

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

**August 1, 2016  
6:03 P.M.**

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A Public Meeting of the Receiver of the Chester Upland School District was held this evening at the Administration Building of the Chester Upland School District located at 232 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Executive Staff Present:                    Mr. Peter R. Barsz, Receiver  
    Dr. Christopher McGinley, CRO  
    Mr. Gregory Shannon, Superintendent  
    Ms. Andria Saia, Assistant Superintendent  
    Ms. Karen DeShullo, Chief Business Administrator

School Board:                                    Anthony Johnson, President

Solicitors:                                        George Dawson, Esquire

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

**NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING**

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Ed Mitchell** – Said he sent in a bill last week for \$600.00 to turn on the tax collectors ID account machines for Chester Township and Upland. Hasn't been paid. He said that he received a letter from Mr. Schoch saying that he authorized Karen DeShullo, Chief Business Administrator, to pay anything up to \$500. His bill was for \$600 so the machines weren't turned on. He has tax money waiting to be deposited into the district accounts and can't because the machines aren't turned on. He said that he didn't know where to come in to the building. They are the taxpayers and they can't even get into the building, no one answers the phones. Says we have to do better.

**Delores Shelton** – Asked about the money for the ID account machines.

**Peter Barsz** – Said that it was for the software for the tax collectors machines and that he understood that one year (\$300) had already been paid and that the other \$300 was being paid this week.

**Ms. Shelton** – Said that we are using irresponsible people to collect our taxes and that they hold the residents checks for 2-3 months and wanted to know why we keep approving them to be our collectors. Said that she was here last year with the same complaint.

**Mr. Barsz** agreed with her and made a notation to look into it.

**Ms. Shelton** - she couldn't figure out how to get into the Administration Office for the meeting and had to call someone. Thinks we should have an easier way to get here. She said it is too hard for her and others to come in through the front on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and have to take the stairs down to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and then have to make her way back up or walk all the way around the building. We need a better way.

She had a question on the agenda about Human Resources B-1 for Cheryl Graves. At which school will she be teaching? It was left off of the agenda.

**Andria Saia** – The High School.

**John Shelton, Sr.** – He is a Chester alum and has been coming to the School Board Meetings since. He said that they had everything a person needed to learn to go to work when they graduated. There were lots of trades being taught. Now he believes that these kids are losing hope and that we have to give it back to them. Wanted to know what Mr. Barsz can do to change this nightmare we are in.

**Mr. Barsz** - It is not really just me, but a team effort. We have to educate these children but at an affordable rate. We are doing a lot of new things to help get the new year off to a good start.

**Anthony Johnson** – Had a few issues. One was what Ed Mitchell brought up in reference to the \$500 limit that Karen (DeShullo) can approve. Wondered why?

**Mr. Barsz** – called on Robert Schoch (hired by PDE as a turnaround specialist) to answer.

**Robert Schoch** – He explained that about two weeks ago, he said that he wanted to clear up the small balances that were outstanding and under \$500. The vendor (for the tax account collectors ID machine) was paid the \$300 owed from last year. The other bill was not received until that week and the additional \$300 amount can be paid fairly quickly but requires us to go through our typical process.

**Mr. Johnson** – He did not feel that Mr. Schoch answered his question and wanted to know how much Karen was authorized to approve to pay on bills without the approval of PDE. He believed that it was ridiculous that we can't get the tax money because of a small bill that has to be approved by PDE. He said that it is not acceptable and as an elected official he is saying this, that we have to go through the hoops to get these small amounts approved by PDE.

*Mr. Schoch tried to explain further, but was cut off by Mr. Johnson.*

**Mr. Johnson** – Said that at the end of June, we had \$7,000,000 in the bank and we have never had that amount in the bank and we couldn't pay a \$600 bill. He said that those games are going to stop because he believes that this is a game to PDE. He said he was going to get on the stand at the hearing with Judge Kenney in August and it will all come out; he is tired of going into meetings and getting spinned. He believes that when he asked this question of Mr. Schoch he was getting spinned. Wanted to know why she (Karen) can't have her own approval. He said that even when the control board was here, approval limits for the Business Manager were \$10,000 and that he (Mr. Schoch) was not going to strong arm us, because he (Mr. Schoch) has to walk out of here. He told Mr. Schoch he didn't want to hear any more of his spins.

**Mr. Barsz** asked if the \$500 was a limit.

Mr. Schoch started to answer that it was not a limit per se, but was interrupted by Mr. Mitchell.

