

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

**April 21, 2016
6:05 P.M.**

A Public Meeting of the Receiver of the Chester Upland School District was held this evening at the Administration Building, 1720 Melrose Avenue, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Executive Staff Present: Dr. Francis Barnes, Receiver
 Ms. Karen DeShullo, Chief Business Administrator
 Ms. Claudia Averette, Chief of Staff
 Ms. Andria Saia, Assistant Superintendent

Solicitor: Leo A. Hackett, Esquire

The Receiver's meeting opened with a call to order by Receiver, Dr. Francis Barnes and the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

Dr. Barnes asked for a moment of silence for Gregory Shannon, Superintendent, who had fallen ill.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Claudia Averette for Gregory Shannon – thanked the Receiver and also asked that everyone keep Mr. Shannon in their prayers. She said that today is a great day in Chester Upland as we are celebrating two Millennium Gates Scholars. Autumn Bey, who will be attending Xavier University and Edward Nelson, Jr., who has received a full football scholarship from Bloomsburg, but is looking to expand his options and is looking into Morehouse and Virginia University. That brings us to six scholars in the last four years who have won the Millennium Gates Scholars. That concludes the Report.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

None other than above

PRESENTATIONS

The choirs from CUSA, Toby Farms and the combined High Schools, Chester and STEM, performed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2015

Receiver Barnes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shaheer Madeehah – Wanted to welcome everyone home to Chester High School. He believes that they have come full circle and completed their mission. That he is happy that Chester High School is still here and he is glad for the students to be educated there as he and many others that are still in the community have been. Reminded everyone that it was Chester Hospital before it was the High School

Delores Shelton – Wanted to thank Mr. Madeehah for the reminder that Chester High School stands on the site that was Chester Hospital where both of her boys were born and she was thankful that we have come home to our roots. Commented on the cookies at the meeting being made by our culinary arts students and how wonderful they were and also on the great job our choirs did tonight. Said that the Toby Farms choir performed at the Chester City 333rd Birthday celebration and made us proud.

She wanted to know who Ellen Reap was that was being reappointed to the Delaware County Community College Board of Trustees.

William Riley, Treasurer for the CUSD Board answered that she is from another district and that he is the representative for our district.

Ms. Shelton commented on the payment to our lawyer, Leo Hackett and asked if it was his first payment for the year.

Leo Hackett answered that some of this was from last year.

John Shelton, Sr. waived his time for comment.

Anthony Johnson, President of the CUSD Board wanted to speak about parent involvement. He said that he hits the administration hard about their responsibilities, but he wants to start hitting the parents because that's where it starts, not here with the school district, especially since it is distressed, since basically 2010, when Governor Corbett stripped us of choir, etc. the parents then didn't even stand up. We took a "little" bus load to Harrisburg when we were on fire. We should be on fire every day. Now it's a few parents, grandparents that are on board, but this whole place should be filled. He is going to start reaching out to the parents. He believes that we have the wrong parent liaisons and we need new ones who are willing to galvanize them. He said that the culture has to change and it starts with the parents, not the administration, not the School Board. He believes that the State is trying to wear the district down with state control but it is time that the parents get involved and take their district 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:
75922	CHS	4/20/2106
76858	CHS	4/21/2016

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:
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NONE FOR THIS MONTH

A-3 Approval of Instructional Support Teacher Leaders

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, assist in the creation of the CUSD’s Action Plan aligned to the proposed 2015-2018 Recovery Plan. The staff will provide professional services, including collaboration with the Superintendent, Director of Curriculum & designee to ensure compliance with the CUSD’s 2015-2018 Recovery Plan’s, Education action steps and due dates.

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 I, Title II and Accountability Block Grant

Cost: Not to Exceed \$55,000

Executive Sponsor: Malika Savoy-Brooks, Nikki Monroe-Hines

A-4 Approval of Settlement Agreement for Student #090095

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors is hereby approved to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Release with reference to Student #090095 (DW) for compensatory education along with the payment in the sum not to exceed Two Thousand Sixty-two and 50/100 Dollars (\$2,062.50) Dollars to Franca Palumbo, Esquire.

Payable From: General Fund budget

Cost: Not to Exceed \$5,062.50

Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-5 Approval of 2016-2017 academic calendar

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the calendar for the 2016 – 2017 academic year, with Tuesday, September 6, 2016 being the first day of school for students.

