

**CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING**

**June 27, 2017
6:05 P.M.**

A Public Meeting of the Elected School Board of Directors of the Chester Upland School District was held this evening at the Administration Building of the Chester Upland School District located at 232 West 9th Street, Chester, Pennsylvania.

School Board Members Present: Mr. Anthony Johnson, President
 Ms. Joan Neal, Vice President
 Mr. William Riley, Treasurer
 Ms. Tyra Quail, Member
 Ms. Beverly Harris, Member
 Ms. Raushanah Carter, Member
 Ms. Maria Wilson, Member

Absent: Mr. Charlie Warren, II, Member
 Mr. Cephus Richardson, Secretary

Solicitor: George Dawson, Esq.

The Board of School Director's meeting opened with a call to order by President, Anthony Johnson and the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

President Johnson asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Neal, Vice President
 William Riley, Treasurer
 Beverly Harris
 Tyra Quail
 Maria Wilson
 Raushanah Carter
 Anthony Johnson, President

Absent: Cephus Richardson, Secretary
 Charlie L. Warren, II

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

President Anthony Johnson said that before the start of this meeting he wanted to let everyone know why they were here. He stated that it is one of the duties that the School Board is elected to do and one of the things the State put on them to do. It was the recommendation of the state to increase the taxes by 4%, but we are looking to move on 2.5%. For Chester Township and Upland Borough that's \$23 for the whole school year. Chester City is probably a little more, but we have to do our part. As a Board, it is one of the things we are elected to do and for almost 16 years prior to this Board getting elected they haven't raised taxes. Up to 70% of our budget is State funded. Total revenue from taxes is only \$17M, so this little dent that we're doing, we still need almost \$250,000 on the table, that we should be collecting. So the Board decided that we will see how the vote goes as this is probably the highest index in the county but we still have to do our part and we will see how it turns out.

President Johnson – Can I get a motion on **Business Agenda A-1**?

BUSINESS AGENDA

A-1 Approval of the Re-adoption of Real Estate Transfer Tax

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSES BY IMPOSING, ASSESSING AND LEVYING A TAX UPON TRANSFERS AND CONVEYANCES OF ANY LAND, TENEMENTS OR HEREDITAMENTS, OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN, SITUATE WHOLLY OR PARTLY WITHIN THE CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; IMPOSING DUTIES AND CONFERRING POWERS ON THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SAID TAX; PRESCRIBING THE METHOD AND MANNER OF COLLECTING THE TAX IMPOSED, ASSESSED AND LEVIED, PROVIDING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE NON-PAYMENT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Chester Upland School District requires additional revenue by virtue of the ever increasing cost of maintaining school facilities and providing services required under the Public School Code of 1949;

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of and pursuant to the authority granted by Act 511 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved the 31st day of December, 1965, P.L. 1257, as amended from time to time and by Act 40 of 2005 of the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, it is hereby resolved, adopted, and enacted as follows:

Section 1. The Real Estate Transfer Tax Resolution of the Chester Upland School District originally adopted by the School District in 1968, and last amended and supplemented, is further amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION III - IMPOSITION OF TAX; INTEREST is supplemented and amended to read as follows:

The tax imposed under Section III at the rates current in effect for fiscal year 2017-18 and all applicable interest and penalties shall be administered, collected and enforced under the Act of December 31, 1965 (P.L. 1257, No. 511), as amended, known as the "The Local Tax Enabling Act"; provided, that if the correct amount of the tax is not paid by the last date prescribed for timely payment, the Chester Upland School District pursuant to Section 1102-D of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (72 P.S. §8102-D), authorizes and directs the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to determine, collect and enforce the tax, interest, and penalties.

Any tax imposed under Section III that is not paid by the date the tax is due shall bear interest as prescribed for interest on delinquent municipal claims under the Act of May 16,

1923 (P.L. 207, No. 153) (53 P.S. §§ 7101, *et seq.*), as amended, known as "The Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Act." The interest rate shall be the lesser of the interest rate imposed upon delinquent Commonwealth taxes as provided in Section 806 of the Act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 343, No. 176) (72 P.S. §805), as amended, known as the "Fiscal Code", or the maximum interest rate permitted under the Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Act for tax claims.

All other provisions of the Real Estate Transfer Tax Resolution of the Chester Upland School District shall remain in effect.

William Riley – I make a motion for the adoption of the Real Estate Transfer Tax.

Beverly Harris – I second

President Johnson – call the roll for the vote.

Joan Neal – Yes

Cephus Richardson – Absent

William Riley – Yes

Beverly Harris – Yes

Charlie L. Warren, II – Absent

Tyra Quail – Yes

Raushanah Carter – Yes

Maria Wilson – Yes

Anthony Johnson – Yes

The Yeses have it in a 7-0 vote with 2 absent

A-2 Approval of Resolution to levy and assess the REVISED real estate tax millage for the 2017-2018 school year

WHEREAS, the School District has been declared a school district in severe financial recovery pursuant to Act 141 of 2012 (the Act) on August 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a Receiver for the School District has been appointed pursuant to the provisions of Act 141 of 2012 by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County on December 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the authority to levy and raise taxes remains with the Board of School Directors pursuant to Section 672-A(a)(2) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Receiver has directed the Board of School Directors of the Chester Upland School District to levy and raise real estate taxes for the 2017-2018 school year pursuant to Section 672-A(b)(4) of the Act; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of School Directors does hereby levy and assess the REVISED millage for real estate tax purposes for the 2017-2018 fiscal year as follows:

61.2574 mills in the City of Chester,
26.2969 mills in the Borough of Upland, and
26.2969 mills in the Township of Chester

Beverly Harris – I make a motion to approve and adopt the Revised real estate tax millage for the 2017-2018 school year.

Joan Neal – Second

President Johnson – call the roll for the vote.

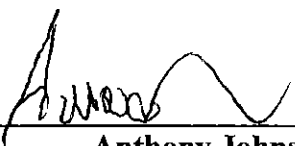
Joan Neal – No
Cephus Richardson – Absent
William Riley – Yes
Beverly Harris – Yes
Charlie L. Warren, II – Absent
Tyra Quail – Yes
Raushanah Carter – Yes
Maria Wilson – No
Anthony Johnson – Yes

The Yeses have it in a 5-2 vote with 2 absent

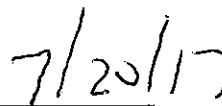
BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM #A-1 AND #A-2 WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

There being no further business, ***President, Anthony Johnson*** adjourned the meeting at 6:18pm

CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS



Anthony Johnson, President



Date