

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

**June 27, 2013
6:40 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 P. Watkins, Receiver
 Mr. George Crawford, Chief Financial Officer
 Mr. Gregory G. Shannon, Superintendent*
 Ms. Andria Saia, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

Solicitor: Leo A. Hackett, Esquire

Special Counsel: George B. Dawson, Esquire

Absent: Dr. Thomas Persing, Acting Superintendent
 Dr. Tony L. Watson, Acting Deputy Superintendent

*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)

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF MAY 16, 2013, MAY 23, 2013 AND MAY 30, 2013

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF MAY 16, 2013, MAY 23, 2013 AND MAY 30, 2013 WERE APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Anthony Johnson, School Board Member – Regarding Item #C-5, spoke on not closing Main Street School.

Audience applause

Joseph Watkins responded.

Charlie L. Warren II, School Board Member – Expressed his concerns regarding the possible closing of Main Street Elementary School. Spoke on the test score data that clearly shows the Chester Upland School District students are scoring higher than the charter school students.

Will Richan – Spoke on the test score data that indicates the students in Chester Upland School District scored higher than the largest charter school in the District. Expressed concerns regarding same charter school has been sited in the past for possibly cheating on the PSSA tests. Questioned accountability?

Joseph Watkins responded.

Dennis Martinelli – Spoke on not closing Main Street Elementary School.

Joseph Watkins responded.

Shareeta Joe – Inquired as to how the Administration is going to get students to come back to the District?

Joseph Watkins responded.

Delores Shelton – Regarding Item #B-1, under Retirements, questioned Gloria Zoranski’s retirement due to her being laid-off last year? Questioned Item #B-8? Expressed her concerns regarding the possible closing of the Main Street School.

Joseph Watkins responded.

Andria Saia responded.

Jim Turner – Questioned how the District was going to make up for the \$11 million dollar shortage in the budget for the 2013-2014 school year? Inquired as to if the District could obtain funds from the federal government?

Joseph Watkins responded.

Anthony Johnson, School Board Member responded.

Charlie L. Warren II, School Board Member responded.

John Shelton, Jr., CUESPA President – Expressed his concerns regarding the elected board voting not to increase taxes.

Joseph Watkins responded.

EDUCATION AGENDA

A-1 Approval to adopt and approve Student Hearings.

RESOLVED, that the Resolutions pertaining to the following students being presented to the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, be hereby adopted and approved:

STUDENT I.D. #:	DATE OF HEARING:
#065477	05/16/13
#069601	05/16/13
#068371	05/16/13
#082373	05/16/13
#072876	05/16/13

#063430	05/29/13
#070982	05/29/13
#070919	05/29/13
#070405	05/29/13
#069153	05/29/13
#070521	05/29/13

Executive Sponsor: Dr. Tony L. Watson

A-2 IDEA and ACCESS Funds: \$47,000 – Approval to Enter Into Contractual Agreement With The Vanguard School.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to enter into a contractual agreement with the Vanguard School for specialized educational and related services for one academic school year for student number listed below beginning September 4, 2013 and ending June, 2014. The total annual cost for the Vanguard School is \$47,000 to be prorated for actual student enrollment days.

- 071311

Payable from: IDEA and ACCESS Funds
Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-3 IDEA and ACCESS Funds: \$6,900 – Approval to Enter Into Contractual Agreement With Devereux for Extended School Year Services.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to enter into a contractual agreement with the Devereux for Extended School Year (ESY) Services beginning July 1, 2013 through August 16, 2013 for student number listed below. The cost for the Devereux ESY Program is \$196.00 per education day for a total not to exceed \$6,900.

- 069760

Payable from: IDEA and ACCESS Funds
Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-4 IDEA and ACCESS Funds: \$12,515 – Approval to Enter Into Contractual Agreement With Royer-Greaves School for the Blind for Extended School Year Services.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to enter into a contractual agreement with Royer-Greaves School for Blind for Extended School Year (ESY) Services beginning July 8, 2013 through August 9, 2013 for student number listed below. The cost for the Royer-Greaves ESY Program is \$361.11 per education day and will include an additional fee of \$128.45 per education day for one-to-one aide services for a total cost not to exceed \$12,515.

