Central Bucks School District School Board Brief June 18, 2025

At the June 18, 2025 School Board Meeting, the Central Bucks Board of School Directors:

Announced that the Board met in Executive Session on May 21, 2025 regarding litigation: Sunshine Act and Equal Pay cases. Announced that the Board met in Executive Session on June 10, 2025 and June 16, 2025 regarding personnel issues related to the Jamison Elementary allegations. Announced that the Board met in Executive Session on June 18, 2025 prior to this evening's School Board Meeting regarding the annual School Safety Report, the Sunshine Act case, special education settlements, and Act 93 and Transportation contracts.

Heard Superintendent's Report: Substitute Superintendent Dr. Malone and Director of Technology and Innovation Mr. Jaffe recognized and congratulated Tamanend Middle School student Madeline DiFulvio, this month's Portrait of a Graduate lock screen contest winner.

Dr. Malone recognized Cold Spring Elementary School teachers Amanda Lawn and Liz Rafferty as well as principal Kevin Cochran for raising \$10,000.00 for the Eagles Autism Foundation.

Dr. Malone spoke about items on this evening's agenda including a tax rebate program, the final 2025-2026 budget, and a memorandum of understanding with the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Dr. Malone spoke about our recent high school graduation ceremonies and congratulated the CBSD Classes of 2025.

Heard Public Comment about agenda items: 1. Mary Bucci said that she is a behavior analyst and spoke about problems at Jamison Elementary, the DRP Report, delayed Board action, and the removal of Katie Veisz and Alyssa Wright. Ms. Bucci spoke about Alyssa Wright's call to leadership to stop concealing abuse.

2. Edward Mackouse spoke about budget issues, taxes, and the teachers' union. Mr. Mackouse spoke about the district having 3,000 less students now, and that students don't feel safe. Mr. Mackouse spoke about teachers earning \$100,000.00 per year, retirement pensions, drops in test scores, persecution of girls, no female National Merit Scholarship finalists, the transgender medical industry and surgeries, and teachers grooming students.

3. Lisa Sciscio spoke about agenda items 13K through 13O. Ms. Sciscio spoke about a quote from Gabrielle McDaniel in an article, and Dr. Yanni's reports to Child Line, the police, and the DA. Ms. Sciscio spoke about the Cozen O'Connor law group representing Gabrielle McDaniel. Ms. Sciscio spoke about this law group having negotiated the teacher contract, and asked if a conflict waiver was obtained.

4. Debra Cannon spoke about her past requests to the Finance Department to find alternative means to alleviate raising taxes and such high percentages. Ms. Cannon shared some of her ideas for passive income, including sponsorships and "naming rights' for areas such as gyms, fields, and libraries, specialized alumni license plates, corporate sponsorships, website logos, and renting out some of our spaces for retreats, conferences, and the like.

5. Shannon Harris spoke about the budget, tax rates, lower academic scores, and the district having 3,000 less students than before. Ms. Harris spoke about the spending at this budget equaling about \$25,000.00 per student. Ms. Harris asked about cutting staff and about the 2022 Crabtree presentation. Ms. Harris spoke about releasing the report with redactions and about Mr. Haring's absence.

6. Vonna DeArmond thanked the Board for taking action and asked if lawsuits are anticipated. Ms. DeArmond spoke about doing better with financial and litigation matters. Ms. DeArmond asked the Board to consider Ms. Cannon's suggestions about other ways to create revenue. Ms. DeArmond asked the Board to reconsider Ms. Wright's potential termination and to leave Dr. Malone as Superintendent.

7. Andrew McCauley thanked the Board for the road traffic guard MOU for Barclay and Titus Elementary Schools.

8. Tim Froman spoke of his support for Gabby and the aide, and said not to believe the whistleblower.

Approved the minutes of the May 15, 2025 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 \$7,983,202.69. Designated Depository Accounts. Year-End Budget Transfers. 2025-26 BCIU Technology Pool Counsel in the amount of \$880.00. 4-Year Lease-to-Own Agreement for 2,600 Apple iPads in the amount of \$842,400.00. Maillie, LLP Audit Services Engagement Letter in the amount of \$48,400.00. Conrad Siegel Health & Welfare Consulting Services Proposal in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. First Student Bus Drivers and Aides. 2025-26 ARAMARK Contract for Food Services. Indian Valley Appraisal Co. Proposal for Tax Assessment Appeals Services. 2024-25 Staff Conferences in the amount of \$272.00. 2025-26 Staff Conferences in the amount of \$667.00. Sports+ Contract with Sway Medical, Inc. in the amount of \$7,475.00. Resolution for Real Estate Tax Rebate Program. 2025-26 Fiscal Year Final Budget.

