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

# November 14, 2019 6:14 P.M.

A Public Meeting of the Receiver of the Chester Upland School District was held this evening at the Administration Offices, 232 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Executive Staff Present -	Mr. Peter Barsz, Receiver Dr. Baughn, Superintendent Ms. Sharon Brokenbough, COO Dr. Jala Olds-Pearson, Assistant Superintendent
Solicitor -	George Dawson, Esquire
Board -	Anthony Johnson, Board President

The Receiver's meeting opened with a call to order by Receiver, Mr. Peter Barsz and the Pledge of Allegiance.

# **NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING**

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

### **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

I'd like to introduce a couple of folks to you this evening. I'd first like to introduce our new director of special education and pupil services, Mr. Mark McIntyre. I'd also like to announce that you will see on the agenda tonight that Josh Culbertson is leaving us. We want to thank Josh for years of service. I'd like to announce that the young man standing up in the back, Tom Johnson, raise your hand please, is stepping in for Technology for Josh Culbertson. So, welcome Tom. And, is Nicole here? Nicole Cogdell will be moving from Toby over to the special education department as Coordinator of Programs. Welcome Nicole.

I want to move now to Dr. Jala Olds Pearson, who's going to share with us this evening some PSA information. Dr. Pearson.

Dr. Pearson gave a presentation on PSA scores and our Keystone scores and how our schools are doing.

Sometimes all you need to say is thank you. Way to go. And let's do it again and again and again. Thank you so much Dr. Pearson. Thank you everyone who had anything to do with what's happening here. Thanks again everyone.

There's one more personnel move I wanted to announce tonight. Mrs. Baldwin's last day at Stetser, after 10 years, I think, is tomorrow and on Monday, Lavata Driggins Green will be interim principal at Stetser Elementary School. That ends my report.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 17, 2019**

Receiver Barsz approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Carla Beaver -** Good evening everyone. Mine is a praise report. I would like to thank Dr. Baughn, Anthony Johnson, Tyra Quail, for believing in my son. My son has been at STEM since eighth grade, my son been on honor roll ever since and he just made honor roll again today. So, I would like to thank y'all for that.

**Dr. Juan Baughn -** Thank you for believing in your son. We should have more people doing that. Thank you so much.

**Ms. Beaver -** If more people would push their students like I pushed my son, not really push him, but if they would stop labeling our kids that had been in special education or stuff like that, special needs and stuff like that, then more kids could succeed in STEM like my son succeed in Stem.

Anita Flood-Miller – Okay, so this is just an update from our meeting that we had. I know one day I looked over his IEP, so his IEP is not in compliance with what you should be doing. From day one, from him coming from a charter school to Chester Upland school district, they had a 10 day adoption for his IEP, let me see. They should had her sign on the door and when she came from the charter school to the Chester Upland school district, and when they knew that that teacher wasn't going to be there, they should have told me and

that didn't happen.. So we've got a lot of things accomplished from this part. We didn't talk yesterday about this, so there has been some things, some adjustments, and some good adjustments. But we still need to be able to have Kayden be on at least the second grade level, before he leaves out of school, for the summer, at least. And then I'll have to work on that after. But, I thank everyone that was involved in me talking and Carla talking to get him the help, a lot of the help he's needed. So we're making progress. There is some progress. The IEP is getting done. The psychologist was there last Friday testing. She did my testing on Monday and did his taking on Friday. So, I was just going to call. I talked to Dr. Pugh and I believe that we're going to have a meeting on the 20th, they said before the 20th.

Dr. Baughn - Mr. McIntyre, at the close of business, would you touch base?

Mr. McIntyre - Sure.

Dr. Baughn - Okay, good. Thank you.

Ms. Miller – All right, thank you.

**Jean Arnold -** Thank you so very much. I need a little help on one of my questions or concerns. Does the PBIS program have funds associated with it that the different schools can use at the implementation of that program?

# Dr. Baughn – Yes.

**Ms. Arnold -** Okay, so what I would ask is that we take extreme caution and care that when those requests and paperwork go over for those funds, that we do not lose them and do not require that they be done more than once. Sometimes, we know about the experiences that we have had. We've done some wonderful work and improvement with that process, but I would like to ask that we make sure that when these requests come over, that we handle them very well the first time.