- 081102

Payable from: IDEA and ACCESS Funds
Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

A-5 Title II Funds: \$45,035 – Approval of Contract – Advanced Concepts in Personal Development, LTD

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves a contract with Advanced Concepts in Personal Development, LTD, to provide four workshops for students (\$3,800), four professional development sessions for teachers (\$4,800), and curricula for students in grades 7-12 on positive behavior and school climate. Total Cost not to exceed \$ \$45,035.

Payable from: Title II Funds
Executive Sponsor: Rachel Foster

A-6 Title I Funds: \$38,690 – Approval of Contract – OnHand Schools

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves a contract with OnHand Schools, for the EdInsight Instructional Management System. Cost includes EdInsight system, 4 days of onsite training and ongoing Webinar training. Total Cost not to exceed \$ \$38,690.

Payable from: Title I Funds
Executive Sponsor: Rachel Foster

A-7 Title II Funds: \$97,500 – Approval of Contract – Performance Fact, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves a contract with Performance Fact, Inc to work with central office and school-based leaders to develop capacity to use data to improve instruction by developing, articulating and implementing an instructional focus for the district and each of our schools; providing professional and leadership development for principals, school-level teacher leaders and central office personnel who oversee and support core instructional

programs; and facilitating alignment and coherence of data implementation across the district. Total Cost not to exceed \$ \$97,500.

Payable from: Title II Funds
Executive Sponsor: Rachel Foster

A-8 Approval to attend the Autism Boot Camp.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant permission for the following professional and non-professional staff members to attend the Autism Boot Camp sponsored by the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network Autism Initiative training at the PaTTAN location in King of Prussia, PA, held on June 19, 20, 21, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of School Directors grant approval for compensation at the following rates, Professional Staff, \$25.00/hr, Teaching Assistants, \$10.00/hr.; Personal Care Assistants (PCA), \$8.13/hr.

Patricia Lambert – SE Teacher	Bernadine Sephes – Teaching Asst.
Sabrina Carroll – SE Teacher	Linda Fareed – Teaching Asst.
Monica Carney – SE Teacher	Tanya Stanford – Teaching Asst.
Rachael Pondok – SE Teacher	Lauren Wilmore - PCA
Marc Rudolph – SE Teacher	
Paula McEldrew-Silio – Speech/Lang. Teacher	
Sara Ferguson – Principal	

Payable from: IDEA and ACCESS Funds
Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

The executive sponsors briefly summarized their education agenda items to those in attendance.

EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THRU #A-8 WERE APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER.

PERSONNEL AGENDA

B-1 General/Categorical Funds. Approval of appointments, return from leave of absence, retirements, correction of retirement, resignations, termination and fall (high school) coaching stipend adjustments.

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>
Campbell, Robert TABLED	Teacher, Special Education Chester High School	\$41,807 +\$200 (B/1) 10 months	08/28/13	Replacement 2013-2014 G.F.B.
Jenkins, Alvina	Human Resources Director Administration Building	\$86,000 12 months	07/08/13	Replacement 2013-2014 G.F.B.
Lee, Phillip	Teacher, Special Education Chester High School	\$62,070 +\$200 (M/4) 10 months	08/28/13	Replacement 2013-2014 G.F.B.
McAlister, Constance	Principal Chester High School	\$115,000 12 months	08/01/13	Replacement 2013-2014 G.F.B.
Nieslen, James	Teacher, Special Education Chester High School	\$45,802 +\$200 (B/3) 10 months	08/28/13	Replacement 2013-2014 G.F.B.

