

**CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE RECEIVER'S  
MEETING OF THE PUBLIC**

**May 21, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

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A Public Meeting of the Receiver of the Chester Upland School District was held this evening via Zoom.

Executive Staff Present -	Dr. Gregory Thornton, Interim Receiver Dr. Juan Baughn, Superintendent Dr. Jala Olds-Pearson, Assistant Superintendent Ms. Sharon Brokenbough, COO
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Solicitor -	George Dawson, Esquire
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School Board -	Anthony Johnson, Board President Tyra Quail, Board Member Beverly Harris, Board Member William Riley, Board Treasurer Ken Washington, Board Member
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Also Present on Zoom -	Kinya Robinson, Interim Director HR Mark McIntyre, Director, Special Education
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The Receiver's meeting opened with a call to order by Interim Receiver, Dr. Gregory Thornton and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING**

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

**REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Thank you, Dr. Thornton and good evening to the School Board, community and participants in this board meeting. I just have a couple of things I want to share. The first thing I want to share is that, in one of the resolutions tonight, we talk about the changing the end-of-the-year calendar. We've made a decision that the last day for students this year will be June the 5th. The last day for all students will be June the 5th. The following week will be a professional development week for teachers, staff and administrators. So June 5th is the last day. Then, the following week, staff, administrators and teachers will be in the week of Staff Development, winding down this virtual year we've had and preparing for what September may look like. The graduation, the 2020 graduation, is scheduled virtually and will be streamed on June 11th. The time has not been set. Each principal is working with their teams and their students to make sure that all students are available and can be a part of that graduation. I don't know the exact numbers, but I know that there's been a number of business persons and alumni who have been collecting funds so that we can provide our seniors with a going-away-basket that speaks to who we really think they are. So we're really excited about that. I'll have more information about that in the upcoming couple of weeks. The second thing that I wanted to announce is that we have been having a grab-and-go breakfast/lunch program for our students since March. It simply went down March 13th. As of today, we are feeding between 300 and 400 families every day. Sometimes there's 350. Sometimes it might be 298, but we've had as many as 300 families come in for our food. We are working right now to take a look at our summer program and what that might look like, in terms of feeding our students through the summer. So we'll be back with you on what that may look like. We're really excited about that.

And then the other thing, I've asked Dr. Pearson, our assistant superintendent, for curriculum and instruction, to give us an update on how our virtual learning has gone so far, so if you'll unmute yourself Dr. Pearson and share with us please.

**Dr. Jala Olds-Pearson** - Good evening everyone. So I'm delighted to announce that our remote learning program, our Continuity of Education program, is up and fully operational. Every day our teachers are providing live instruction for our students. And we also have learning packets in ELA and Math for families that would like to pick them up.

This past Thursday, we actually submitted or made available, for our parents, the last ELA packets. And next Thursday, Math packets will be available for our families. So I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff members, especially our teachers and our principals, for doing a really good job, as well as our families, with making as smooth of a transition as possible to remote learning. We were one of the first districts to actually fully implement remote learning successfully. So I'm really happy about that. Again, we will have one more round of Math packets available for families next week. And then, we will make sure that we have packets also available for families for our summer program, which Dr. Baughn mentioned. We will have a summer program available for our students online. So teachers will be available live. Just like they are now. And we also will have packets available for families that would prefer to pick up paper packets.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

Interim Receiver Dr. Thornton approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Jeannine Mosely** - Thank you, Dr. Thornton. And my question is in regards to the proposed budget that's on the agenda, but there was no attachments or anything to allow the public to view that proposal in its entirety. I know that it gives feedback on making information available before a final vote. But it would be helpful for us to be able to see the proposed budget in full detail. So that we have time to bring forth any questions that we may have as a community before that's voted on, finally, by the board. But it would be helpful for us to be able to see the proposed budget in full detail. So that we have time to bring forth any questions that we may have as a community before that's voted on, finally, by the board.

**Anthony Johnson** - Yes. It has to be posted 15 days before the receiver votes on it next month. So it should be posted, hopefully, next week.

**Ms. Mosely** - So who's going to provide me guidance? Will we get a follow-up? How will we know? Do we just check the website? What do we do?