Executive Sponsor: Gregory Shannon

A-6 Approval to enter into a contractual agreement with George Crothers Memorial School for Student #1001281

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors enter into a contractual agreement with George Crothers Memorial School to provide special education services for the remainder of the 2015-2016 School Year. The cost for the George Crothers Memorial School is set forth in the contract: is \$240.20 per diem, per student for the 2015-2016 Academic Year, for the following students:

M. D. (1001281)

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Cost: Not to exceed \$13,000

Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-7 Approval for payment for Nikki Monroe-Hines to attend the PAFPC conference

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment for Nikki Monroe-Hines to attend the PA Federal Program Coordinators Conference (PAFPC) held in Seven Springs, PA on May 3-6, 2015.

Payable From: Title I
Cost: Registration - \$360.00, Hotel \$236.00/night
Travel & Per Diem reimbursable at District Rates
Executive Sponsor: Nikki Monroe-Hines

A-8 Approval for payment for Stephen Monastra to attend the 2106 Spring Workshop for CTE conference

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment for Stephen Monastra to attend the 2016 Spring Workshop for CTE Assistant Directors, Principals and Supervisors Conference held in State College, PA on May 5th and 6th, 2016.

Payable From: Perkins Grant
Cost: Mileage, Hotel and Per Diem expenses at District Rates
Executive Sponsor: Nikki Monroe-Hines

A-9 Approval for payment for Stephen Monastra to attend 2016 Summer Leadership Conference

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment for Stephen Monastra to attend the 2016 Summer Leadership Conference held in State College, PA on July 27-29, 2016.

Payable From: Perkins Grant
Cost: Mileage, Hotel and Per Diem expenses at District Rates
Executive Sponsor: Nikki Monroe-Hines

A-10 Approval for PACE Chess to provide after school chess classes

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for PACE Chess to provide students in grades 1-12 with transferable critical thinking and strategy development skills during after school chess classes. The program will foster:

- Discipline and patience
- Critical thinking abilities
- Positive involvement in a learning environment
- Exposure to risk versus reward
- Tournament participation
- Lessons on sacrificing short term experiences for long term achievements
- Deterred gratification
- Increased self-confidence and increased self esteem

Payable From: Title I

Cost: Not to Exceed \$5,000

Executive Sponsor: Nikki Monroe-Hines

EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THROUGH #A-2 AND #A-4 THROUGH #A- 10 WERE APPROVED BY DR. FRANCIS BARNES, RECEIVER

ITEM #A-3 WAS STRICKEN FROM THE AGENDA AND ITEM #A-11 ON THE ADDENDUM TO AGENDA REPLACED IT, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY DR. FRANCIS BARNES, RECEIVER

PERSONNEL AGENDA

B-1 Approval of appointments, rescinding of appointments, resignations, terminations, leaves of absence, teacher mentors, Title I Afterschool program, and Coaching Staff Extended Season

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

Name	Position/Location	Salary	Effective Date	New Position or Replacement
Johnson, Myeisha	PCA Stetser	65./daily 10 months	4/13/2016	Replacement 0253 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Lindsey, Leslie	Employment Specialist Human Resources	60,000 12 months	4/22/2016	Replacement 0507 G.F.B. 2015-2016
Tucker, Tamika	PCA CUSA	65./daily 10 months	4/13/2016	Replacement 0210 G.F.B. 2015-2016

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Harris, Jameka	Custodian CUSA	23,878	3/29/2016

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>
Alexander, Jamar	Custodian Chester High School	3/28/2016 0459
Bennett, Marc	Baseball Coach District	4/4/2015 0031
Lucchine, Richard	Sp. Education Teacher Main Street Elementary	5/27/2016 0281
Murray-Knox, Erica	PCA Toby Farms	4/11/2016 0603
Savoy-Brooks, Malika	Director of Curriculum & Instr. Administration	5/6/2016 0403

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>
Gordy, Lamar	Substitute School Safety Officer Chester High School	4/22/2016

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
McNeil, Lynette	Special Ed. Teacher	3/23/2016 – 4/25/2016

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following approval be granted to the individual listed below to receive a \$250 stipend for serving as **Mentor Teacher** for Teacher Induction for the 2015-2016 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Teachers Mentored</u>
Alston, Cheryl	3

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following approval be granted for the following additional individuals participate in the grant-funded **Title I After-School program** during the 2015-2016 school year as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Ames, Jennifer	Teacher/STEM	\$25./hr

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves **Extended Year** for the 2015-2016 school year Boys' Varsity Basketball and Cheerleading Coaches. The following Coaches and Athletic Director season was extended for 5 weeks (Feb 8 to Mar 12) District One Playoffs and State Playoffs

