

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

**June 6, 2013
6:15 P.M.**

A Special 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 P. Watkins, Receiver
 Mr. George Crawford, Chief Financial Officer
 Mr. Gregory G. Shannon, Superintendent*
 Ms. Andria Saia, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
 Dr. Tony L. Watson, Acting Deputy Superintendent

Solicitor: Leo A. Hackett, Esquire

Absent: Dr. Thomas Persing, Acting Superintendent
 George B. Dawson, Esquire, Special Counsel

*effective July 15, 2013.

The Receiver's meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Tyra Quail – Questioned the legality of the elected school board meeting held on May 2, 2013?
Expressed her concerns regarding the individuals chosen to speak at graduation.

Joseph Watkins responded.

Leo Hackett, Esq. responded.

Dr. Tony Watson, Deborah Harris-Bogle and Delores Wright spoke on the graduation planning process.

Anthony Johnson, School Board Member – Regarding Item #B-1, expressed his concerns regarding the collection of delinquent taxes. Spoke on the District’s 2013-2014 budget and how the charter schools are negatively affecting the District’s finances.

John Shelton, Jr., CUESPA President – Expressed his concerns regarding how the salaries of the new positions will affect the District’s finances.

Joseph Watkins responded.

Councilwoman Elizabeth Williams – Spoke on some of her concerns regarding graduation.

State Representative Thaddeus Kirkland – Expressed his concerns regarding the individuals chosen to speak at graduation.

PERSONNEL AGENDA

A-1 General/Categorical Funds. Approval of appointments, resignations, and extension of reassignment.

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

(a) Professional

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position/Location</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> | <u>New Position or Replacement</u> |
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| Anderson, Michelle | IEP Compliance Coordinator Administration Building | \$55,000 12 months | 06/24/13 | New Position 2013-2014 G.F.B. |

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| Savoy-Brooks, Malika | Director of Curriculum and Instruction Administration Building | \$125,000 12 months | 08/06/13 | New Position 2013-2014 G.F.B. |
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(b) Non-Professional

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position/Location</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> | <u>New Position or Replacement</u> |
|---------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Harvey, Joyce | Confidential Secretary Administration Building | \$55,000 12 months | 07/15/13 | New Position 2013-2014 G.F.B. |

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

(a) Professional

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position/Location</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Chapman, Michelle | Director of Human Resources Administration Building | 08/30/13 |
| Thompson, Elijah | Director of School Safety Chester High School | 05/26/13 |

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

(a) Professional

| <u>Name</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|-------------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| Smallwood, Ronald | School Safety Officer School Safety Department \$17,277/10 months | Acting Director, School Safety School Safety Department \$35,000/12 months | 05/31/13-06/30/13 |

Executive Sponsor: Dr. Thomas E. Persing

PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM #A-1 WAS APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER.

BUSINESS AGENDA

B-1 Approval of Agreement – Tower DBW Trust

RESOLVED, that the Agreement between the School District and Tower DBW Trust for the sale and purchase of delinquent real estate tax liens for the fiscal years 2010-11, 2011-12, in the amount of Three Million Three Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3,373,276.50) is hereby approved with the option for the sale of delinquent real estate tax liens through the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM #B-1 WAS APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business *Receiver Joseph P. Watkins* adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL RECOVERY RECEIVER**

Joseph P. Watkins

Date