**Sharon Brokenbough** - If I can step in here, we could definitely make arrangements for that to be posted so that the community can have access to that after it's approved on tonight's meeting.

**Ms. Mosely** – Thank you so much.

**Jean Arnold** - Thank you. I would like to support the request for a more comprehensive review of the budget. I don't think that merely putting it online would be enough. So I'm asking you to consider a more public discussion of the budget. I'm particularly concerned about us having a really comprehensive way to explore the numbers. For reasons that we've had some bumps in the road in the past.

The other thing is for Dr. Pearson. I'm asking if she, if some of her team, could pay more attention to the packet and some of the instruction that is provided online. I think when you peel that back and really get into some of the details, you will find that we need a more rigorous program there. So I would call that to your attention and ask if you could do a little bit more to review that. When it comes to our computers, last time we talked about them being disseminated to our students, tonight, later, before we end, can someone give us a review of how many students we have at each of the school and how many have received computers and what is still outstanding? I think there might be some people listening, who would want to contribute and if you could give that information to them in this public forum, that might help them with their decisions. The school improvement plans that you've mentioned, there are three of them that have been redone. And here again, the community could use a more thorough review of them, rather than just putting them on the website. So if you could create a community platform for that discussion for each of those three. I know that

there were community people that were supposed to be involved in the writing of those plans, and it would be helpful for the greater community if they could look at them in more detail.

Furthermore, I'm concerned about the sale of some of our properties. Last time, I think Dr. Thornton, you mentioned that the maintenance site over near the train station was up for sale. Could you tell us any more about what the sale price is? Where that is in the process? And also, talk to us about that promise of a new building, that you mentioned last time, that was maybe a trade-off if we sell the building, we would get something brand new coming out of the ground. Could you talk a little bit about that?

And I heard that there was some surveyors at Toby a little while ago, I shouldn't say that, but some time ago, and there was some discussion about trees coming down and playground equipment moved and putting up another site there. And even some discussion about Charter Schools putting a site there.

So what I'm saying is, when you guys talk more to the public about what is going on, the more transparent you are, the less misinformation will go around and people will feel more comfortable with our leadership. So if you could talk to us about those items, and before I take my seat, thank you, Dr. Thornton, for your service for us this time. We really appreciate your having been here again. And we wish you godspeed and the very best that God has to offer as you move forward.

**Dr. Thornton** - Well, thank you very, very much. The concerns that you brought forth tonight are valid. At this particular point in time, what I would like to do is work with the team to be able to, not only just give them to you, but give them to the entire community to answer those questions. These are very, very tough question to be asked, because things are changing very rapidly, but I would be more than glad to provide that opportunity for you to get that material and get it off to you. I would not want to do that tonight, here, because I don't have the materials in front of me. I wasn't anticipating this conversation, but I will be anticipating, as I move into the next phase because we have a wonderful time coming to us. That we would probably be in a position to have that conversation early next week, but thank you for bringing it to our attention. I know the staff is working very, very hard and they certainly have the right to find out what's going on and certainly, sometimes, there's really great ideas. So thank you for bringing it to us.

**Christina Coleman** - There's a question here from a **Dennis M. Jackson**. It says, "Is there a definitive answer whether CUSD will remain and become a part of the Charter system?"

**Dr. Thornton** – No, no.

**Ms. Coleman** - And from **Ray Weinman**, "So what's the plan for the site?"

**Dr. Thornton** – I want to be, certainly, explicit as I share with our colleague that, that would be one I want to be certain that we give them the most valid information that we have, so we're not redundant and having to come back and bring to it. For one, I think they are really apparent that the concerns they have are real and we have the responsibility to certainly to make sure we respond.

**Unknown (Ninth Circ. DHS)** - Hello. I don't think that Jean's question was actually answered. She asked for a formal place and time when transparency would be made available. I would like to know when and where the transparency for the budget will be posted, not just online, but I would also like to know if it would be online and where exactly and when?

**Ms. Brokenbough** - If you recall, every year, after we approve the preliminary budget, we also make sure that there are hard copies available for any members of the community to pick them up at the district. We do understand that during the crisis that were in now, that that's not a possibility. So we will arrange to have those posted online so that they will be available to the community virtually and electronically.