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

(a) Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mazumdar, Namita	Teacher, Biology STEM Magnet High School	06/17/13
Providence, Joseph	Teacher, Mathematics Toby Farms Intermediate School	06/13/13

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

(a) Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Dennis, Susan	Teacher, Special Education STEM Magnet High School	03/01/13
Harris-Bogle, Deborah	Teacher, Mathematics Chester High School	06/17/13
Haltie, Maurice	Teacher, Social Studies Chester High School	06/25/13
Hoosack, Mary	Teacher, Physical Education Showalter Intermediate School	06/18/13
Miller, Olivia	Teacher, Spanish Chester High School	06/30/13
Payne, Mary	Special Education Supervisor Secondary Administration Building	08/30/13
Rico, Frankie	Teacher, Special Education Chester High School	06/28/13
Tucker, Mary	Teacher, Science Chester High School	06/17/13
Williams, Sally	School Nurse Stetser Elementary School & Showalter Intermediate School	06/26/13
Zoranski, Gloria	Teacher, Business Education Chester High School	07/01/13
TABLED		

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

(a) Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jennings, Carrie	Teacher, Grade 1 Main Street Elementary School	06/17/13

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>
Alexander, Joshua	Teacher, Special Education Chester High School	06/25/13
Cipko, Joseph	Jr. ROTC Instructor Chester High School	06/30/13
Gillion, Leah	Teacher, Mathematics Chester High School	06/30/13
Persing, Thomas	Acting Superintendent Administration Building	07/14/13

(b) Non Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Hill, Lamar	Bus Aide Transportation Department	06/04/13

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

(a) Non Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Hill, Lawrence	Bus Driver Transportation Department	05/22/13

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **fall (high school) coaching stipend adjustments** be approved as respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Fryer-Hogue, Thomasina	Head Volleyball Coach \$1,500	Head Volleyball Coach \$2,500	09/24/12
Shields, Carly	Assistant Volleyball Coach \$1,125	Assistant Volleyball Coach \$1,875	09/24/12

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-2 General Fund – Approval of supplemental salaries.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the individuals listed below to receive supplemental salaries for serving in the following capacities during the 2012-2013 school year:

Name:	Activity:	Amount:
Howie, Farela	Interactive/Rotary Club	\$750.00
Kelly, Karen	Student Advisor	\$750.00
Orr, Christopher	Technology/Audio/Visual	\$750.00

Payable from: General Fund

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-3 General Fund: \$2,000 – Approval of compensation for performing duties of Equipment Manager during the 2012-2013 school year.

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RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for Jeffery Legette to be compensated \$2,000 for performing duties of Equipment Manager during the 2012-2013 school year. Duties included distributing equipment and uniforms, washing uniforms after each game and end of season and collecting uniforms and equipment at the end of season for the fall, winter and spring sports season.

Payable from: General Fund

Executive Sponsor: Dr. Thomas Persing

B-4 Summer Employment – Stetser Eco-School Summer Program.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the following individuals to participate in the Stetser Eco-School Summer Program commencing Monday, June 24, 2013 through Thursday, August 1, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday

through Thursday (excluding July 4, 2013). There will be 9 hours of paid professional development provided for teachers and assistants.

Name:	Position:	Salary:
Burton, Dietra	Coordinator	\$25/hour
Baxter, Sharon	Teacher	\$25/hour
Bell, Shawn	Teacher	\$25/hour
Bennett, Rose	Teacher	\$25/hour
Crews-Hart, Carmen	Teacher	\$25/hour
Messick, Scott	Teacher	\$25/hour
Zamonski, Georgine	Teacher	\$25/hour
Billops, Catherine	LPN	\$25/hour
Allen, Paulette	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Bowman, Talaina	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Flagg-Davis, Djuana	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
King, Hope	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Sheldon, Deborah	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Gilliam, Gilda	School Safety Officer	\$9.82/hour
Ishmail, Rasheedah	School Safety Officer	\$9.82/hour (6/24/13-7/3/13)

Assignments are based upon student enrollment.

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-5 Summer Employment – Extended School Year (ESY) Summer Program.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the following individuals to participate in the Extended School Year (ESY) Summer Program commencing Monday, July 8, 2013 through Thursday, August 8, 2013 and Friday, August 9, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be paid professional development on Friday, June 28, 2013.

