

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

**May 18, 2017
6:05 P.M.**

A Public Meeting of the Receiver of the Chester Upland School District was held this evening at the Administration Offices, 232 West 9th Street, 1st Floor, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Executive Staff Present:	Mr. Peter Barsz, Receiver Dr. Juan Baughn, Superintendent Ms. Andria Saia, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jala Olds-Pearson, Assistant Superintendent Robert Schoch, Turnaround Specialist
School Board:	Anthony Johnson, President
Solicitors:	George Dawson, Esquire

The Receiver's meeting opened with a call to order by Receiver, Mr. Peter Barsz and the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - PRESENTATIONS

Juan Baughn – Last month talked about the triple A's – academics, activities and athletics - equals excellence in Chester Upland School district, tonight we are pleased to add another A, which is the arts. We are about to show you our excellence in the arts. Asked if the Chester Upland School of the Arts Ballroom Dancers were ready for their performance and introduced them to the audience.

As we were waiting for the dancers to perform, Dr. Baughn gave an update on the CTE programs that were being reimplemented. He proudly announced that the Cosmetology Lab was relocated to the 1st Floor, C wing of the High School, the Band Room was relocated to the actual Band Room in the High School and the Culinary Arts Clipper Fare is now up and running. He was very happy and proud to announce that the band marched in the Mothers' Day Parade for the first time in a very long time

The CUSA Ballroom Dancers performed.

Dr. Baughn thanked the teachers. He reiterated that Academics, Activities, Arts and Athletics equal Excellence in the Chester Upland School District.

PRESENTATIONS

First Readings of Policy and Procedure for:
#150 – Educational Research & #253 – Student Injury

Dr. Andria Saia gave an explanation of the policies.

Anthony Johnson, President of the School Board, thanked the Receiver for including the Board members in the Policy and Procedures meeting and having input into the policies. He said that it has been about 7 years since that has happened.

COMMENDATIONS - there were none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2017

Receiver Barsz approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Martinelli – He was disappointed that the meeting was being held on prom night and believes that the senior administration should be at the prom. He said that he thought that the school couldn't be run without the input from parents of students and community and that some decisions were being made by people that don't have a stake in the district and some of them are wrong. He also said that he was here, however, on a positive note. One of which was making Mr. Popley interim principal and that he has been with the district for 9 years and deserves a shot to be permanent. He said that Mr. Popley has been with us through the good times and the bad times and there were several principals here that were only here to pad their pensions and left and this gentleman has not left.

He said he wanted to thank Larry Yarbray (coach – Chester High basketball team) for his 9 years here and he knows that the administration wanted to make a change and he won't speak on that, but he called on two of the players, one of which was his grandson, to say thanks for the excellent decision of making Keith Taylor the new coach. Even though the administration did not get input from or notify the parents or players, he believes that it was the right decision and thanks them. Not that he is happy about Larry leaving, he doesn't want anyone to think that. He has seen these press conferences but, funny, that there were no parents, players, former players, etc. at these.

He said that when Mr. Barsz first got here, they had a meeting and, because it didn't come from one of the school board members, but from him, it didn't have any meaning, but he is glad to see that Bill Wargo and Karen DeShullo are now gone. He felt that they were not doing things properly and people and bills were not being paid on time. He is glad to see that things are starting to move in the right direction.

He asked Dr. Baughn to please stay for at least one year as Superintendent, but he would like it to be five years. He believes that Dr. Baughn can help us stay on the right track and he doesn't think there would be anyone better.

He talked about the ballroom dancers and that what we saw tonight proves that when people talk about what Chester can't do, this shows them what we can do!

Delores Shelton – she congratulated the children (dancers) and said they were fabulous. She believes that we need a wide variety of activities, because every child does not play basketball. She was happy to hear that we made Keith Taylor the new coach and she agrees, not often though, with Mr. Martinelli, that wanting five but begging for at least one for Dr. Baughn to be Superintendent is right and wants to be on that train. She said that we need him and believes that his heart says he has to stay. He has only been here 4-5 months and already has made an impact. She brought up the computers that were donated by the Social Security Administration and said that only he did that.

