

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jean Arnold – Could someone please explain “back to school week” and what happens during that week and also 8th grade, 9th, 10th and 11th grades take the Keystone Test and those subjects are Algebra, Biology and Mathematics and somewhere a few weeks ago, folks were talking about the scheduling of the classes and it was mentioned that we should probably not schedule any of those grades 1st period because a lot of our students don’t come to school on time and if any of those classes are scheduled 1st period some of those students might miss valuable instruction, so the thought was be sure when the principals and counselors do the scheduling they avoid those subject for 1st period.

EDUCATION AGENDA

A-1 Approval to enter into a contractual agreement with Delta-T Group and Kaleidoscope Education Solutions

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors enter into contractual agreements with Delta-T Group, Inc. and Kaleidoscope Education Solutions for the provision of: RN and LPN services, Certified special education teachers, substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, PCA/IAs, and PT, OT and SLP specialists (hereinafter collectively “Specialists”) for School District students on an “as needed” basis for the school year beginning July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018.

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Cost: not to exceed \$275,000

Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

Mr. Anthony Johnson, President of the Board of School Directors said that he had a question on #A-1. He said that the PCAs were part of a different contract that we had approved for almost \$1.9M and here we are going to pay another service for subs instead of that company supplying subs. I know that this is more than PCAs but that is standing out along with the PT and OT portion of nursing services that we’ve already contracted out.

Andria Saia answered that they offered us substitutes on all different kinds of positions but we only use them for special education certified teachers.

Mr. Johnson said that then that should be the only thing listed.

Dr. Saia said that the services for all other except Certified Special Education Teachers would be redacted from the contract.

Mr. Johnson asked if we needed to have this for Special Education Teachers since we have 3 flex Special Education Teachers on staff if needed.

Dr. Saia said that last year we had all 3 being used and then had at least 3 more emergency medical leaves necessitating the use of more than the flex teachers we had. This was an ongoing issue with PDE and

they said we had to have a resolution of the special education coverage and that is how we determined that best cover was not to hire more but to hire a staffing service on an as needed basis.

A-2 Approval to enter into a contractual agreement with Royer-Greaves School for the Blind

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors enter into a contractual agreement with Royer-Greaves School for the Blind to provide special education services for Extended School Year beginning June 27, 2017 through July 28, 2017. The total cost for Royer-Greaves School for the Blind is \$13,974, including a one-to-one aide as set forth in the contract.

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Cost: \$13,974

Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-3 Approval of 2017-2018 Academic Calendar

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves the calendar for the 2017-2018 academic year, with September 5, 2017 as the first day for all students and June 11, 2018 as the last day for students grades 9 through 11. Graduation and last day of school for seniors shall be held on June 8, 2017. Early dismissals begin October 4, 2017 and end March 21, 2018.

Executive Sponsor: Joshua Culbertson

EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THROUGH A#-3, WITH CHANGES TO #A-3 AT "STUDENTS GRADES 9 THROUGH 11" TO "STUDENTS PRE-K THROUGH 11", WERE APPROVED BY PETER R. BARSZ, RECEIVER

BUSINESS AGENDA

C-1 Approval to enter into a contractual agreement with PSBA for Administrative Regulations Services

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting on behalf of the Board of School Directors enter into a contractual agreement with the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) for participation in the Administrative Regulations Service.

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: \$2500 now, \$2500 in the 2018-19 school year
Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

C-2 Approval to enter into an agreement with DCIU for high speed Internet access services

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into an agreement with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit for the purposes of providing high speed Internet access service to the Chester Upland School District, from the period of July 1, 2017, and continuing through June 30, 2018.

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: \$5700 for 2017-18 (eligible for eRate support)
Executive Sponsor: Joshua Culbertson

C-3 Approval of School Board Policy #246, School Wellness

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting on behalf of the Board of School Directors approve and adopt School Board Policy#246, School Wellness

Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

C-4 Approval to appoint Alvina Jenkins Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trustee

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting on behalf of the Board of School Directors appoints Alvina Jenkins to serve as the Delaware County Public School Healthcare Trustee representing Chester Upland School District for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

Executive Sponsor: Juan Baughn

C-5 Approval to enter into a contract with Cozen O'Connor

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting on behalf of the Board of School Directors, grant approval to enter into a contract with Cozen O'Connor for representation of CUSD Labor and Employment matters.