Name:	Position:	Salary:
Bell, Markeisha	Teacher, Special Education	\$25/hour
Bryan, Stephanie	Teacher, Special Education	\$25/hour
Carroll, Sabrina	Teacher, Special Education	\$25/hour
Hunt, Donna	Teacher, Special Education	\$25/hour
Lee-Buttram, Shena	Teacher, Special Education	\$25/hour
Lucchine, Richard	Teacher, Special Education	\$25/hour
Pondok, Rachel	Teacher, Special Education	\$25/hour
Vacancy	Teacher, Special Education	\$25/hour
Vacancy	Teacher, Special Education	\$25/hour
Vacancy	Teacher, Special Education	\$25/hour
Laird, Amanda	LPN	\$25/hour

Boneparte, Norman	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Covington, Gloria	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Doward, Vanessa	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Hamm, Janifer	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Matthews, Shannon	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Rawls, Evelyn	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Sephes, Bernadine	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Stanford, Tanya	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Tiffany, Rebekah	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Toogood, Robin	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Young, Sharon	Instructional Assistant	\$10/hour
Barrett, Aretha	Personal Care Aide	\$8.12/hour
Covington, Sade	Personal Care Aide	\$8.12/hour
Green, Kyonna	Personal Care Aide	\$8.12/hour
Newsome, Denise	Personal Care Aide	\$8.12/hour
Nichols, Iyana	Personal Care Aide	\$8.12/hour
Trader, Bryant	Personal Care Aide	\$8.12/hour
Trusty, Zakee	Personal Care Aide	\$8.12/hour
Ishmail, Rasheedah	School Safety Officer	\$9.82/hour

Assignments are based upon student enrollment.

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-6 Summer Employment – ESL Summer Enrichment Program.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the following individuals to participate in the ESL Summer Enrichment Program commencing Monday, July 8, 2013 through Thursday, August 1, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, (excluding July 4, 2013). There will be a paid professional development prior to start of program.

Name:	Position:	Salary:
Ramos, Evelyn	Teacher	\$25/hour
Velez-Morales, Zenaida	Instructional Aide	\$10/hour

Assignments are based upon student enrollment.

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-7 Title I: \$4,000 – Approval to Compensate Principals to Plan and Execute 2013 Summer Programming.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the following principals be receive stipends for performing work beyond their normal scope and hours to plan and execute 2013 summer programming:

Name:	Stipend:
Baldwin, Janet	\$1,000
Ferguson, Sara	\$1,000
Harvell, Doreen	\$ 500
Laysears, Robin	\$1,000
Smith, Catherine	\$ 500

Payable from: Title I Funds
Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-8 Acceptance of Employee Resignation – T. Scott Persing, Jr.

RESOLVED, that the Chester Upland School District hereby accepts the Separation Agreement between T. Scott Persing, Jr. and the School District and the resignation of Mr. T. Scott Persing, Jr. effective July 15, 2013.

Executive Sponsor: Andria Saia

B-9 Summer Employment – Transportation Department.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the following Chester Upland School District Transportation Department employees to provide transportation services for various summer programs including CUSD summer programs, Extended School Year (ESY), Out-of-District schools, private schools and charter schools:

Name:	Position:	Salary:	Effective Date:
Banks, Fannie	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/01/13-08/15/13
Bilal, Delois	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	06/24/13-08/01/13
Bloom, Carol	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/08/13-08/07/13
Blythe, Richard	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	06/25/13-08/01/13
Burks, Michael	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/01/13-08/08/13
Davis, Naim	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/07/13-08/01/13
Dixon, Tarika	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/07/13-08/01/13
Dookram, Nicholas	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/08/13-08/16/13
Dorsey, Christopher	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/08/13-08/16/13
Downing, Doris	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/08/13-08/02/13