Dr. Juan Baughn – sad that no there was a team.

Mrs. Shelton – she said that Dr. Baughn started that, he encouraged that and we need him and what she likes about his plan is that he puts academics first, as it should be. We want them to get academic scholarships as well as other scholarships.

John Shelton, Sr. – he just wanted to say thank you, it was all said.

Aliesa Weatherly – She is a 10th grader teacher and has been here for 4 years. She has been looking for ways to get involved in activities with the students. This year she had the opportunity to work with the band and it was great because she loves music so much. She was so happy to be able to help the band march in the Mothers' Day parade and was so excited and pleased to see the excitement of not only the students in the band, but the community as well. She, along with Rev. Brown, and the Chester High School band members thanked Dr. Baughn for his commitment in bringing the band back to Chester High. Darren Stokes, a former band member, walked with the band and recorded the performance. Mr. Stokes made a highlight reel which the Band's Drum Major presented to Dr. Baughn at the meeting.

Dr. Baughn – He was here when that band was two blocks long and he was privileged to work with everyone to bring the band back.

EDUCATION AGENDA

A-1 Homebound Instruction for Students

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for student(s) listed below by student identification number to receive homebound instruction:

Student ID #:	School:	Effective Dates:
NONE		

A-2 Approval to adopt and approve Student Hearings

RESOLVED, that the Recommendations by the Hearing Officer pertaining to the following students being presented to the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, be hereby adopted and approved:

Student ID #:	Date of Hearing:
74884	4/21/2017
82209	5/5/2017
79781	5/5/2017
78721	5/5/2017
79779	5/9/2017
79778	5/9/2017
79786	5/12/2017

A-3 Approval for consulting services agreement with GAMUT Early Intervention Services

ABLED

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors approve the consulting services Agreement with GAMUT Early Intervention Services to provide behavior specialist consultant services.

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: \$125/hour, not to exceed \$500 for remainder of 2016-17 school year
Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-4 Approval of compensation for Teaching Assistants from Camelot to ride the bus with students in the program

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors approve compensation for the below listed Teaching Assistants who work in the Camelot Education Enlighten Academy at Toby Farms to ride the bus with students enrolled the Camelot Education Enlightenment Academy to and from school as listed in the student's Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) beginning February 6, 2017 until the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. These Teaching Assistants provide services throughout the school day with students. Teaching Assistants will be paid an additional rate of \$10.99/hour, per day for supporting these students on the bus to their educational facility.

Nicholas DiStasio
Carmella Young

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: \$3900
Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-5 Approval to enter into a contractual agreement with CADES/George Crothers Memorial School

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors enter into a contractual agreement with CADES/George Crothers Memorial School to provide special education services for Extended School Year beginning July 3, 2017 through July 31, 2017 from 8:45 – 2:45 pm daily. The cost for CADES/George Crothers Memorial School varies depending on additional supports (OT, PT, ST) needed per student as set forth in the contract.

Student ID # 068240	Student ID # 066447	Student ID # 1000157
Student ID # 090264	Student ID # 069857	Student ID # 072955
Student ID # 075910	Student ID # 067372	Student ID # 1001281
Student ID # 082595	Student ID # 067371	Student ID # 1000151
Student ID # 077074	Student ID # 079413	Student ID # 1002444
Student ID # 1000155		

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: \$63,192
Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-6 Approval to enter into a contractual agreement with The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors enter into a contractual agreement with The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf to provide special education services for Extended School Year beginning July 10, 2017 through August 10, 2017. The cost for The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (PSD) is \$5,600 per student as set forth in the contract.

