

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

**August 21, 2014
6:10 P.M.**

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 1720 Melrose Avenue, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Executive Staff Present: Mr. Joseph Watkins, Receiver
 Mr. Gregory Shannon, Superintendent
 Dr. Tamara Thomas Smith, Deputy Superintendent
 Mr. George Crawford, Chief Financial Officer
 Ms. Claudia Averette, Chief of Staff
 Dr. Andria Saia, Assistant Superintendent

Solicitor: Leo A. Hackett, Esquire

The Receiver's meeting opened with a call to order by Receiver, Joseph Watkins and the Pledge of Allegiance led by George Crawford, Chief Financial Officer.

NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Lydia Von Creef was introduced by Jean Arnold who is the advisor for the Gates Millennium Scholarship. Ms. Von Creef is going to be a Senior at our STEM Academy. She has finished all of her first drafts of the essays for the Gates Millennium Scholarship. She was applauded.

Ms. Arnold also wanted to bring forth the fact that the sixth grade class at Stetser Elementary School had their book signing for the book that they wrote and published on Frederick Douglass and the Hill Community which they visited this year. The professor that helped them said that of all the books published for young people, less than 1% are actually published by the students themselves, so we, one more time, are making history.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent, Mr. Gregory Shannon, said that he was pleased to report that we are diligently recruiting on the streets and parents have responded in large order. He said that when he came he pointed to the CUSD emblem on the wall behind and said that if we polished up our brand, folks would respond and they have. He said he wanted to thank everyone in the community that has responded and supported us and continue to tell our story. He stated that last year, we asked the community to trust us that we would do better and this year we can say that we are better and that we are here to serve our children and give them the best each and every day. He is eternally grateful to our community for their trust.

PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMENDATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF JULY 29, 2014

Receiver Watkins approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Will Richan – wants a copy of the charter school oversight reports which were due in August. He filed a Right to Know with the Superintendent but was answered by the solicitor, Mr. Hackett. Mr. Hackett’s letter said that it was not decided if the report was a public document and that it would be 30 days before the decision would be made and Mr. Richan would then be notified. In a follow-up letter, Mr. Richan was informed that it was not a public document and not under the Right to Know laws so would not be up for public scrutiny. Mr. Richan was upset that he could not peruse the document.

Joseph Watkins said that he understood his frustration and explained to him that we were in negotiations with some of the Charter schools to bring them on as partnership schools and make them part of the district. He went on to explain that if we can't prove to PDE and the state that we can balance our budget by December this year and go on without any additional help from the government, we will cease to exist even with all of the progress we are making academically. Mr. Watkins said that we are now under the gun to work with some of the charter schools to convince them to work with us as partnership schools to reduce our charter funding and to allow us to balance our budget and continue on without the need of additional outside help. He told Mr. Richan that we would get him the information he requested and apologized for it being slow in coming but we have not intent to hide anything from anyone.

Mr. Richan stated that if all other charter school information is public information, why is the report done on them not considered public information.

Clyde Killibrew – wanted to know if the report on charter schools actually exists and if it does when can it be made available for public viewing.

Leo Hackett answered that the administration is reviewing it with the purpose of making recommendations on policies and decisions to the Receiver relating to charter schools. As soon as they finish that process and make those recommendations the report will become the public report and the public will be able to assess the superintendent's recommendations in light of what the report says.

Mr. Killibrew wanted to know if there would be any supporting documentation with regards to the report as written or would it be more or less a redacted copy of the information available.

Mr. Hackett answered that any supporting documentation would be a part of the report

Mr. Richan stated that the public would be informed about this information after the fact but that Mr. Watkins is contemplating action on them (the charter schools) tonight. He asked if that was right.

Mr. Watkins nodded yes.

Lawrence Hamm – Asked the Superintendent what the new enrollment numbers were at this point

Mr. Shannon answered that last year at this time, mid-September, enrollment was at its peak before we leveled. That was 3155. As of close of business Friday, 8/15, it was 3342 and he hoped that as of close of business this coming Friday (8/22/14) the number will swell to over 3500. That would be prior to the leveling process.

