

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**CONFERENCE MEETING OF JULY 12, 2012  
6:05 P.M.**

A Conference Meeting of the Board of School Directors 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, with the following members of the Board of School Directors in attendance:

Ms. Wanda Mann, President  
Ms. Lakisha Blackwell, Secretary  
Ms. Virginia Pilkington, Treasurer  
Mr. Cephus Richardson, Member  
Mr. Anthony Johnson, Member  
Ms. Bettie McClairen, Member  
Mr. Charlie L. Warren II, Member

Executive Staff Present: Dr. Tony L. Watson, Acting Superintendent  
Dr. Thomas Persing, Acting Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Robert Bruchak, Business Manager  
Mr. Brian Feick, Assistant Business Manager

Solicitor: Leo A. Hackett, Esquire

Special Counsel: George B. Dawson, Esquire

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**NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING**

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(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. Present were Ms. Wanda Mann, Ms. LaKisha Blackwell, Ms. Virginia Pilkington, Mr. Cephus Richardson, Mr. Anthony Johnson, Ms. Bettie McClairen, and Mr. Charlie L. Warren II. Mr. Baltazar Rubio, Esq. and Ms. Donna Davis were Absent.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Leo A. Hackett, Solicitor, announced topics discussed in the Executive Session prior to the Conference Meeting:

- Personnel Matters
- Board Procedures

**REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Pre-K/Kindergarten Enrollment** – CUSA has fifty(50) students enrolled in the Pre-K Program and twenty(20) students enrolled in Kindergarten. Columbus Elementary has thirteen(13) students enrolled in the Pre-K Program and twenty-six(26) students enrolled in Kindergarten. Main Street Elementary has twenty-eight(28) students enrolled in the Pre-K Program and forty-three(43) enrolled in Kindergarten. Stetser Elementary has five(5) enrolled in the Pre-K Program and nineteen(19) students enrolled in Kindergarten.

**President Mann requested Solicitor Leo Hackett, Esq., to update the public on some of the District's litigation matters.**

**EDUCATION AGENDA**

**A-1 Approval to adopt and approve Student Hearings.**

RESOLVED, that the Resolutions pertaining to the following students being presented to the Board of School Directors for its Official Action, be hereby adopted and approved:

<b>STUDENT I.D. #</b>	<b>DATE OF HEARING</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>
#068901	05/30/12	LaKisha Blackwell Charlie L. Warren II
#064994	05/30/12	LaKisha Blackwell Charlie L. Warren II
#069885	05/30/12	LaKisha Blackwell Charlie L. Warren II
#072990	05/30/12	LaKisha Blackwell Charlie Warren II
#079763	05/30/12	LaKisha Blackwell Charlie Warren II
#082095	05/30/12	LaKisha Blackwell Charlie L. Warren II
#068816	06/06/12	LaKisha Blackwell
#071071	06/06/12	LaKisha Blackwell
#082021	06/06/12	LaKisha Blackwell
#082112	06/06/12	LaKisha Blackwell

**A-2 General Fund: \$12,500.00 – Approval to enter into a Special Education Agreement.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Special Education Settlement Agreement with Student #063577 which includes attorneys' fees to McAndrews Law Officers, P.C. not to exceed Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00).

**Payable from:** General Fund Budget  
**Executive Sponsor:** Mary Payne

**A-3 General Fund: \$4,500.00 – Approval to enter into a Special Education Agreement.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Special Education Settlement Agreement with Student # 078209 to pay Thalheimer & Palumbo, P.C. attorneys’ fees of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00).

**Payable from:** 2012-2013 General Fund Budget

**Executive Sponsor:** Mary Payne

**A-4 General Fund: \$3,025.00 – Approval to enter into a Special Education Agreement.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Special Education Settlement Agreement with Student #066825 to pay Wendy Reed, Esquire attorneys’ fees of Three Thousand Twenty Five Dollars (\$3,025.00).