Student ID # 083103

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: \$5600
Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-7 Approval for six SSTLs to provide professional services

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the Chester Upland School District's 6 Student Service Teacher Leaders (SSTL) to provide consultation services focused on designing new programs, supporting the special education audit reconciliation process, assist in the upkeep of the CUSD's Action Plan aligned to the proposed 2015-2018 Recovery Plan, as it pertains to student services. The staff will provide professional services, including collaboration with the Director of Pupil Services and Assistant Superintendent, to ensure compliance with the CUSD's 2015-2018 Recovery Plan, audits, action steps, and due dates.

FUTHER RESOLVED that the Chester Upland School District's 6 Student Support Teacher Leaders will provide professional services during the months of July and August, at the approved daily rate for teachers (\$300.00), not to exceed a total value of \$55,000, to support the district's Pupil Services team in the update and refinement of the initiatives listed above, aligned to the initiatives of the CUSD.

Payable From: School Intervention Grant (SIGr)
Cost: Not to exceed \$55,000 for summer support
Executive Sponsor: Thomas Calvecchio

A-8 Approval for Dr. Jala Olds-Pearson to attend the ASCD conference

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grants approval for Dr. Jala Olds-Pearson to attend the ASCD conference on Teaching Excellence, June 30th – July 2, 2017 in Denver, Colorado.

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: Not to exceed \$3000
Executive Sponsor: Jala Olds-Pearson

A-9 Approval for public review of the School Improvement Plan drafts for the Toby Farms, Main Street and CUSA

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grants approval for the public review of the School Improvement Plan draft for Toby Farms, Main Street, and Chester Upland School of the Arts.

Executive Sponsor: Jala Olds-Pearson

A-10 Approval for the ISTLs to provide consultation 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, Ready to Learn Grant
Cost: Not to exceed \$55,000 for summer support
Executive Sponsors: Jala Olds-Pearson, Nikki Monroe-Hines

EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THROUGH #A-10, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM #A-3 WHICH WAS TABLED, WERE APPROVED BY PETER R. BARSZ, RECEIVER

PERSONNEL AGENDA

B-1 Approval of appointments, reclassifications, reassignments, homebound instructors, suspensions, retirement, non-renewal of contract, resignations, leaves of absence and returns from leaves of absence

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>New Position or Replacement</u>
Bey-Glenn As' Samad	Custodian-Per Diem District Wide	8.28 /hr 12 months	5/22/2017	Replacement 0644 G.F.B. 2016-2017
Brown, Antron	Custodian Stetser	11.78/hr 12 months	04/24/2017	Replacement 0265 G.F.B. 2016-2017
Brown, Anton	Custodian-Per Diem District Wide	8.28/hr	5/22/17	Replacement 0643
Foreman, Quran	Custodian Stetser	11.78/hr 12 months	5/22/2017	Replacement 0180 G.F.B. 2016-2017
Henderson, Clarence	Custodian-Per Diem District Wide	8.28/hr 12 months	5/22/2017	Replacement 0640 G.F.B. 2016-2017
Smith, Jr. Ricky	Custodian-Per Diem District Wide	8.28/hr 12 months	5/22/2017	New G.F.B. 2016-2017
Taylor, Keith	Boys Head Basketball Chester High School	5,000 10 months	5/16/2017	Replacement 0565 G.F.B. 2016-2017

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>From Position Location</u>	<u>To Position Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Abdullah, Ala	Custodian-Per Diem District Wide	Custodian Chester High	11.78/hr 12 months	05/22/2017
Baptiste, Lorraine	ISTL Chester High	Acting Asst. Prin. Toby Farms	80,000 End of yr	5/3/2017
Harris, Megan	Custodian-Per Diem District Wide	Custodian District Wide	11.78/hr 12 months	5/22/2017

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Caulk, Kenneth	Director, Buildings and Grounds Administration	6/30/2017 0095
Tavakalian, Brian	CTE Teacher-Marketing Chester High School	6/30/2017 0456
Womack, Brenda	School Secretary CUSA	7/1/2017 0558