**Mr. Mitchell** said that he had an email from Mr. Schoch stating that precise thing and that Mr. Schoch was lying.

**Mr. Barsz** called for order. He told Mr. Mitchell that we understand his concerns, and they would be addressed.

**Mr. Schoch** explained that they were trying to clear up any invoices that were \$500 and under. He explained that there are still \$6.4 million in unpaid invoices. He also explained that if the budget for this year had not been passed, PDE would have had no authority to send us our BE for the year and that \$7,000,000 would not have carried us through the year for salaries, etc.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**B-1 Approval of appointments, reassignments and terminations**

RESOLVED, that the following appointments, reassignments and terminations 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>
Benavides, Lisa	Math Teacher STEM	65,925 M45/5 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0539 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Best, Jeannette	Cosmetology Teacher Chester High	49,996 M/5 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0088 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Borodovsky, Amanda	French Teacher Chester High	43,704 B/2 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0293 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Clark, Shakasha	Truancy Assistant Chester High	19.38/hr. P/T 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0125 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Crowe, Gretchen	Special Ed Teacher Chester High	65,301 +200 M30/5 10 months	8/29/2016	New G.F.B. 2015-0121
Daniels, Sterling	ESOL Teacher Chester High	64,168 M/5 10 Months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0125 G.F.B. 2015-2016
DiFrancesco, Danielle	Special Ed Teacher Main Street	62,070 +200 M/4 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0019 G.F.B. 2015-2016

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Froehlich, Frederick	Math Teacher Toby Farms	65,301 M30/5 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0372 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Fusick- Smith, Lisa	English Teacher Chester High	59,973 M/3 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0437 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Gordon, Randall	Technology Ed. Teacher STEM	41,607 B/1 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0073 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Graves, Sheryl Returning Teacher	Special Ed Teacher	75,726 +200 B24/13 10 Months	8/29/2016	Replacement G.F.B. 2015-2016
Hartigan, Elizabeth	Elementary Teacher Main Street	64,168 M/5 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0517 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Hatter, Giovanni	Technology Ed. Teacher STEM	64,168 M/5 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0272 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Hawrylak, Joanna	Special Ed Teacher Toby Farms	45,802 +200 B/3 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0336 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Levin, Joanna	Special Ed Teacher CUSA	59,930 +200 M/3 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0295 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Loeffelholz, Nancy	Special Ed Teacher Toby Farms	64,168 +200 M/5 10 months	8/29/2016	New G.F.B. 2015-0121
Malone Stephen,	Special Ed Teacher STEM	64,168 +200 M/5 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0327 G.F.B. 2015-2016
McLuckie, Susan	Writing Teacher Toby Farms	65,301 M30/5 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0372 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Peticca, Julia	Special Ed Teacher Main St.	66,832 +200 M15/6 10 months	8/29/2016	New G.F.B. 2015-0121

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Plank, Jessica	Special Ed Teacher Toby Farms	46,765 +200 B16/4 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0201 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Rivera, Sonia	ESOL Aide Main St.	22,356 10 months	8/29/2016	New G.F.B. 2015-0121
Rutledge, Rebecca	ESOL Teacher District Wide	64,168 M/5 10 months	8/29/2016	New G.F.B. 2015-0121
Siget, John	Special Ed Teacher District Wide	57,876 +200 M/2 10 months	8/29/2016	New G.F.B. 2015-0121
Vazquez, Alexia	ESOL Aide Chester High	22,356 10 months	8/29/2016	New G.F.B. 2015-0121
White, Adrienne	Science Teacher Toby Farms	41,607 B/1 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0539 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Zimmer, Clare	Special Ed Teacher District Wide	65,301 +200 M30/5 10 months	8/29/2016	Replacement 0056 G.F.B. 2015-

2016

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>From Position Location</u>	<u>To Position Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Snipes, Dwayne	CTP District Wide 32,000	Elementary Teacher CUSA 45,121 B24/1 10 months	8/29/21016 0126
Moore, Durell	Cyber Monitor Chester High School 32,000 10 months	Physical Education Teacher Chester High School 42,571 B+16/1 10 months	8/29/16 0183

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Smith, Derrick	Sp. Education Teacher Toby Farms	7/26/2016

**Executive Sponsor:** Alvina Jenkins

***PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM #B-1 WAS APPROVED BY PETER R. BARSZ, RECEIVER***

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**C-1 Approval of Election of Delaware County Intermediate Unit Board for the term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, of the Chester Upland School District, a member of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit #25, approve the election of the following individuals to serve as members of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors:

For the Term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019

Chester Upland	Charlie L. Warren, II
Interboro	Edward Harris
Radnor	Patricia Booker
Ridley	Harry McElwee
Southeast Delco	Edward McBride

**Executive Sponsor:** Peter R. Barsz

***BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM #C-1 WAS APPROVED BY PETER R. BARSZ, RECEIVER***

There being no further business *Receiver, Peter R. Barsz* adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm.

**CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL RECOVERY RECEIVER**

	<u>8/18/16</u>
Peter R. Barsz	Date
Interim Receiver	