**Ninth Circ. DHS** - Virtually and electronically, 15 days before a decision is made?

**Ms. Brokenbough** - Once, hopefully tonight, the preliminary budget is approved, we can make those available as early as maybe tomorrow or the beginning of next week.

**Ninth Circ. DHS** - So physical packets will not be available, but virtual online ones will be on the Chester Upland School District website?

**Ms. Brokenbough** - Yes and it is a comprehensive budget. It is a line-by-line budget that we always provide it as a hard copy, but just don't have the availability to do that now, because of the current climate.

**Ninth Circ. DHS** - Yes, I understand the current climate of Covid-19. Thank you. That answers my question.

**Ms. Coleman** - From **Brian Foreman**, "It looks with a new receiver being named and an interim superintendent being placed, what is the search for a new superintendent looking like? Is there a search committee, third-party consultant being used?"

**Dr. Thornton** - Thank you very much. I'm very pleased to say that the team has worked, Dr. Baughn has been part of that conversation, our president has been involved and we're in a really good place that we are ready to move forward with a recommendation that will, hopefully, I know we will be transformational in the opportunities for the children and families in our community.

You also brought that I'm very, very pleased and proud of Jala. She has stepped up as the interim superintendent. And this is an unofficial conversation, but I'm sure it will be official very shortly when it hits the media, but the reality of it is, is that, these transitions are vital. We think we've done a really good job in identifying just a lot of talent that I think will be transformational in the hopes and dreams of parents, as well as children.

**Ms. Coleman** - And **William (?)** says, "Will the janitorial services be outsourced?"

**Dr. Thornton** - At this particular point in time, there is not a movement to go to outsourcing individuals around our custodial opportunities that we have. And the teams, right behind me, they can certainly jump in. But at this particular point in time, we have not moved in that direction. Certainly, we're exploring ways in which we can, certainly, provide highly effective facilities for our children, our parents and the community to be part of.

**Jean Arnold** - I just wanted to say that some of us in the community are quite disappointed that we were not allowed to participate in this search for the superintendent. There was a time, in the past, where we were allowed to look at the top five candidates. And this time we were totally left out of the process. And I wanted you all to know that and as we go forward to talk about the budget, et cetera, the school improvement plans, I implore you to make a very, very serious effort to include the members of the community and a platform where they will be informed and have an opportunity to make comment. So that we can feel a part of the management of our school district. We already have a history of us not being included in a more comprehensive way that fits our population. And we would not like to move forward in that same manner. Please hear us. I speak for those whom I speak for and I don't claim to speak for everybody. Just some...

**Mr. Johnson** - Can I answer that? The person who's been running this District, the receiver, we try to get the community involved. We asked that question. This time, out of any other time, it was five board members that interviewed the 10 candidates that was put in front of us. Now, that's never been done in Chester, since we've been in receivership and part of the board and all the other control. So, I think the five of us, we get that opportunity. Like I said, we haven't never had that opportunity. Last time it was two board members, at the time we pulled that, it was none. And we just have one, with Greg Shannon, it was one forum down at City Hall, but since we were in the pandemic, Dr. Thornton thought it was time to try to get a superintendent before he left.

So I suggested, me being a board president, that some board members sit in. And I think we got voted in by the public and I think to say we're not part of the community, I don't know who else more is part of the community than an elected official. And like I said, it was the first time five board members ever sat in an interview, for a superintendent.

**Dr. Thornton** - I extend my gratitude. They brought in a value-of-expected that we didn't have; their children in their communities and it's vital. The next round of conversation that has to take place is that individual, we certainly hope, will be in a meeting such as this. And we'll be meeting in our community and talking about where we are, where we're going and I think those things will certainly position you to a place where you feel, really, a sense of comfort as we continue to move forward. I'm excited about it and I hope you're excited about it and the work that they've done across the country and if it did work, I think they will bring those wonderful opportunities to our town to children. Then I know we'll go to great places.