Green, Darryl	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	06/24/13-08/01/13
Jamison, Chyelle	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	06/24/13-08/15/13
King, Carla	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/08/13-08/05/13
Kluka, Kathy	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/08/13-08/08/13
Lopez, Marvella	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/01/13-08/09/13
Moss, Renee	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/01/13-08/15/13
Muhammed, Fatimah	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/02/13-08/08/13
Potts, Clarence	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	06/25/13-08/01/13
Williams, Edward	Bus Driver	\$18.17/hr.	07/11/13-08/09/13
Ewell, Broc	Van Driver	\$16.37/hr.	07/08/13-08/15/13
Gilmore, Edna	Van Driver	\$16.37/hr.	06/24/13-08/16/13
Graham, Pearl	Van Driver	\$16.37/hr.	07/08/13-08/02/13
Myers, Colleen	Van Driver	\$16.37/hr.	07/08/13-08/23/13
Peterson, Joanne	Van Driver	\$16.37/hr.	06/24/13-08/06/13
Butler, Jaola	Bus/Van Aide	\$10.99/hr.	07/08/13-08/05/13
Davis-Harris, Rosalyn	Bus/Van Aide	\$10.99/hr.	07/08/13-08/02/13
Edmonds, Adella	Bus/Van Aide	\$10.99/hr.	07/02/13-08/08/13
Hull, Karen	Bus/Van Aide	\$10.99/hr.	07/01/13-08/09/13
Jackson, Mary	Bus/Van Aide	\$14.84/hr.	07/08/13-08/16/13
Lundy, Lillie	Bus/Van Aide	\$14.84/hr.	06/24/13-08/01/13
Moore, Marion	Bus/Van Aide	\$10.99/hr.	07/08/13-08/16/13
Payne, Taheerah	Bus/Van Aide	\$10.99/hr.	07/08/13-08/05/13
Riggs, Floyd	Bus/Van Aide	\$10.99/hr.	07/08/13-08/02/13
White, Maia	Bus/Van Aide	\$14.84/hr.	07/08/13-08/07/13
Holmes, Michael	TBD	TBD	07/02/13-08/16/13

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-10 Approval of Separation Agreement – Brian Feick

RESOLVED, that the Separation Agreement with Brian Feick is hereby approved.

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-11 2012-2013 General Fund Budget: Approval to enter into a Release Settlement Agreement.

RESOLVED, that the agreement between the Chester Upland Education Association and the Chester Upland School District to resolve the Grievance filed at No. 2009-2010(02) and the case in the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania at Docket No. 2145 CD 2012 and under the terms and conditions contained within said agreement is hereby approved.

Payable from: 2012-2013 General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Dr. Thomas Persing

B-12 Authorization of job eliminations.

RESOLVED, that based upon the closing and consolidation of schools, the reorganization of educational programs in the School District, the authority granted to the Receiver pursuant to Act 141 of 2012 (the School District Financial Recovery Act), and the Financial Recovery Plan approved by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County on December 13, 2012, the following positions are eliminated, effective June 30, 2013:

- Assistant Principals (2)
- Principals (4)

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-13 Authorization of suspended/furloughed employees.

RESOLVED, that based upon declining enrollment in the District, the curtailment or alteration of the educational program, the closing and consolidation of schools in the District and the authority granted to the receiver pursuant to Act 141 of 2012 (the School District Financial Recovery Act) and the Recovery Plan approved by the Court of common Pleas of Delaware County on December 13, 2012, the individuals in the following positions are suspended/furloughed in accordance with certification and seniority list developed by the Administration, effective June 30, 2013:

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to give notice to the employees.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that medical benefits for such employees shall be paid through August 31, 2013.

- Classroom Teachers (16)
- HE/PE Teacher (1)
- Behavioral Health Liaison (1)

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-14 Authorization of furloughed employees.

RESOLVED, that individuals in the following positions be furloughed effective June 30, 2013, pursuant to the authority granted to the Receiver by Act 141 of 2012 (the School District Financial Recovery Act) and the Recovery Plan of the School District approved by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County on December 13, 2012, in accordance with seniority, where applicable.

- Secretaries (5)
- Custodians (13 FT, PT, per diem)
- Lunch Aides (7)

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-15 Approval of revision of the Confidential Secretary Compensation and Related Benefits Plan.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves a revision of the plan, requiring all employees covered by Independence Blue Cross Keystone Point of Service (5B and C1F1O1) health insurance described in the Confidential Secretary Compensation & Related Benefits Plan to contribute to the premium cost at a rate of \$2,004.00 per year, effective July 1, 2013.