Mr. Hamm referred to A-9 on the agenda. He asked if the current contact with Chester Community Charter School is 2010-2015.

Mr. Hackett answered that it was renewed July, 2011 for 5 years.

Mr. Hamm then said that ends 2016 then.

Mr. Hackett said right.

Mr. Hamm then said that 2016 is where it starts for grades 9 through 12.

Mr. Watkins then shared that we were trying to partner with the charters and we had to get our deficit down so the government wouldn't close down the district. He said that he was discussing it with the charters and he gave them the charter on grades 9 through 12 as a good faith incentive. He explained that if the government shut down the district, the charters would also be out of business because the money that is allocated to pay for public schooling would not be enough to pay them.

A. Jean Arnold – said that she felt like this was déjà vu and that concerning A9-10-11 it bothers her that decision are being made without the public being made aware. She would like the Receiver to be more communicative upfront. She said that she is not happy that these questions have to be asked here because no information was put forth about the partnership with the charters. She thinks there should be more discussion on this and wanted to know if, as Receiver, Mr. Watkins could take action without further discussion with the public.

Mr. Watkins said that he believed that to be the case but he doesn't take his power lightly. He said his role here as he sees it is to save the district and make sure that when he leaves the district and school board can go on without having to go to Harrisburg for money. He explained that there are a lot of fast moving pieces to this and it is not always feasible to make everyone aware exactly how it is going, but he's happy that it is going well and he has a chance to save the district.

Ms. Arnold said that it would be helpful if there would have been a presentation saying this is what I'm proposing; these are the numbers; this is the timeframe; this is what has been discussed before; this is the vision as I see it; these are the questions we are experiencing from the state, etc. She said that she knows that Mr. Watkins has the experience and intellect to do all that but that she is puzzled as to why he didn't see that type of communication. She asked that please he let the community know and that as he has called emergency meetings before and most of them have come, so she doesn't think that the community wouldn't respond, and even if they didn't respond, he would be able to say he did all he could to give the community the information.

Mr. Watkins said that he understood what she was saying.

Beverly Harris asked first to address Ms. Arnold on her concerns. She said that sometimes things are being done and you think they're not being done to the good. We've met with the Receiver tonight in a very productive meeting and sometimes things have to be done so someone won't block what's getting ready to happen. Sometimes if we put too much out it gives other people time to kick back and I want to reassure you that we are asking questions and we will from this day forward be in on the negotiations a the next meeting that is coming up with the charter schools. She said that she wanted to address something that was said at the last meeting by one of the other school board members that Mr. Dominic (referring to Senator Pileggi) was presenting a bill in Harrisburg to put on the floor that seniors would not have to pay school taxes and she wanted everyone to know that she researched it and it was not done. She also asked who sent out the tax bill for the school taxes as people were calling her complaining that the bills were coming to their homes and not the mortgage companies.

George Crawford answered that there were 3 different municipalities collecting taxes, Chester City, Upland Borough and Chester Township and that Chester Township was sending the bills to homes but they rectified that and the mortgage companies were receiving them.

Ms. Harris said she was talking about Chester City.

Mr. Crawford said that we have a representative from Berkheimer Associates, who are collecting the school taxes for the City, here to answer questions. He asked him to explain.

The representative from Berkheimer (didn't get a name) said that they were hired to collect the taxes for the City of Chester. He explained that according to the state statutes it is the responsibility of the collector to supply the tax bill to the tax payer and it is the tax payer's responsibility to send it to their mortgage company. He did say that they had reached out to the major mortgage clearinghouses to get the information on property owners and that they would send the bills to them electronically, but that they probably didn't have all of the property owners. They are working on it and asked that they are told to send it to their mortgage company themselves for now.

George said that we are in a transitional period and that there are sometimes growing pains.

Ms. Harris said that she understood and would tell anyone that calls her to send in the bill to their mortgage company.