Second thing is this. This is sort of like a swan song for you sir, Mr. Barsz. I have been concerned about special ed for many, many years. Those of you who have been here for a while know that, and what I would like to do is again, make a request is particularly for the gifted program. I'm asking that we do serious consideration in expanding the instruction opportunities for those children who are gifted. We have a wonderful person who is doing work right now, but when we look at the God gifted talent that these children have, I don't think that in good conscious we can continue to not serve how these children are able to learn. And so, what I'm asking you to do is consider some other persons that might also facilitate that process. I've been in discussions with Dr. Pugh, he's been very gracious in giving me some of his time and he's talked about some of his ideas in that regard. I totally support that, I haven't talked to Dr. McIntyre yet, but I implore you sir, whatever you can do and those persons who are still here, to tend to educate our children who are at the top end of the bell curve for their skillset. And, before I take my seat, I want to say to you, Mr. Barsz, that it has been a pleasure knowing you these years. I am grateful for the graciousness of which you have responded to me and worked with me collaboratively. I am confident that your best days are still ahead of you.

Peter Barsz - Thank you. I'm glad you're confident.

**Ms. Arnold -** Oh yes. I don't admit this publicly, but I am a praying woman, that cliche, and so because of my relationship with God, I can say that with assurance. God speed, may the wind be at your back and give my best to your wife.

Peter Barsz - Thank you very much Miss Jean.

Daria Jackson requested from the Receiver to take Mr. John Shelton, Jr.'s place on the list. Mr. Barsz said yes. Mr. Barsz asked if Mr. Shelton would be speaking and the answer was no.

**Daria Jackson -** Just wanted to speak on behalf of Chester Upland Education Association, as Vice President of the local union. Just wanted to thank Dr. Baughn and Mr. Barsz and all the other persons responsible for accepting our one year MOU to extend our current contract. Hopefully we can begin negotiating in January for a new contract, and because you have accepted that, we are here, we are truly grateful, and we will continue to work hard for our students here at Chester Upland.

**Mr. Barsz** - Thank you. You guys are terrific. That is exactly what I believe the administration intends to do, so it's going to start January.

Ms. Jackson - I hope so. Thank you.

Fred Green, School Board Member, asked to speak and was given permission by the Receiver.

**Fred Green -** Just really briefly, many of you may or may not know, but today is Peter Barsz's last as receiver, last school board meeting and I wanted to publicly thank you for your service to the Chester Upland School District over the last three and a half years. We're not where we want to be, but I'm sure we'll get there one day. I thank you follow the hard work that you've done thus far, and best of luck on your journey wherever life may take you.

Mr. Barsz - Thank you. That was very nice, thank you. And that ends our Public Comments.

# **EDUCATION AGENDA**

# A-1 Approval of Homebound Instruction for Students

<u>Student #</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>
076194	CHS	11/4/19
1000288	CHS	11/4/19

# A-2 Approval to adopt and approve Determinations from Student Hearings

<u>Student #</u>	<b>Date of Hearing</b>
80841	10/25/19
212114	10/25/19
210036	10/25/19
1001993	10/25/19
210872	10/25/19
80736	10/29/19
211439	10/29/19
211780	10/29/19
211081	10/29/19
211048	10/29/19
78642	11/1/19
1002376	11/1/19
212054	11/1/19
211585	11/1/19
211414	11/1/19
400022	11/1/19
1001210	11/8/19
81777	11/8/19
212768	11/8/19
213453	11/8/19
211918	11/12/19
91140	11/12/19
1005355	11/12/19

### A-3 Approval to enter into an agreement with ACS Consultants, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to enter into agreement with ACS Consultants, Inc. to provide Professional Services for Special Education students in the district.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget **Cost:** Not to Exceed \$100,000 **Executive Sponsor:** Juan Baughn

#### A-4 Approval to enter into an agreement with General Healthcare Resources, LLC

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to enter into agreement with General Healthcare Resources, LLC to provide Professional Services for Special Education students in the district.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget **Cost:** Not to Exceed \$100,000 **Executive Sponsor:** Juan Baughn

### A-5 Approval to enter into an agreement with Therapy Travelers

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to enter into agreement with Therapy Travelers to provide Professional Services for Special Education students in the district.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget **Cost:** Not to Exceed \$100,000 **Executive Sponsor:** Juan Baughn

# A-6 Approval for payment to individuals participating in record review and relocation of files for PDE's review

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the following individuals to participate in filing of Records for P.D.E.'s Record Review and relocation of inactive files as approved on the July 18, 2019 Receiver's agenda A-8 and October 17, 2019 Receiver's Agenda A-10:

<u>NAME</u>	<b>POSITION</b>	RATE
Kameron Gibbs,	Teacher Assistant	15./hr.
Barbara Thompson,	Teacher Assistant	15./hr.
Bernadine Sephes,	Teacher Assistant	15./hr.
Lariah Warner,	Teacher Assistant	15./hr.
Carmella Young,	Teacher Assistant	15./hr.
Tonisha McDonald,	Teacher Assistant	15./hr.
Deidre Miller,	Teacher Assistant	15./hr.