This is a big challenge. One of the challenges, I'll be very candid, that you talked about, was that many superintendents, as they move around the country, they do not go out very, very early. And as a result of that, those things go home and sometimes you don't get the job and you're in a really bad situation. Because when you go home, you say you're trying to leave us, you want to get away from us, but I believe the protocol that we've used present, myself and Dr. Baughn, I think we've used high candor, professionalism and I know, and I know, that you will get to know these individuals and I think you will join them as we have joined you to get to a place where our kids can get some of their hopes and dreams that they have moving forward, but thank you all very, very much for with regard to that. Let's stay tuned.

**Ms. Coleman** - I have one more from Galaxy A20. Please state your name.

**Kianna Ponder** - I'm pretty much new to the district. I just moved here in August. So far things is, I don't have any complaints about much. The school my son goes to is Main Street Elementary. His teacher has been pretty effective with communication, making us aware of what's going on in the classroom and student progress. And I would just like to say, that if I can help in any way, I'm open to that.

**Dr. Thornton** - Wow. Thank you so much. The best is yet to come. Thank you again.

**Dr. Pearson** - I just want to make mention for Miss Jean Arnold, I will, most certainly, follow-up with you, after the receivers meeting. And also, I want to encourage you to reach out to the principal's directly, if you take issue with anything. I would like to just mention, again, as the parent mentioned as well, that our teachers have been working very hard, overall. And so far, we've been very successful in making sure that they have live instruction every day in this new environment that we're working in.

Also, with respect to the School Improvement plans, I just want to speak to that just for a moment. The schools have very much been on target with including the community. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it has caused us to slow-down and speed-up in ways that we did not anticipate. However, we definitely will make sure that the community is involved as they were before. This year is no different. We've just had to make many adjustments, unforeseen due to Covid-19. So I just want Miss Arnold to be assured that we are always going to include the community, because that's just what we do. So I will follow-up with Miss Arnold, following the meeting, but thank you.

**EDUCATION AGENDA**

**A-1 Approval of Homebound Instruction for Students**

<u>Student #</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>
None		

**A-2 Approval to adopt and approve Determinations from Student Hearings**

<u>Student #</u>	<u>Date of Hearing</u>
None	

**A-3 Approval to contract with Dr. LaWanda Burke to provide professional services for Special Education as relates to psychological evaluations**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors enter into a contractual agreement with Dr. LaWanda Burke to; evaluate early intervention students both on and off site, coordinate the psychological testing and other related service pertaining to evaluations, attend transitional IEP meeting, and provide transitional supports to school administrators, teachers and parents. This contact shall begin July 6, 2020 and end on August 31, 2020. The cost for each evaluation is \$1,000 for initial evaluations and \$575 for all records reviews per student and the cost should not exceed \$40,000.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget  
**Cost:** Not to Exceed \$40,000  
**Executive Sponsor:** Mark McIntyre

**A-4 Approval to contract with Diane Cartwright to provide professional services for Special Education as relates to speech and language services**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors grant approval for Diane Cartwright to participate in evaluation and screening services to students transitioning from early intervention speech and language services to school aged speech and language services. This contact shall begin July 6, 2020 and end on August 31, 2020. The cost shall be the teacher contracted 10% of Mrs. Cartwright's current salary.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget  
**Cost:** Not to Exceed \$10,000  
**Executive Sponsor:** Mark McIntyre

**A-5 Approval of Settlement Agreement and Release for Student #77116**

RESOLVE, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors approves the Settlement Agreement and Release with reference to Student Number 77116 for a Compensatory Education Fund in the amount of Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$27,500), to be utilized and disbursed through The Plan of PA, expiring when student turns 21 years of age: 9/30/2024 and attorney's fees in the amount of Six Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$6,500).

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget

**Cost:** \$ 34,000.00

**Executive Sponsor:** Mark McIntyre

**A-6 Approval of Settlement Agreement and Release for Student #1003467**

RESOLVE, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors approves the Settlement Agreement and Release with reference to Student Number 1003467 for a Compensatory Education Fund in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars \$15,000, to be utilized and disbursed through The Plan of PA, expiring within five years from the date of execution of the Settlement Agreement and Release and attorney's fees in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$3,500).

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget

**Cost:** \$ 18,500.00

**Executive Sponsor:** Mark McIntyre

**A-7 Approval of Settlement Agreement and Release for Student #1005265**

RESOLVE, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors approves the Settlement Agreement and Release with reference to Student Number 1005265 for a Compensatory Education Fund in the amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$8,500), to be utilized and disbursed through The Plan of PA, expiring within five years from the date of execution of the Settlement Agreement and Release and attorney's fees in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$3,500).