EDUCATION AGENDA

A-1 Approval to extend the Settlement Agreement for Student listed to attend Pilot School in Wilmington, DE for the 2014-2015 school year

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval to extend the settlement agreement for the student number listed below to attend The Pilot School in Wilmington, DE. The District will continue to fund the tuition and provide transportation to The Pilot School for the 2014-2015 school year.

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Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-2 Approval to enter into a contractual agreement with US Medical Staffing

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into a contractual agreement with U.S. Medical Staffing, Inc. to provide one to one nursing services as requested pursuant to the Individualized Education Plan (IEP), substitute nursing services and Personal Care Assistants (PCA) as requested pursuant to the IEP. Rates for U.S. Medical Staffing, Inc. are as per contract, \$39.00 per hour for one to one nursing services and \$134.00 per day for PCAs.

Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-3 Approval for the Office of Special Education to provide onsite First Aid, CPR and AED training to PCAs

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the Office of Special Education to provide onsite First Aid, CPR, and AED training by certified American Red Cross personnel for no more than 40 participants consisting of newly hired Personal Care Assistants (PCAs), PCA recertification and school safety personnel on September 2, 2014. The cost for training is \$4,060 which includes a 10% discount

Cost: \$4,060.00

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-4 Approval to enter into a contractual agreement with Advanced Academics, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into a contractual agreement with Advanced Academics Inc. to provide online education services and coursework to students enrolled in the Chester Upland Cyber Academy for the 2014-2015 school year.

Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-5 Approval for up to four CUSD ELL staff to attend Conference

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment for up to four CUSD ELL staff to attend the Migrant Education/ESL Conference, October 15-October 17, 2014 in Harrisburg, PA. Costs include hotel (\$159.00/night for 2 nights = \$1,272), mileage and per diem reimbursable at district approved rate.

Payable From: Title III Funds
Executive Sponsor: Tamara Thomas Smith

A-6 Approval for up to twelve parents/community support and the Director of Federal Programs to attend Conference

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment for up to twelve parents/community support (2 per school) and the Chester Upland School District Director of Federal Programs (13 people in total), to attend the Family Involvement Conference, October 26-October 29, 2014 in Harrisburg, PA. Payment includes registration (\$175.00/person = \$2,275), van rental (\$150/day = \$600), hotel (\$209.95/night for 3 nights = \$8,188.05).

Payable From: Title I Funds
Executive Sponsor: Tamara Thomas Smith

A-7 Approval for Consultant Fees

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment of a consultant (Shakina Woodruff) at the rate of \$25.00 per hour (costs not to exceed \$1,500 from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) to assist with the planning and implementation of the PDE funded Promoting Adolescent Health Through School-Based HIV/STD/ Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant.

CUSD will be reimbursed by the Promoting Adolescent Health Through School-Based HIV/STD/ Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative for all costs incurred.

Executive Sponsor: Tamara Thomas Smith

A-8 Approval for payment to Dr. Williams to conduct Professional Development

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for payment for Dr. Barbara Moore Williams, to conduct Professional Development for Convocation, Leadership, and New Teacher Induction throughout the 2014-2015 school year at the Chester Upland School District. Fees are as follows: \$350 for Convocation, \$600 per New Teacher Induction Workshop and \$250 an hour for Leadership Professional Development not to exceed 40 hours.

Cost: Not to exceed \$8,000
Payable From: Race to the Top
Executive Sponsor: Tamara Thomas Smith

A-9 Approval of Application of Chester Community Charter School to amend and renew charter

WHEREAS, the Chester Community Charter School operates a charter school in the Chester Upland School District grades kindergarten through 8th grade pursuant to a charter issued by the School District and renewed on November 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the School District is currently in discussions with the Chester Community Charter School, and other charter schools in the School District, related to a partnership for the charter schools to operate educational programs with the School District including grades kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Community Charter School has made application to the School District on May 30, 2014 to amend and renew its charter to provide education programming for students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade and to extend the term of its charter.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the application of Chester Community Charter School of May 30, 2014 to amend and renew its charter to provide education programming for student in kindergarten through 12th grades and for an additional term of five years beginning July 1, 2016 is hereby approved.