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-16 Approval of revision of the Administrator Compensation and Related Benefits Plan.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves a revision of the plan, requiring all employees covered by Independence Blue Cross Keystone Point of Service (5B and C1F1O1) health insurance described in the Administrator Compensation & Related Benefits Plan to contribute to the premium cost at a rate of \$2,004.00 per year effective July 1, 2013.

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

The executive sponsors briefly summarized their personnel agenda items to those in attendance.

PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #B-1(OMITTING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT CAMPBELL AND RETIREMENT OF GLORIA ZORANSKI), #B-2, #B-4 THRU #B-16 WERE APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER.

PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #B-1(APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT CAMPBELL AND RETIREMENT OF GLORIA ZORANSKI) AND #B-3 WERE TABLED.

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 May 1, 2013 through May 31, 2013 in the amount of -0- be received, be noted upon the Minutes and filed.

(NONE FOR THIS MONTH)

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 May 31, 2013 be APPROVED by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-3 General Fund Budget: \$11,406,489.30. Approval of list of payments.

RESOLVED, that the attached list of payments dated May 17, 2013, through June 27, 2013 checks numbering 00032732 through 00032941, of the various accounts totaling for all accounts the grand sum of \$11,406,489.30, 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 June 27, 2013 Minutes.

(LIST OF PAYMENTS ATTACHED)

General Fund Budget: \$2,000,261.97. Approval of payrolls.

RESOLVED, that the payrolls dated May 8, 2013 and May 22, 2013 of the various accounts totaling for all accounts the grand sum of \$2,000,261.97 be approved by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

Payable from: General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-4 Approval to levy and assess School District real estate taxes for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

WHEREAS, the School District has been declared a school district in severe financial recovery pursuant to Act 141 of 2012 on August 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a Receiver for the School District has been appointed pursuant to the provisions of Act 141 of 2012 by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County on December 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Receiver pursuant to Section 672-A(b)(4) has the authority to direct the Board of School Directors to levy and raise taxes.

NOW THEREFORE, the Receiver hereby directs the Board of School Directors of the Chester Upland School District to levy and assess School District real estate taxes for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the following amounts:

<u>54.495</u>	mills in the City of Chester;
<u>25.090</u>	mills in the Borough of Upland;
<u>25.090</u>	mills in the Township of Chester.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-5 Resolution to close Main Street Elementary School.

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WHEREAS, the School District has been declared a school district in severe financial recovery pursuant to Act 141 of 2012 on August 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a Receiver for the School District has been appointed pursuant to the provisions of Act 141 of 2012 by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County on December 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 141 of 2012, the Receiver has the authority to close school buildings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Receiver pursuant to the authority granted to him in Act 141 of 2012 hereby declares that the Main Street Elementary School in the Borough of Upland is hereby closed effective June 30, 2013 subject to review within sixty (60) days if a sufficient number of students enroll at the school to warrant reopening the school.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-6 Approval to close Columbus Elementary School, Parry Building, Smedley Building, and the Administration Building.

WHEREEAS, the School District has been declared a school district in severe financial recovery pursuant to Act 141 of 2012 on August 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a Financial Recovery Plan has been prepared for the School District which includes the closing of School District facilities; and

WHEREAS, a Financial Recovery Plan has been approved by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County on December 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a Receiver for the School District has been appointed pursuant to the provisions of Act 141 of 2012 by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County on December 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 642-A(a)(11) of Act 141 of 2012, the Receiver has the authority to close school buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Receiver held hearings concerning the closing of the Columbus Elementary School, the Parry Building, the Smedley Building, and the Administration Building on March 27, 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority granted to the Receiver by reason of Section 642-A(a)(11) of Act 141 of 2012 the Columbus Elementary School, the Parry Building and the Smedley School are hereby closed effective June 30, 2013, and the Administration Building is hereby closed in accordance with the sale and lease back agreement with Widener University.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-7 Approval of adoption of Final Budget.