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget

**Cost:** \$ 12,000.00

**Executive Sponsor:** Mark McIntyre

**A-8 Approval of Settlement Agreement and Release for Student #1005324**

RESOLVE, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors approves the Settlement Agreement and Release with reference to Student Number 1005324 for a Compensatory Education Fund in the amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$8,500), to be utilized and disbursed through The Plan of PA, expiring within five years from the date of execution of the Settlement Agreement and Release and attorney's fees in the amount of Four Thousand dollars (\$4,000).

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget

**Cost:** \$ 12,500.00

**Executive Sponsor:** Mark McIntyre

**A-9 Approval for ISTLs to provide services and for them to be paid for their services**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the Chester Upland School District's Instructional Support Teacher Leaders to provide consultation services focused on designing curriculum aligned to Pennsylvania Core Standards.

FUTHER RESOLVED that the Chester Upland School District's Instructional Support Teacher Leaders will provide professional services during the months of July and August, valued at their contractual rate if more than 18 days, or at \$25/hour if less than 18 days, not to exceed a total value of \$55,000. Up to 8 Instructional Support Teacher Leaders will support the district's curriculum team, inclusive of the instructional leadership team of the district, in the update and refinement of the Literacy, Mathematics, and Science curricula and professional development scripts aligned to the instructional initiatives of the CUSD.

**Payable From:** Title II and Ready to Learn Grant

**Cost:** Not to Exceed \$55,000

**Executive Sponsor:** Jala Olds-Pearson and Nikki Monroe-Hines

**A-10 Approval for the public review of the School Improvement Plan**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grants approval for the public review of the School Improvement Plan draft for schools designated as CSI (Comprehensive Support and Intervention) from the Pennsylvania Department of Education: Toby Farms, Chester High School, STEM High School.

**Executive Sponsor:** Jala Olds-Pearson

***EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THROUGH #A-10 WERE APPROVED BY DR. GREGORY THORNTON, INTERIM RECEIVER***

**PERSONNEL AGENDA**

**B-1 Approval of retirements, termination, leaves of absence, and return from leave of absence, reassignment, grant-funded programs, and 6<sup>th</sup> period class list**

RESOLVED, that the following **retirements** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Riley, Marie	Teacher CUSA	6/30/2020
Sciarra, Susan	Teacher Stetser	6/30/2020

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **termination** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Lee, Stafford	Custodian STEM	4/21/2020

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **leaves of absence** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Richardson, Jossette	School Safety Officer Chester High	5/4/2020- 6/30/202 FMLA
Vicks, Shakeerah	School Safety Officer Chester High	4/30/2020 – 6/25/2020 FMLA

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **return from leave of absence** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Ishmail, Rasheedah	Truancy Officer Chester High	5/5/2020

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **reassignment** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>From Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>To Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Greene, Lavada	Interim Principal Stetser 12 months	Principal Stetser 12 months	\$102,500	5/13/2020

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the following individuals to participate in the **grant-funded Programs** during the 2019-2020 school year as listed below:

**Stetser Daddy and Me Dance**

February 12, 2020

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
Burton, Dietra	Coordinator	40./hr
Robinson, Phyllis	Teacher	32./hr
Sammons, Paula	Teacher	32./hr
Goodwin, Maureen	Teacher	32./hr
Sciarra, Susan	Teacher	32./hr
Iovannoni, Ashley	Teacher	32./hr
Bell, Markeisha	Teacher	32./hr
Zamonski, Georgine	Teacher	32./hr
Wilkins, Andre	Climate Manager	25./hr
Francis, Jennifer	Teacher	32./hr
Johnson, Jeffrey	Teacher	32./hr
Pickett, LaFenus	Teacher	32./hr
Snipes, Dwayne	Teacher	32./hr
Walker, Tammy	Teacher	32./hr
Hughes, Karla	Teacher Assistant	15./hr
Harris, Champagne	Teacher Assistant	15./hr
Morgan, Robin	Teacher Assistant	15./hr

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following 6th Period Class List be approved during the 2019-2020 school year as listed below:

**STEM**

February 21, 2020 – March 13, 2020

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Note</b>
Adore-Ross, A.	
Alston, N.	
Boylan, K.*	Return from Maternity 3.2.2020
Burney, H.	
Campbell, R.	
Cosfol, P.	
Darbouze, M*	
DuBois, J.	
Greenberg, S.	
Inzinna, D.	
Johnson, Da	
Kurman, J.	
Labrum, J.	
Lovitz, S.	
Matteo, C.	
Memon, M.	
Merto, C.	
Narehood, J.*	FMLA
Olsen, L.	
Osborn, J.	
Paquette, R.	
Paulick, M.	
Payne, Y.	
Pierre, G.	
Rios, M.	
Schoppet, L.	
Shaffer, E.	
Smith, Al.	
Staples, K.	
Thomson, R.	
Wright, Br.	
Zajac, M.	

**SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL AGENDA**

**B-1 Approval of retirement, termination, leaves of absence, and return from leave of absence, reassignment, grant-funded programs, and 6th period class list – ADDED SUPPLEMENTAL SALARIES AND EXTENDED SEASON**

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Receiver grant approval for individual listed below to receive **supplemental salaries** (Title II) for serving in the following capacities during the 2019-2020 school year.

**School Based Academy Leader**

February 3, 2020 - June 30, 2020

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
Mesquito, Kimberly	Chester High School	\$2,000

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the following coaches to be paid who participated in **Extended Season** during the 2019-2020 school year as listed below:

**Boys Basketball Playoffs**

February 5, 2020 – March 13, 2020

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Moore, Andre	Athletic Director	\$1681.95
Taylor, Keith	Head Coach	\$2688.80
Dennis, James	Assistant Coach	\$2141.60
Thomas, Terry	Assistant Coach	\$2141.60
Moore, Durell	Assistant Coach	\$2141.60
Tate, Kenneth	Assistant Coach	\$2141.60
Miah, Karen	Head Cheerleading Coach	\$700.00
Freeman, Valarie	Assistant Cheerleading Coach	\$500.00

**B-2 Tuition Reimbursement for the 2019-2020 school year.**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for employees listed below to receive tuition reimbursement for the 2019-2020 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Credits Submitted</u>	<u>Number of Credits Approved</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
McDougal, La'Keidra	6	6	\$2425	\$2250
Greene, Lavada	6	6	\$3882	\$3882
Robinson, Kinya	3	3	\$1,851	\$1,851
Worsley, Natalie	6	6	\$3570	\$3570

**Executive Sponsor:** Kinya Robinson

**B-3 Approval of contract with Interim Superintendent - Per Diem**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval of a per diem contract with Dr. Jala Olds-Pearson to act as the Interim Superintendent effective May 25, 2020. Cost not to exceed daily rate of \$118.46.

**Payable From:** General Budget Fund  
**Cost:** Not to exceed daily rate of \$118.46  
**Executive Sponsor:** Kinya Robinson

***PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM #B-1 (INCLUDING SUPPLEMENTAL TO ITEM #B-1) THROUGH B-3 WERE APPROVED BY DR. GREGORY THORNTON, INTERIM RECEIVER.***

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**C-1 Reports of the tax collectors: \$163,367.63**

RESOLVED, that the reports of the City of Chester, Borough of Upland, and Chester Township for the period April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020 in the amount of \$163,367.63 be received, be noted upon the Minutes and filed.

**Executive Sponsor:** Sharon Brokenbough

**C-2 Approval of the Treasurer’s Report/Budget Report**

RESOLVED, that the attached Treasurer’s Report/Budget Report for the fiscal month ended April 30, 2020 be APPROVED by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

**Executive Sponsor:** Sharon Brokenbough

**C-3 General Fund Budget: \$3,033,161.15. Approval of payrolls**

RESOLVED, that the payrolls dated in April, 2020 of the various accounts totaling for all accounts and funds the grand sum of \$3,033,161.15, be approved by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

**General Fund Budget: \$7,131,082.67. Approval of list of payments**

RESOLVED, that the attached list of payments of the various accounts totaling for all accounts and funds the grand sum of \$ \$7,131,082.67, a copy of which has been given to the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, be APPROVED, and that said list of payments be incorporated into the Minutes.