Executive Sponsor: Joseph Watkins

A-10 Intention to extend Chester Charter School of the Arts charter

WHEREAS, the Chester Charter School of the Arts was issued a charter to operate a charter school in the Chester Upland School District grades kindergarten through 12th grade by reason of the decision of the Charter School Appeal Board.

WHEREAS, the School District is currently in discussions with the Chester Charter School of the Arts, and other charter schools in the School District, related to a partnership with the charter schools to operate educational programs in the School District including grades kindergarten through 12th grade; and;

WHEREAS, the Chester Charter School of the Arts desires to extend its charter for an additional term as authorized by the Charter School Law.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the School District intends to extend the charter of the Chester Charter School of the Arts for additional term of five (5) years on the expiration of its current charter.

Executive Sponsor: Joseph Watkins

A-11 Intention to extend Widener Partnership Charter School charter

WHEREAS, the Widener Partnership Charter School operates a charter school in the Chester Upland School District grades kindergarten through 8th grade pursuant to a charter issued by the School District and renewed on November 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the School District is currently in discussions with the Widener Partnership Charter School, and other charter schools in the School District, related to a partnership with the charter schools to operate educational programs in the School District including grades kindergarten through 12th grade; and;

WHEREAS, the Widener Partnership Charter School charter needs to be amended to permit operating education programs in kindergarten through 12th grades.

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the School District intends to approve the amendment to the charter of the Widener Partnership Charter School to provide for educational programming of student in kindergarten through 12th grades.

Executive Sponsor: Joseph Watkins

A-12 Approval for Special Education teachers listed to attend Training

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the special education teachers listed below to attend Connecting Math Intervention Training: A Comprehensive Intervention for Low Incidence Special Education Students on August 25, 2014.

Monica Carney	Dariah Jackson	Jacqueline Simpkins
Kaitlyn Mahoney	Jennifer Nance	Rachel Pondok
Markiesha Bell	Joseph Savage	Marie Riley
Jean Dautel	Richard Lucchine	

Cost: \$3,300.00

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

ITEM #A-4 WAS STRUCK FROM THE AGENDA AT ANDRIA SAIA'S REQUEST.

EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THROUGH A-3 AND A-5 THROUGH A-12 WERE APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER

PERSONNEL AGENDA

B-1 Approval of appointments, corrections to appointment date, leaves of absence, returns from leaves of absence, rescinded separations, retirements, terminations and recalls from furlough

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>
Baptiste, Lorrain	Social Studies Teacher Chester High School	73,691 (M30/9)	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Bell, Shawn	Collegial Training Partner District	32,000 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Buonocore, Thomas	Mathematic Teacher Chester High	41,607 (B/1)	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Cardona, Allison	Mathematics Teacher Toby Farms	58,442 (M15/2)	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Chimino, Angela	Mathematics Teacher Chester High	64,168 (M/5) 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Clark, Mary	Teacher Assistant Chester High	22,256 10 months	8/27//2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Cox-Cottman, Tammy	Social Worker Toby Farms/Main Street	65,925 (M45/5) 10 months	9/22/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Fulton, Alonzo	Social Studies STEM	66,265 (M/6) 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015
Gibson, Randy	Teacher Assistant CUSA	22,256 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Moran, Matthew	English Teacher STEM	41,607 (B/1) 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Monastra, Stephen	CTE Coordinator Chester High	83, 381 12 months	10/13/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.