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **non-renewal of contract** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Yarbray, Larry	Head Coach Boys Basketball	5/5/2017 0565

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Benson, Kyle	Climate Manager STEM	4/26/2017 0035
Brown, Jalae	Teacher Assistant Stetser	4/28/2017 0192
Coleman, Joyce	School Secretary STEM	5/9/2017 0042

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Boyd, Archinica	Teacher Assistant Main Street	Intermittent FMLA 3/30/17-6/30/17
Davis, Bonita	Inst. Teach. Leader CUSA	Medical Leave 4/24/2017-6/20/2017

Diaz, Miguel	Carpenter Maintenance	Intermittent FMLA 3/13/2017-6/30/2017
Ferguson, Sara	Principal CUSA	FMLA 4/13/17-6/1/2017
Medley, Clashya	Teacher Assistant Stetser	FMLA 4/24/2017-5/8/2017
Moore, Edward	Custodian Stetser	FMLA 5/3/2017-5/31/2017
Williams, Denise	Elementary Teacher Main Street	FMLA 4/21/2017-7/20/2017

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Medley, Clashya	Teacher Assistant Stetser	5/9/2017
Metzger, Kaitlyn	Sp. Ed. Teacher Toby Farms	5/1/2017

Executive Sponsor: Alvina Jenkins

B-2 Approval of tuition reimbursement for the 2016-17 School Year

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of Directors, grant approval for employees listed below to receive tuition reimbursement for the 2016-2017 school year, in the amount of 2,794.00.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Credits Submitted</u>	<u>Number of Credit Approved</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
Calvecchio, Thomas	4.5	4.5	3,568.50	3,568.50
Monastra, Stephen	3	3	2,631.00	2,631.00
Saia, Andria	4.5	4.5	3,568.50	3,568.50

Executive Sponsor: Alvina Jenkins

B-3 Approval to renew Source4Teachers Agreement for 2017-2018

RESOLVED, that the Receiver acting as the Board of Directors, grant approval to renew the agreement with Source4teachers providing services for substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school year.

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Cost:

Executive Sponsor: Alvina Jenkins

PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #B-1, THROUGH #B-3 WERE APPROVED, BY PETER R. BARSZ, RECEIVER.

BUSINESS AGENDA

C-1 Reports of the tax collectors: \$822.80

RESOLVED, that the reports of the City of Chester, Borough of Upland, and Chester Township for the period April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017 in the amount of \$ be received, be noted upon the Minutes and filed.

Executive Sponsor: Robert Schoch

C-2 Approval of the Treasurer's Report/Budget Report

RESOLVED, that the attached Treasurer's Report/Budget Report for the fiscal months ended March and April, 2017 be APPROVED by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

Executive Sponsor: Robert Schoch

C-3 General Fund Budget: \$1,825,343.67. Approval of payrolls

RESOLVED, that the payrolls dated in April, 2017 of the various accounts totaling for all accounts the grand sum of \$1,825,343.67, be approved by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

General Fund Budget: \$4,653,116.01. 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 \$4,653,116.01, of which General Fund payments total \$4,307,892.23, and Food Services Fund payments total \$345,223.78 and Capital Projects Fund payments total \$0, a copy of which has been given to the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, and a copy of which is now before the Receiver, be APPROVED, and that said list of payments be incorporated into the May 18, 2017 Minutes.

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Executive Sponsor: Robert Schoch

C-4 Approval of Chartwells Contract for 2017-18 School Year

RESOLVED, that the Food Services Cost Reimbursable Contract with Chartwells for the 2017-18 school year is hereby approved, subject to approval by the Solicitor and the Receiver, acting as the Board of Directors.

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Cost: \$93,100 (Less Conditional Guaranteed Breakeven = \$0)

Executive Sponsor: Robert Schoch

