

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

**CONFERENCE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2012
6:00 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
Ms. Donna Davis, Member
Mr. Anthony Johnson, Member
Ms. Bettie McClairen, Member
Mr. Cephus Richardson, Member
Mr. Charlie L. Warren II, Member

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

Solicitor: Leo A. Hackett, Esquire

Special Counsel: George B. Dawson, Esquire

The meeting of the Board of School Directors opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a Moment of Silence.

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, Ms. Donna Davis, Mr. Cephus Richardson, Mr. Anthony Johnson, Ms. Bettie McClairen, and Mr. Charlie L. Warren II. Mr. Baltazar Rubio, Esq. was Absent.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Report was given by Dr. Tony L. Watson, Acting Superintendent.

EDUCATION AGENDA

A-1 2012-2013 General Fund Budget: \$8,000.00 – Approval to enter into a Special Education Agreement.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Special Education Settlement Agreement with Student #066723 that includes attorney's fees not to exceed Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00).

Payable from: 2012-2013 General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Mary Payne

A-2 2012-2013 General Fund Budget: \$10,245.00 – Approval to enter into a Special Education Agreement.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Special Education Settlement Agreement with Student #062070 that includes attorney's fees not to exceed Ten Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$10,245.00).

Payable from: 2012-2013 General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Mary Payne

A-3 2012-2013 General Fund Budget: \$2, 975.00 – Approval to enter into a Special Education Agreement.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Special Education Settlement Agreement with Student #070020 to pay Wendy Reed, Esquire, attorney’s fees of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$2,975.00).

Payable from: 2012-2013 General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Mary Payne

A-1 – A-3– Any questions?

PERSONNEL AGENDA

B-1 General/Categorical Funds. Approval of appointments, correction of appointment, leave of absence, resignations, retirement, transfers, recall from furlough and fall (middle school) coaching appointments.

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>
	(a)	Professional		
Anderson, Carla	Classroom Support Teacher Chester High School	\$32,000 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.
Bacon, Pamela	Long-Term Substitute Teacher Showalter Intermediate School	\$100/day 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Baxter, Linda	Classroom Support Teacher STEM Magnet School	\$32,000 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.
Bell, Shawn	Classroom Support Teacher Main Street School	\$32,000 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.

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Bennett, Rose	Teacher, Long-Term Substitute Chester Upland School of the Arts	\$100/day 10 months	09/05/12	New Position 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Clark, Nina	Classroom Support Teacher Chester Upland School of the Arts	\$32,000 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.
Crews-Hart, Carmen	Classroom Support Teacher Stetser School	\$32,000 10 months	09/17/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.
Dixon, Carol	Classroom Support Teacher Stetser School & Chester Upland School of the Arts	\$32,000 10 months	09/17/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.
Gray, Nyles	Teacher, Long-Term Substitute Chester High School	\$100/day 10 months	09/10/12	New Position 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Kelly-Redd, Kathryn	Classroom Support Teacher Columbus School	\$32,000 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.
King, Hope	Teacher, Long-Term Substitute Columbus School	\$100/day 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Mahoney, Kaitlyn	Classroom Support Teacher Main Street School	\$32,000 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.
Miranda, Guillermo	Teacher, Long-Term Substitute STEM Magnet School	\$100/day 10 months	09/05/12	New Position 2012-2013 G.F.B.

Moore, Andre	Classroom Support Teacher Toby Farms Intermediate School	\$32,000 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.
Smith-Watson, Marjorie	Classroom Support Teacher Showalter Intermediate School	\$32,000 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.
Soribe, Carolyn	Classroom Support Teacher Chester High School	\$32,000 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.
Sudler, Cheryl	Classroom Support Teacher Columbus School	\$32,000 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.
Wharton Jr., James	Classroom Support Teacher STEM Magnet School	\$32,000 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 A.B.G.

(b) Non Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>New Position or Replacement</u>
Cruz, Coleen	Bus Driver Transportation Department	\$18.17/hour 10 months	09/04/12	Replacement 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Edmonds, Adella	Bus Aide Transportation Department	\$10.99/hour 10 months	09/10/12	Replacement 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Hull, Karen	Bus Aide Transportation Department	\$10.99/hour 10 months	09/04/12	Replacement 2012-2013 G.F.B.