**Payable from:** 2012-2013 General Fund Budget

**Executive Sponsor:** Mary Payne

*A-1 – A-4 – Any questions?*

**PERSONNEL AGENDA**

**B-1 General/Categorical Funds. Approval of**

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

(a) Non 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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**B-2 Operating Budget – Approval of supplemental salaries.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval for the individual listed below to receive supplemental salary for serving in the following capacity during the 2011-2012 school year:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Kelly, Karen	Junior/Senior Advisor	\$750.00

**Payable from:** Operating Budget  
**Executive Sponsor:** Michelle R. Chapman

**B-3 Summer Employment – Additional Staff for Credit Recovery Program.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval for the following additional individuals to participate in the Summer School Credit Recovery Program at Chester High School commencing as listed below:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>	<b>Salary:</b>	<b>Effective Date:</b>
Pondok, Rachel	Teacher, Science	\$25/hour	07/05/12 – 08/02/12
Fareed, Mujahid	Security Officer	\$10.06/hour	07/03/12 – 08/06/12

Assignments are based upon student enrollment.

**Executive Sponsor:** Michelle R. Chapman

**B-4 Summer Employment – Additional Staff for Transportation Department.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval for the following additional 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:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>	<b>Salary:</b>	<b>Effective Date:</b>
Burks, Michael	Bus Aide	\$10.72/hour	07/11/12-08/17/12
Lundy, Lillie	Sub. Bus Driver	\$17.72/hour	07/06/12-08/17/12 As needed
Moss, Renee	Bus Driver	\$17.72/hour	07/06/12-08/17/12

**Executive Sponsor:** Michelle Chapman

**B-5 Summer Employment – Additional Staff for Extended School Year (ESY) Program.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors Board grant approval for the following additional individual to participate in the Summer School Extended School Year (ESY) Program commencing July 2, 2012 through August 7, 2012:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>	<b>Salary:</b>
Thomas, Holly	Teacher, Special Education	\$25/hour

Assignments are based upon student enrollment.

**Executive Sponsor:** Michelle R. Chapman

*B-1 – B-5 – Any questions?*

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ be received, be noted upon the Minutes and filed.

**Executive Sponsor:** Robert P. Bruchak

**C-2 Budgetary Transfer Report**

RESOLVED, that the attached Budgetary Transfer Report be noted upon the Minutes and filed.

**Executive Sponsor:** Robert P. Bruchak

**C-3 General Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Approval of list of payments.**

RESOLVED, that the attached list of payments dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, through \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, checks numbering \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, of the various accounts totaling for all accounts the grand sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, a copy of which has been given to all Members of the Board of School Directors, and a copy of which is now before each Member of the Board, be APPROVED, and that said list of payments be incorporated into the July 19, 2012 Minutes.

(LIST OF PAYMENTS ATTACHED)

**General Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Approval of payrolls.**

RESOLVED, that the payrolls dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, and \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, of the various accounts totaling for all accounts the grand sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ be approved by the Members of the Board of School Directors.

**Payable from:** General Fund

**Executive Sponsor:** Robert P. Bruchak

**C-4 General Fund: \$25,503.00 – Approval of Award of Bid – Wayman Fire Protection**

RESOLVED, that in response to solicitation of bids for Fire Protection Service and Inspection for the various schools for the 2012-2013 school year be awarded to the following vendor in the amount indicated.

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Wayman Fire Protection	Service and Inspections	\$25,503.00

**Payable from:** General Fund Budget  
**Executive Sponsor:** Robert P. Bruchak

**C-5 General Fund: \$61,672.00 – Approval of Award of Bid – Recycling and Trash Removal as per the Delco Schools Joint Purchasing Board.**

RESOLVED, that in response to solicitation of bids for Recycling and Trash Removal for the various schools as per the Delaware County Schools Joint Purchasing Board for the 2012-2013 school year be awarded to the following vendor in the amount indicated.

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Gold Medal Disposal	Recycling and Trash Removal	\$61,672.00

**Payable from:** General Fund Budget  
**Executive Sponsor:** Robert P. Bruchak

*C-1 – C-5 – Any questions?*

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Wanda Mann, President, at 6:30 pm.