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 2013-2014 in the amount of \$122,745,682 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 27th day of June 2013 is hereby adopted as the final Annual Budget of the Chester Upland School District, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal year beginning, July 1, 2013.

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, 2013. 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, 2013, 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 2013-2014 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, 2013, a tax of \$.5449 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, being at the rate of \$5.449 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of taxable property, 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, 2013, a tax of .2509 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, being at the rate of 2.509 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) 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, 2013.

3. Readoption of Real Estate Transfer Tax

The administration presents the following resolution to be adopted approving the readoption 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:

- (a) The tax imposed under Section III 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.
- (b) 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) directs 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, 2013, and shall remain in effect hereafter unless this Resolution is modified, amended or repealed.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-8 Approval to obtain a Financial Recovery Transition Loan.

WHEREAS, the School District has been declared a school district in severe financial recovery pursuant to Act 141 of 2012 on August 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a Receiver for the School District has been appointed pursuant to the provisions of Act 141 of 2012 by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County on December 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 681-A of Act 141 of 2012 a Financial Recovery Transition Loan Program is created; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Court Order of May 9, 2013 the Chester Upland School District has been declared eligible for a Financial Recovery Transition Loan up to the sum of Ten Million (\$10,000,000.00) Dollars.

NOW THEREFORE, the Chester Upland School District is hereby authorized through the Receiver to take all necessary and appropriate action to obtain a loan of up to Ten Million (\$10,000,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Education as a Financial Recovery Transition Loan pursuant to 681-A of the Act of 141 of 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Receiver, Chief Financial Office, and Solicitor are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such documents as it may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the obtaining of a Financial Recovery Transition Loan pursuant to the terms of this Resolution.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-9 Approval of Package Insurance and Workers' Compensation Renewal

RESOLVED, that the Package Insurance and Workers' Compensation Renewal for 2013-2014 is approved.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-10 Approval of the Public Disaster Assistance Application and Agreements for Financial Assistance.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, hereby approves the Public Disaster Assistance Application and Agreements for Financial Assistance, Form PEMA-DAP-1 and DAP-2, to provide reimbursement for losses related to Project Application Numbers FEMA-3340-DR-PA and FEMA-4025-DR-PA relating to Project Numbers 1237, 1273, 1239, and 1220, regarding storm damage to school district property as a result of Hurricane Irene. Jay Bauer, Assistant Chief Business Administrator, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to perfect the claims referenced herein.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-11 Approval of the Food Services Agreement Addendum with Chartwells.

RESOLVED, that the Food Services Agreement Addendum with Chartwells for the 2013 – 2014 school year, at a budgeted loss of \$33,949 is hereby approved, subject to approval by the Solicitor; the

Receiver, acting as the Board of Directors, hereby approves the \$.10 lunch price increase from \$2.10 to \$2.20 and the \$.05 breakfast price increase in the high schools from \$1.35 to \$1.40.

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

C-12 Authorizing action under Act 141.

WHEREAS, the School District has been declared a school district in severe financial recovery pursuant to Act 141 of 2012 on August 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a Receiver for the School District has been appointed pursuant to the provisions of Act 141 of 2012 by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County on December 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Receiver pursuant to Section 672-A(b)(4) has the authority to direct the Board of School Directors to levy and raise taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Chester Upland School District has failed to take action to raise millage for real estate taxes in the Chester Upland School District for the fiscal year 2013-2014.

NOW THEREFORE, the Receiver hereby authorizes and directs that appropriate and necessary legal action be taken pursuant to Section 672-A(b)(8) of Act 141 of 2012 to secure compliance with the directive of the Receiver issued pursuant to 672-A(b)(4).

Executive Sponsor: George R. Crawford

The executive sponsors briefly summarized their business agenda items to those in attendance.

BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS #C-1 THRU #C-4 AND #C-6 THRU #C12 WERE APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER.

BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM #C-5 WAS TABLED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business ***Receiver Joseph P. Watkins*** adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

**CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL RECOVERY RECEIVER**

Joseph P. Watkins

Date