Acting Athletic Director	Andre Moore	\$1,038.45
Head Coach Boys Basketball	Larry Yarbray	\$2,500.00
Assistant Coach Boys Basketball	James Dennis	\$1,875.00
Assistant Coach Boys Basketball	Derick Spence	\$1,875.00
Assistant Coach Boys Basketball	Jimal Springfield	\$1,875.00
Head Coach Cheerleading	Karen Miah	\$800.00
Assistant Coach Cheerleading	Janifer Hamm	\$600.00

Executive Sponsor: Alvina Jenkins

B-2 Approval of Tuition Reimbursement

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the tuition reimbursement for the 2015-2016 school year as listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Credits Submitted</u>	<u>Number of Credits Approved</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
Anderson,Michelle	6	6	2,628	2,628

Executive Sponsor: Alvina Jenkins

PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #B-1 THROUGH #B-2 WERE APPROVED BY DR. FRANCIS BARNES, RECEIVER.

BUSINESS AGENDA

C-1 Reports of the tax collectors: \$9,950.36

RESOLVED, that the reports of the City of Chester, Borough of Upland, and Chester Township for the period March 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$9,950.36 be received, be noted upon the Minutes and filed.

Executive Sponsor: Karen DeShullo

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

RESOLVED, that the attached Treasurer's Report/Budget Report for the fiscal month ended March 31, 2016 be APPROVED by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

Executive Sponsor: Karen DeShullo

C-3 General Fund Budget: \$1,220,397.31. Approval of payrolls

RESOLVED, that the payrolls dated in March, 2016 of the various accounts totaling for all accounts the grand sum of \$1,220,397.31, be approved by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

General Fund Budget: \$5,163,442.24. 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 \$5,163,442.24, of which General Fund payments total \$4,993,381.72, and Food Services Fund payments total \$156,380.52 and Capital Projects Fund payments total \$13,680.00, 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 April 21, 2016 Minutes.

Payable from: General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Karen DeShullo

C-4 Approval of Delaware County Community College Budget for FY 2016-2017

RESOLVED, that the budget of the Delaware County Community College for the fiscal Year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, in the form and amounts presented at this meeting totaling \$87,161,556 be hereby approved and adopted.

Executive Sponsor: Francis C. Barnes

C-5 Approval of Reappointment of member, Ellen T. Reap to the Delaware Community College Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, the Chester Upland School District is one of the members of the Local Sponsor of the Delaware County Community College; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5b of the Community College Act of 1963, reappointments to the Board of Trustees of the Community College shall be approved by the Directors of the School Boards composing the Local Sponsor; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures adopted by Directors of the School Boards composing the Local Sponsor, the Liaison Committee, acting as the appointing committee, has met to consider recommending individuals' reappointments to the Board of Trustees; and,

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the recommendations of the appointing committee of the Directors of the Local Sponsor of the Community College,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following person(s) be reappointed to the Board of Trustees of Delaware County Community College for a six-year term ending June 30, 2022:

Ellen Reap

C-6 Approval to enter into a contract with IntegraOne

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into a contract with IntegraOne to continue to repair and replace the existing internet infrastructure of the district in the 2016-2017 academic year. This contract is contingent upon the approval of eRate federal funding for Category 2 improvements to network infrastructure.

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Cost: \$247,386 with discounts to the district contingent upon eRate funding

Executive Sponsor: Joshua Culbertson

C-7 Approval to enter into a contract with Windstream Services, LLC

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into a contract with Windstream Services, LLC, to serve as provider for local- and long-distance-telephone services for the 2016-2017 academic year. This contract is contingent upon the approval of eRate federal funding for Category 1 service for telecommunications.

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Cost: Base cost not to exceed \$26,000 annually, with discounts contingent upon eRate funding

Executive Sponsor: Claudia Averette & Joshua Culbertson

C-8 Approval of the Delaware County Technical Schools Budget for 2016-17

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves he attached Delaware County Technical Schools Budget for 2016-17 in the amount of \$12,725,006 including costs to the district in the amount of \$372,208.

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: \$226,691 Regular Ed Half-time Programs
\$145,617 Special Ed Programs
Executive Sponsor: Karen DeShullo

C-9 Approval for extension to Contractual Agreement with Lesie Lindsey

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for an extension to the Contractual Agreement amount for Lesie Lindsey from April 1, 2016 to April 21, 2016 to continue providing Human Resource consulting services for the 2015-2016 school year. The rate of services will continue to be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per day. Contract agreement amount extension not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: \$300.00 per day, not to exceed \$5,000
Executive Sponsor: Claudia Averette

BUSINSS AGENDA ITEMS #C-1 THROUGH #C-9 WERE APPROVED BY DR. FRANCIS BARNES, RECEIVER.

There being no further business *Receiver, Francis Barnes* adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.

CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL RECOVERY RECEIVER

Francis V. Barnes, PhD.
Receiver

Date