Park, Jennifer	Mathematics Teacher Chester High	47,219 + 200 (B24/2) 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Payne, Robert	Teacher Assistant Chester High School	22,256 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Pierdomenico, David	English Teacher Chester High School	41,607 (B/1) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Quattlebaum, Nathaniel	Elementary Teacher Toby Farms	72,557 (M/9) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Waldron, Keith	Elementary CUSA	55,778 (M/1) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Wesley, Lucille	Teacher Assistant CUSA	22,256 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Wesley, Patricia	Special Education Teacher Toby Farms	65,301 +200 (M+30/5) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Williams, TaNeeka	Special Education Teacher CUSA	41,607+200 (B/1) 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Willis, Ryan	Science Chester High School	41,607 (B/1) 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.

RESOLVED, that the following **correction to appointment date** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Correction to Effective Date</u>
Moore, Andre	Climate Manager Toby Farms	8/27/24	7/1/2014

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>
Bryan, Stephanie	Special Education, Teacher CUSA	8/27/2014
McEldrew-Silio, Paula	Teacher STEM	8/27/2014

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following correction to the **separation be rescinded** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Weatherly, Marie	Math Teacher Toby Farms	7/30/2014

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Parker, John	Custodian STEM	8/29/2014

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Wilmore, Lauren	Teacher Assistant CUSA	8/31/2014

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **recalls from furlough** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kagen, Tricia	Elementary Teacher	8/27/2014
Cerra, Christine	Elementary Teacher	8/27/2014
Sudler, Arthur	Custodian	8/25/2014
Holland, Oleaver	Custodian	8/25/2014

Executive Sponsor: Alvina Jenkins

B-2 General Fund – Approval of Supplemental Salaries

RESOLVED, that the following **High School Coaching** appointments be approved as respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Legette, Jeffery	Athletic Director	9,000
Beatty, Carl	Head Football Coach	7,000
Cooper, Kynnee	Assistant Coach Football	5,250
Crawley, Dalata'e	Assistant Coach Football	5,250
Howard, James	Assistant Coach Football	5,250
Fryer, Thomasina	Head Coach Volleyball	2,500
Wharton, James	Head Coach Cross Country Boys	3,000
Thompkins, Alfred	Head Coach Cross Country Girls	3,000
Providence, Joseph	Head Coach Tennis Girls	2,100
Miah, Karen	Head Coach Cheerleading	3,200
Hamm, Janifer	Assistant Coach Cheerleading	2,400

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **Middle School Coaching** appointments be approved as respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Moore, Andre	Athletic Director	4,500
Bell, LaDontay	Head Coach, Football	1,500
Greenberg, Stuart	Volleyball, Head Coach	1,500

Executive Sponsor: Alvina Jenkins

PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #B-1 THRU #B-2 WERE APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER

BUSINESS AGENDA

C-1 Reports of the tax collectors.

RESOLVED, that the reports of the City of Chester, Borough of Upland, and Chester Township for the period July 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014 in the amount of \$0.00 be received, be noted upon the Minutes and filed.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

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

RESOLVED, that the attached Treasurer's Report/Budget Report for the fiscal month ended July 31, 2014 be APPROVED by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-3 General Fund Budget: \$9,425,006.16. 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 \$9,425,006.16, of which General Fund payments total \$9,360,758.29, and Food Services Fund payments total \$64,247.87, 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 August 21, 2014 Minutes.

(LIST OF PAYMENTS ATTACHED)

General Fund Budget: \$955,678.69. Approval of payrolls

RESOLVED, that the payrolls dated in July, 2014 of the various accounts totaling for all accounts the grand sum of \$955,569.09 be approved by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

Payable from: General Fund

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-4 Approval of Award to replace ceiling tiles at Toby Farms school to All Walls and Ceilings

RESOLVED, that in response to district needs for ceiling tile replacement at Toby Farms school for the 2014-2015 school year be awarded to the following vendors in the amounts indicated.

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
All Walls and Ceilings	Ceiling Tile Replacement	<u>\$9,985.00</u>
TOTAL		\$9,985.00

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Kenneth Caulk

C-5 Approval of Award to replace ceiling tiles at Chester High School to All Walls and Ceilings

RESOLVED, that in response to district needs for labor to install ceiling tiles at Chester High School for the 2014-2015 school year be awarded to the following vendors in the amounts indicated.