Kelly, Rashod	Bus Aide Transportation Department	\$10.99/hour 10 months	09/04/12	Replacement 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Ortiz Nieves, Betsy	Van Driver Transportation Department	\$16.17/hour 10 months	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Taylor, Erika	Sub. Security Officer School Safety Department	\$11.27/hour	09/04/12	New Position 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Walker, Michael	Bus Driver Transportation Department	\$18.17/hour 10 months	09/04/12	Replacement 2012-2013 G.F.B.

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

(a) Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Perez, Nancy	Principal Main Street School	08/27/12

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

(a) Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kowalek, Josephine	Teacher, ELL Showalter Intermediate School	08/29/12 – 11/06/12 (FMLA)

(b) Non Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Grant, Valerie	Principal's Secretary Main Street School	08/21/12 – 10/31/12 (FMLA)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Strickland, Melissa	Lunch Aide Main Street School	05/31/12

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

(a) Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Scorzetti, Pasquale	Teacher, Social Studies Toby Farms School	Teacher, Social Studies STEM Magnet School	09/06/12
Scott-Brown, Donna	Teacher, Social Studies Showalter Intermediate School	Teacher, Social Studies Chester High School	09/06/12

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

(a) Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Carrion, Ana	Teacher, Mathematics Chester High School	09/04/12
Gamble, Kathleen	Teacher, Social Studies Toby Farms Intermediate School	09/06/12
Hadly, Davis	Teacher, Social Studies Showalter Intermediate School	09/06/12
Jones, Tahira	Teacher, Mathematics Showalter Intermediate School	09/04/12
Narehood, Joseph	Teacher, English Showalter Intermediate School	09/04/12

Sheehan, Paul	Teacher, English Toby Farms Intermediate School	09/04/12
Weiss-Dembek, Heather	Teacher, Science Toby Farms Intermediate School	09/04/12

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **fall (middle school) coaching appointments** be approved as respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Chambers, Bige	Soccer Coach	\$1,500
Miller, Dwayne	Football Coach	\$1,500

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-2 21st Century Community Learning Centers – 2012/2013 Credit Recovery Program.

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval for the following employees to participate in the Credit Recovery Program teaching courses as indicated below for the grant funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers After-School Program – Cohort 6A during the 2012-2013 School year, effective September 5, 2012 through May 31, 2013 at the rate of \$25 per hour:

Name:	Position:	Effective Date:
Bogle-Harris, Debora	Teacher, Math	09/06/12
Howie, Farela	Teacher, History	09/06/12
Legette, Jeffrey	Teacher, Physical Education	09/06/12
Paulick, Michelle	Teacher, English	09/10/12

Payable from: 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Executive Sponsor: Michelle R. Chapman

B-3 Transportation Department Budget – Approval of additional service for Transportation Department staff.

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval for the following Transportation Department employees to work for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers After-School Program within the Chester Upland School District for the 2012-2013 school year commencing October 10, 2012 through June 30, 2012:

Name:	Position:	Rate:
Nancy Miles	Dispatcher	\$25/hour
LaWanda King	Dispatcher	\$25/hour

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval to pay the following stipend for additional services for the period October 10, 2012 through June 30, 2013:

Nicholas Carabetta 21st Century Transportation Services \$6,000.00

Payable from: Transportation Department Budget
Executive Sponsor: Brian Feick

B-1 – B-3 – 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 August 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012 in the amount of \$4,043,384.47 be received, be noted upon the Minutes and filed.

Executive Sponsor: Dr. Thomas Persing

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

RESOLVED, that the attached Treasurer’s Report/Budget Report for the fiscal month ended August 31, 2012 be APPROVED by the Board of School Directors.

Executive Sponsor: Dr. Thomas Persing

C-3 General Fund: _____ . Approval of list of payments.

RESOLVED, that the attached list of payments dated _____, through _____, 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 September 20, 2012 Minutes.

(LIST OF PAYMENTS ATTACHED)

General Fund: _____ . Approval of payrolls.

RESOLVED, that the payrolls dated August _____, 2012, and August _____, 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 Budget
Executive Sponsor: Dr. Thomas Persing

C-4 Approval of the Mileage Reimbursement Rate.

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors approve setting the mileage reimbursement rate equal to that announced by the Internal Revenue Service.

Executive Sponsor: Dr. Thomas Persing

C-5 General Fund: \$2,800.00 – Approval of additional service stipend.

RESOLVED, that Stevenson Vaughn be paid a stipend of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800) for managing the Chester Upland School District website from January 2012 through September 2012.

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

C-1 – C-5 – Any questions?

ADJOURNMENT

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