General Fund	\$6,967,335.83
Food Services Account	46,767.17
Capital Project Fund Account	116,979.67
Total Disbursements	\$7,131,082.67

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget

**Executive Sponsor:** Sharon Brokenbough

**C-4 Approval of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit’s Board of Directors Members for the 2020-23 Term**

RESOLVED that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves the election of the following individuals to serve as members of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors:

*For the term July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023*

Garnet Valley -	Tracy Karwoski
Haverford -	Susan Mingey
Marple Newtown -	Barbara S. Harvey
Springfield -	Margaret Rovinski
William Penn -	Joana Hopkins

**Executive Sponsor:** Shelley Chapman

**C-5 Approval of the Delaware County Community College’s 2020-21 Budget**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves the budget of the Delaware County Community College for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 20, 2021. The budget total for DCCC is \$93,302,788

**Executive Sponsor:** Shelley Chapman

**C-6 Approval of the Chester Upland School District’s 2020-21 Proposed Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, adopts the following resolutions that pertain to the approval of the 2020-21 Proposed Final Budget submitted by the District’s administration:

RESOLVED, a Proposed Final Budget for the 2020-21 school year has been prepared by the District’s administration and submitted to the Receiver for the Chester Upland School District for his consideration, and;

WHEREAS, the Receiver has reviewed and fully considered said Proposed Final Budget; and

WHEREAS, although the Public School Code requires that the Receiver approve a Proposed Final Budget before he can adopt a Final Budget, such approval does not limit the consideration of further changes prior to adoption of the Final Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 67 of the Public School Code, the Receiver of the Chester Upland School district, Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, hereby approves and adopts the Proposed Final Budget as follows:

1. The Proposed Final Budget for the 2020-21 school year is in the amount of \$136,947,761 in revenues and \$138,843,044 for appropriation of a tentative basis, and includes an up to 4.1 percent increase in local real estate millage rates (up to the Act 1 index).
2. The Proposed Final Budget will be made available for public inspection to all persons who may have an interest therein, at least twenty (20) days prior to the final adoption of said budget by the Receiver.
3. The Final Budget for the 2020-21 school year will be acted upon by June 25, 2020.
4. Public notice of said Final Budget will be given at least ten (10) days before the final adoption.

**Executive Sponsor:** Sharon Brokenbough

**C-7 Approval to revise the academic calendar for the end of the 2019-2020 school year**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to revise the academic calendar for the end of the 2019-2020 school year, with June 5, 2020 as the last day for all students and June 8-12, 2020 as professional development days for teachers and staff.

**Executive Sponsor:** Juan Baughn

**C-8 Approval to engage Vincent D. Quinn & Assoc., Inc. to provide appraisal/consulting services**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grants approval to engage Vincent D. Quinn & Assoc., Inc. to provide appraisal/consulting services to Chester Upland School District for 301 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Parking Lot (NWC West 15<sup>th</sup> St. & Shaw Terrace), Chester, PA and 1 Medical Center Blvd., Upland, PA for tax purposes.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget

**Cost:** \$300/hr.

**Executive Sponsor:** Juan Baughn

**C-9 Approval of the Food Service Cost Reimbursable Contract**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Food Service Cost Reimbursable Contract with Chartwells for the 2020-2021 School year is hereby approved, subject to approval by the Solicitor and Receiver, Acting as the Board of Directors.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget  
**Cost:** \$1,742,649.22  
**Executive Sponsor:** Shelley Chapman

***BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS #C-1 THROUGH #C-9 WERE APPROVED BY DR. GREGORY THORNTON, INTERIM RECEIVER***

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Dr. Baughn** - Dr. Thornton, I have some business. I have asked the school board, and I'm going to ask Chris Coleman to set this up, I've asked the school board to join me for a special meeting of the receiver on Wednesday the 27th, which I think is next Wednesday. So Christine, if you can set that up for this same time. At that time, the school board and I will address many of the questions that we've been asked and several of those questions that have been asked tonight will be addressed at that time. So that will be on the 27th at 6 p.m., special meeting of the receiver. Thank you Dr. Thornton.