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Cost: not to exceed \$50,000

Executive Sponsor: Juan Baughn

C-6 Approval of a settlement agreement with Friends of Chester Community Charter School

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting on behalf of the Board of School Directors, grant approval to enter into a settlement agreement with Friends of Chester Community Charter School to resolve the litigation matter regarding tax appeals docketed at 13-12322; 13-12323; 13-12325; 13-12326; 13-12327; 13-12329; 13-12330; 13-12331; 13-12332; 13-12498.

Payable To: General Fund Budget

Payments: Total \$250,000 paid in three installments of \$83,333.33 over 3 Years

Executive Sponsor: Robert Schoch, Turnaround Specialist

C-7 Approval of Chester Community Charter School Renewal application for the period 2021-2022 academic year to 2025-2026 academic year.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to renew the charter for the Chester Community Charter School for the 2021-22 academic year through the 2025-26 academic year upon comprehensive review by the Receiver including, but not limited to, financial audits and financial reports, standardized test scores, PSSA results, school performance profiles, special education reports from the Bureau of Special Education, audit reports from the OAG and any other relevant documentation. This approval is subject to legal review of the final Charter Renewal Agreement.

Executive Sponsor: Juan Baughn

C-8 Approval of the Chester Upland School District's Final General Fund Budget for 2016-2017

1. Adoption of Budget

The Administration presents the following resolution to be adopted approving the final budget for the Chester Upland School for the fiscal year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$129,978,804 as set forth in the summary attached;

RESOLVED that the Budget of the Chester Upland School District, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, as was proposed at a meeting of the Receiver of said District held the 24th day of May 2017 is hereby adopted as the final Annual General Fund Operating Budget of the Chester Upland School District, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal year beginning, July 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors of the Chester Upland School District, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, hereby authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of the funds as itemized in said Budget during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017. The necessary revenue for the same shall be provided by the following taxes enacted pursuant to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly No. 511 as approved December 31, 1965, and as amended, provided for by resolution imposing such taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, adopted concurrently herewith.

2. Adoption of Real Estate Tax

The Administration presents the following resolution to be adopted approving the Real Estate Tax to meet the 2017-2018 budget requirements of the school district.

The Chester Upland School District by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, hereby resolves under and by virtue and pursuant to the authority granted in the Public School Code of 1949, as amended and supplemented, as follows:

Section I. That a tax be and the same is hereby levied and assessed on all real property within the City of Chester, Delaware, County, Pennsylvania, subject to taxation for school purposes for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 2017, a tax of 61.2574 mills on each one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation, and;

that a tax be and the same is hereby levied and assessed on all real property within Chester Township and Upland Borough, Delaware, County, Pennsylvania, subject to taxation for school purposes for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 2017, a tax of 26.2969 mills on each one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation of taxable property.

Section II. That the said tax so assessed shall be levied upon all the property upon which the City of Chester has assessed for tax purposes and the County of Delaware has assessed for tax purposes in the Township of Chester and Borough of Upland.

Section III. This resolution shall become effective and the tax hereby imposed is for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of July, 2017.

3. Re-adoption of Real Estate Transfer Tax

The administration presents the following resolution to be adopted approving the re-adoption of the 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.

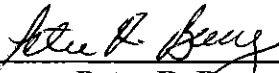
4. The Receiver pursuant to the authority granted by Section 672-A (b) (4) of Act 141 of 2012 has directed the Board of School Directors of the Chester Upland School Directors to levy and raise taxes in accordance with this Resolution.
5. Severability. In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Resolution shall be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent, preclude or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining portions of this Resolution.
6. Repealer. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions inconsistent herewith or in the conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed.
7. This Resolution shall become effective and the tax hereby imposed is for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of July, 2017, and shall remain in effect hereafter unless this Resolution is modified, amended or repealed.

Executive Sponsor: Robert Schoch, Turnaround Specialist

BUSINESS AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS #C-1 THROUGH C-8, WITH THE CHANGE TO DATES IN HEADING OF ITEM #C-8 FROM "2016-2017" TO "2017-2018," WERE APPROVED BY PETER R. BARSZ, INTERIM RECEIVER

There being no further business *Receiver, Peter R. Barsz* adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL RECOVERY RECEIVER**

 _____ Peter R. Barsz Receiver	<u>7/20/17</u> Date
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