Denise Chila, Stacey Fisher, Sara Hedges, Shannon Hollenbeck, Maria Kensey, Erin Lineman, and Megan Maynard for providing emergency medical aid to a student in distress. Dr. Malone announced that the CAREI evaluation of the pupil services department is complete, and administration is reviewing the report and its recommendations. Dr. Malone welcomed Dr. Wexler to her appointment as CBSD superintendent, effective July 2026. Dr. Malone spoke about a few items on tonight's agenda, including the proposed 2026-27 budget, the dedication of the CB East press box in honor of Larry Greene, and school board policy. Dr. Malone acknowledged a recent tragedy at one of our schools and spoke about communication, available support, and available resources.

Heard Public Comment about agenda items:

1. Deneen Dry, CBESPA, spoke about Agenda Item 6G, budget deficits, stipends, administration hires, money for grade realignment, and \$585,000.00 for three new high school principal positions. Ms. Dry spoke about critical support staff roles, and about having a shift in policies and priorities.

2. Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about Agenda Item 12C, the Columbia Protocol for screening, transgender youth suicide rates, mental health experts, and relationships between teachers and parents.

Approved the minutes from the March 26, 2026 school board meeting and from the April 14, 2026 special meeting of the school board.

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 \$7,075,118.63.

\$84,362.50 Tax Assessment Appeal Stipulation.

\$696,034.94 Tax Assessment Appeal Stipulation.

\$2,175.00 Staff Conferences and Workshops.

\$461,236,652.00 Proposed Final Budget for 2026-2027.

Approved Other Board Action Items:

Appointment of Heather Reynolds and Susan Gibson as CBSD Voting Delegates for the 2026 PSBA Delegate Assembly.

Flexible Instruction Day application.

Revised 2026-27 district calendar.

Settlement Agreement 10.3.

Approved Operations Department Items:

CB East Press Box Dedication in honor of Larry Greene.

2026-2027 Facility Use Regulations.

\$175,450.00 water service replacement project at Pine Run.

\$687,300.00 playground replacement projects at Linden, Doyle, and Butler.

\$419,567.00 emergency generators at Barclay and Pine Run and automatic transfer switch at East.

Approved Special Education Department Items:

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$130,500.00.

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$9,600.00

Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$664,170.24.

Approved Student Services Item:

MOU with BCIU for 2026-27 Head Start Grantee/Pre-K Provider, Private Agency.

Approved Education Items:

\$16,296.00 Textbooks: 9th-Grade US History.

\$31,746.96 Textbooks: Psychology.

\$949,209.16 Resource Renewal: Math In Focus.

\$17,500.00 Resource: Middle School Math Intervention.

Approved Policy Items:

Approved Policy 226 Searches.

Moved to Table for First Read Policy 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response.

Approved Field Trips:

Tohickon Music Classes in May 2026.

Tohickon, East, and West Veterans History Project Teams in May 2026.

West and Rising Lenape and Tohickon 9th and 10th-graders in June 2026.

East Football in July 2026.

East Cheerleading in August 2026.
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Approved Human Resources Department Items:
Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations.
Leaves of Absence.
Appointments.
Assignment, Classification, Status Changes.
Activities EDRs and Athletic Points.
Sabbaticals.

Reviewed Reports and Information Item: Leaves of Absence Report.

Heard Public Comment:

1. Jess Corson, Chalfont Borough, spoke about her experiences working as a district PCA, her pay increases over the past ten years, and fair pay.
2. Karina Levenzon, Warwick Township, spoke about the work that PCAs do for students, the aide who works with her child, and investing in support staff and their critical roles.
3. Carlos Siderio, PCA Support Staff, spoke about his experiences working as a district support staff employee and about receiving appropriate training and protocols.
4. Amy Michener, New Britain Township, spoke in support of CB support staff and about giving them the respect and compensation they deserve.
5. Edward Mackouse, Buckingham Township, spoke about his first teaching job, teachers and support staff having more support, the need to be able to properly restrain children, Democrats in the PA House, and men protecting women.
6. Dennis Lock, Warrington Township, spoke about the support provided to his child in school by CB support staff and his wife's experiences working as a support staff member.
7. Kate McKenna, Chalfont Borough, spoke about the crucial roles of support staff, their level of respect, low wages, attracting and retaining EAs, and about fair wages and continuing education.
8. Gary Fortier, Buckingham Township, spoke about support staff compensation and challenges, the importance of their work and the value they bring both to the institution and to the community.

Heard Board Comment: Mrs. Filiatrault said that she stepped out of the room during public comment due to a coughing fit. Mrs. Reynolds announced that the Board might move the location of the May meeting.