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
All Walls and Ceilings	Ceiling Tile Replacement	<u>\$5,050.00</u>
TOTAL		\$5,050.00

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Kenneth Caulk

C-6 Approval of Award to replace light fixtures district wide to Suburban Electric Supply, Inc

RESOLVED, that in response to district needs for light fixtures for the 2014-2015 school year be awarded to the following vendors in the amounts indicated.

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Suburban Electric Supply, Inc	Light Fixtures	<u>\$12,985.00</u>
TOTAL		\$12,985.00

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Kenneth Caulk

C-7 Approval of Award to add additional lockers at CUSA

RESOLVED, that in response to district needs for additional lockers at CUSA for the 2014-2015 school year be awarded to the following vendors in the amounts indicated.

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
School Specialty	Locker Replacement	<u>\$8,410.00</u>
TOTAL		\$8,410.00

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Kenneth Caulk

C- 8 Approval of Award to test and inspect fire alarm systems for schools to Wayman Fire Protection

RESOLVED, that in response to district needs for testing and inspection of fire alarm systems for various schools as per state requirements for the 2014-2015 school year be awarded to the following vendors in the amounts indicated.

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wayman Fire Protection	Test and Inspection of Fire Alarm	<u>\$25,503.00</u>
TOTAL		\$25,503.00

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Kenneth Caulk

C-9 Approval to purchase additional web and dry vacs from Hillyard

RESOLVED, that in response to district needs for additional wet and dry vacs for the 2014-2015 school year be awarded to the following vendors in the amounts indicated.

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Hillyard	Wet and Dry Vacs	<u>\$12,139.95</u>
TOTAL		\$12,139.95

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Kenneth Caulk

C-10 Grant authorization to Solicitor and Special Counsel to file real estate tax assessments appeals

RESOLVED, that the Receiver of the Chester Upland School District (hereinafter “School District”) hereby grants authorization to the Solicitor and Special Counsel, Donald Weiss, to file real estate tax assessment appeals on behalf of the School District pursuant to the list of appeals provided to the Receiver.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-11 Approval of payment to Contractor to conduct Food Service Program duties

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of Directors, approves payment at the rate of \$34.12 per hour effective July 1, 2014, not to exceed \$34,122.00 annually, to independent contractor Mr. Jesse Richardson, to perform responsibilities associated with the district’s food service program and the national school lunch program for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS #C-1 THRU #C-11 WERE APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER

As Mr. Watkins was ready to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Von Creef (STEM Student) asked to speak. Mr. Watkins recognized her.

Lydia Von Creef - She asked what could be done to make the education better in the Chester Upland School District. She feels that the students are not being taught what they are supposed to be taught and that they are not challenged as they should be and need to be. She said that there are a lot of very smart children in the Chester Upland schools and she is upset that it is seen as a school district of criminals and dumb people and that that is not the truth and she wants to prove them wrong.

Gregory Shannon said that we are working hard to prove them wrong. The district has more offerings each and every year and we will continue to build our programs for our STEM academy as well as Chester High School. Right now we have a full cadre of honors courses at Chester High School, a full cadre of advanced placement classes and we signed an agreement with Widener University to do dual enrollment to put High School students on Widener campus taking college courses while still in High School. We also have students at West Chester University doing dual enrollment. He said that speaking specifically to STEM, we have a new STEM advisory board comprised of industry leaders and university partners in the sciences, technology, engineering and math profession and education. He said that they are giving us the best ways to propel our students into colleges and universities that are best for STEM students and also into jobs. He said that the Chair of the advisory board is a dean of engineering at Villanova University so we can funnel students from STEM into Villanova and that we are also partnering with Boeing so that we can funnel them into jobs in the industry. He told her that we are working hard to build trust and confidence in the community that we can provide a quality education.

There being no further business *Receiver, Joseph P. Watkins* adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL RECOVERY RECEIVER

Joseph P. Watkins

Date