Approved Other Board Action Items:Board Resolution: Summer Hiring.MOU with CBEA: Pioneer Full-Day Kindergarten.MOU with Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.

Settlement Agreement & Mutual Release: 2016-17 Charter School Subsidy Dispute with PA Leadership Charter School. 2025-2030 Act 93 Agreement.

Approved Operations Department Items:
CB South Dust Collection System in the amount of \$46,442.00.
PM Agreement for building automation controls in the amount of \$158,133.00.
CB East swimming pool heater in the amount of \$174,837.00.
Crossing Guard MOU with Warrington Township.
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Approved Special Education Department Item: 7 Settlement Agreements in the amounts of \$246,845.00, \$7,000.00, \$92,455.00, \$30,000.00, \$256,275.00, \$21,500.00, and \$172,000.00. 5 IEP Waiver Agreements with no fiscal impact.

Approved Student Services Items: 2025-26 School Physician Agreements with Dr. Moore and Dr. Bagnick. 2025-26 School Dentist Agreements with Dr. Riesenberger and Dr. Frankina. 2025-25 Nyman Associates Agreement in the amount of \$10,000.00. 2025-25 Richard J. Caron Agreement in the amount of \$11,000.00. 2025-25 Power School Consulting Agreement in the amount of \$6,000.00. 2025-25 Aspire Agreement in the amount of \$25,000.00. 2025-25 Vanguard School Agreement in the amount of \$91,500.00. 2025-25 Access Services Agreement in the amount of \$30,000.00

Approved Education Item: High School Collaborative Music Course of Study.

Approved Field Trips: CBS Marching Band in August 2025. CBS Boys Varsity Basketball in December 2025.

Approved Human Resources Department Items: Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations. Leaves of Absence. Appointments. Assignment, Classification, and Status Changes. Activities EDRs and Athletic Points. Summer Staff: ESY, Community School Camps, and Summertime Custodians. Sabbaticals. New Positions. 2025-26 Substitute and Auxiliary Pay Rates. Resolutions and Statement of Charges against Employees: 1815, 13976, 14222, 14803, and 15878.

Reviewed Reports and Information Item: Leaves of Absence Report.

Heard Public Comment: 1. Michael Henry spoke about the Board taking action after months of waiting, another meeting without full board member attendance, and about his child's classroom. Mr. Henry spoke about the DRP report, people who lied to him, and that tonight's decisions reflecting acknowledgment of what happened. Mr. Henry asked when the Dalton report will come out and about cameras in classrooms,

and spoke about making sure this doesn't happen again. Mr. Henry thanked Mr. Pepper for being a voice for our children.

2. Ed Mackouse spoke about the teachers' union being corrupt and said that some teachers have sold out. Mr. Mackouse spoke about children with autism, Bill Gates sending vaccines to Vietnam, Robert Kennedy Jr. identifying the relationship between autism and vaccines, and the transgender medical industry.

3. Kathleen Cranmer spoke about a commencement address given at Northwestern, developing an idiotdetection system, empathy and compassion that require the capacity to step past our primal urges, and about leaving cruelty and vitriol in the past.

4. Ed Sheppard spoke about raising revenue, tax increases, and administrator salaries at CB. Mr. Sheppard spoke about Mr. Pepper's remarks and the Board's failure to listen to parents.

5. Christina Bucci spoke about AP courses at the high school level with the goal of implementing the AP Capstone diploma and described the AP Capstone program.

6. Vonna DeArmond spoke about Board actions opening the district to litigation, the need for policy updates, having accountability for employee trainings, and the culture at the district for employees. Ms. DeArmond spoke in support of hiring Dr. Malone as Superintendent. Ms. DeArmond thanked Mr. Pepper for his comments. Ms. DeArmond spoke about Ms. Cannon and Ms. Sciscio resigning their board seats.

Heard Board Comment: Mr. Pepper spoke about the lack of criminal charges being brought in this case. Mr. Pepper spoke about children being criminally abused in their classroom, a conspiracy in this district to conceal child abuse, and the Child Line report submitted by Dr. Yanni, Dr. Garvin, and Mr. Freiling. Mr. Pepper spoke about the Child Line report and the DA's statement about the Ohrt case. Mr. Pepper spoke about the whistleblower's complaint that was submitted to Mr. Freiling and Dr. Yanni. Mr. Pepper spoke about the Disability Rights and PDE investigative reports and a pattern of willful blindness by the DA's office. Mr. Pepper spoke about a CPS investigation that was opened. Mr. Pepper spoke about never letting the horror that these children suffered ever happen again.