And Dr. Thornton, while I'm at it, I want to say thank you for your service as the receiver during these past several months. Thank you very much.

**Dr. Thornton** - It's been a pleasure. You know, when you go home, and I feel this is home, there's nothing like going home and the great things that are going on and certainly supportive of the work that you're doing and all the places we will continue to go. Let's move to other business.

**Ms. Coleman** - Other business, Miss Arnold has her hand raised.

**Ms. Arnold** - I just wanted to speak a little for the students who have IEP's in Special Ed. I just want to make sure and ask that we do everything we can to make sure that their instruction, while we are teaching online, meets the requirements of the IEP, because I know that can be a challenge.

But I'm also very concerned that we serve these students as we should, given the limitations that we are facing, and I also wanted to note that we have some student hearings and court hearings, we have some settlements. We had several last time and we have a few more this time. I raised the concern last time about that and I just want you to note that. I know we are not in the school building at this time, which might make

a difference, but I was very concerned that we were going back into that mode of having settlements and that concerned me. Thank you for hearing me.

**Dr. Thornton** - Thank you very much. Your point's well taken. Mark's here. He's writing as you have shared with us and I happen to believe that he will be reaching out to you relatively in a very short form. Mark, thank you very much for being here. We'll get going first thing in the morning.

**Mr. Johnson** - I have one question for George. This is Anthony. There's three things that shouldn't be discussed in a public meeting coming out of the executive. And I think the three things is, one, Personnel...

**George Dawson** - Personnel, legal...

**Mr. Johnson** - And real estate.

**Mr. Dawson** - Pending real estate deals...

**Mr. Johnson** - Yeah. So I don't know how... One of the community members knew, or even had that in her question, that one of the buildings was talked about being sold or was in that process, because that should have been only the receiver and the superintendent and the board should have been the only one that had known that, because we have to keep that in confidence until that ball gets to rolling a little further and that's school code law. That's not Chester Upland's own law. So I don't know how that question was asked on that item. So I don't know who's running their mouth, but they're violating the Sunshine Law and that's a \$1,000 fine if we find out who's running their mouth.

**Dr. Thornton** - Your point's well taken.

**Ms. Arnold** - I hope that we're not threatening people. That we're not going to use fear here.

**Dr. Thornton** - Thank you. I think it was an opportunity certainly to position us in a place where potentially we would be breaking laws and different things of that nature. And I think we are at a place or journey that we can have those conversations at the appropriate time. So thank you for bringing that to us. The points that were made were true. I mean, at the end of the day, we don't want to make any violations that certainly may set us back as we continue to move forward, but thank you for bringing it to our attention and we can certainly move in a very aggressive way that would be highly effective as we go into other opportunities as we're moving forward.

And I'll go now to the president, anything you'd like to close up with, since you and I have to go make copies and do this?

**Mr. Johnson** - You know, the change of the receiver and to have your services, thank you for letting the five of us sit in on the interviews. I thought that represented the community. We wouldn't have done it the same way with the IU if we wasn't in a pandemic. Thank you for having the five of us sit in on the interviews. To move forward with the judge's order, that has to be posted. So this process will be transparent. As a board member and as the board president, we've been fighting to get out of receivership now for nine years.

So, hopefully, this is... Well, we always say, the board members will say it now, this is the last stand. We're drawing a line in the sand that we have to fix the district to be educated and it's a financial recovery plan. So we have to get that in our mindset that we need the finances to really educate our children. So we're drawing a line in the sand, I know other board members, Mrs. Tibbs, got her foot in the recovery plan. Everybody had a chance to read that. That's been posted since March. So we're not going to deviate from any plan. There's no secret backdoor meetings. We had to do everything in executive session and we will do that.

And if we can't get out, like I said, the three things that we need from the public, until we make them moves, we will have, and Dr. Fine and the judge ordered that we'll community meetings. So he put it out there that we can't do anything backdoor or would we. We're not going to put anything in the back door. This community has been hurting too long with our school system to even try something like that. So thank you and for your service, Dr. Thornton.

There being no further business *Interim Receiver, Dr. Gregory Thornton* adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm.

**CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**FINANCIAL RECOVERY RECEIVER**

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**Dr. Gregory Thornton**  
**Interim Receiver**

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