Robin Toogood,	Teacher Assistant	15./hr.
Karyn Laury	Teacher Assistant	15./hr.

Payable From: ACCESS Cost: \$10,000 Executive Sponsor: Juan Baughn

### A-7 Approval to fund the transportation for students participating in Special Olympics

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to fund the transportation for students participating in the Special Olympics' Regional Competition to be held at Chester High School and the State Finals after these competitions.

Payable From: ACCESS Cost: \$8,500 Executive Sponsor: Juan Baughn

#### A-8 Approval of the Settlement Agreement and Release for student #1004945

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors approves the Settlement Agreement and Release with reference to Student Number 1004945 (EM) for a Compensatory Education Fund in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) and an additional start- up fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), to be utilized and disbursed through Advocacy Alliance, expiring February 11, 2023 and attorney's fees in the amount of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00).

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget **Cost:** \$31,100 **Executive Sponsor:** Mark McIntyre

# A-9 Approval for four SSTLs to provide services to SpEd teachers and administrators **TABLED**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors grants approval for the Chester Upland School District's four Student Service Teacher Leaders (SSTLs); Markeisha Bell, Dariah Jackson, Jon Osborn and Julia Davis, to provide building level support services to special education teachers and administrators. The supports take place either an hour before or an hour after the beginning and end of the school day. The supports will focus on adhering to and maintaining special education policies and procedures as outlined by PDE and CUSD. These supports will include: supporting special education programing, ensuring documentation compliance, providing ongoing professional development opportunities, and acting as liaisons between district and building administrators, and assist in annual special education audits.

> Payable From: General Fund Budget Cost: \$7,500 stipend per SSTL, not to exceed \$30,000 Executive Sponsor: Mark McIntyre

### A-10 Approval for up to four (4) staff members to attend the 2020 Beyond School Hours Conference

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment for up to four staff members (two for Cohort 9 and two for Cohort 10) to attend the 2020 Beyond School Hours National Conference in Orlando Florida, February 26-29, 2019 to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers programming throughout the school district.

> Payable From: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Cost: Not to Exceed \$7500 Executive Sponsor: Nikki Monroe-Hines

# A-11 Approval of mileage reimbursement for the CUSD English Language Development Itinerant Teacher

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves mileage reimbursement for the CUSD English Language Development Itinerant Teacher during the 2019-20 School Year.

Payable From: Title III Cost: Not to Exceed \$400 Executive Sponsor: Nikki Monroe-Hines

### A-12 Approval of the district's participation in the SEPTA Corporate Pass Program

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves the district's participation in the SEPTA Corporate Pass Program to purchase tokens and transpasses for students/families experiencing homelessness and students attending enrichment programming that supports the district's instructional program (Dual Enrollment, Summer Experiences, Academic Competitions). The Corporate Pass Program requires the district to enter into an agreement with SEPTA which will allow for easy attainment of transportation instruments.

Payable From: Title I (Homeless Services), Title IV (Well-Rounded Education)
Cost: Not to Exceed \$9,600
Executive Sponsor: Nikki Monroe-Hines

# SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION AGENDA

#### A-14 Approval to contract with Elwyn Outpatient Services

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grants approval for Chester Upland School District to contract with Elwyn Outpatient Services to provide therapeutic mental health treatment within Chester Upland School of the Arts (CUSA). Outpatient services are indicated for children and adults who demonstrate emotional disturbances, mental illness or autism. The program will specialize in diagnostic assessment of children enrolled at CUSA who are suspected to have emotional disturbance, mental illness or autism. Services include: Assessment,

Psychiatric Evaluation, Psychological Testing, Treatment Planning, Individual Psychotherapy, Group Psychotherapy, and Family Therapy. There is no cost to the District for this service.

Face to face services are billable to the Managed Care Organization for payment. If additional collaborative services, such as monthly case consults and case management for families should be needed, Elwyn would require reimbursement at a rate of \$42.45 per hour from the District.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget **Cost:** Not to Exceed \$10,000, if additional services are required **Executive Sponsor:** Mark McIntyre

# EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THROUGH #A-8, WITH #A-9 BEING TABLED, AND #A-10 THROUGH #A-13 AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM #A-14 WERE APPROVED BY PETER R. BARSZ, RECEIVER

# **PERSONNEL AGENDA**

B-1 Approval of appointments, reassignments, retirement, resignations, recall from furlough, leaves of absence, returns from leaves of absence, suspension, teacher mentors, grant funded programs, and salary adjustments

RESOLVED, that the following **<u>appointments</u>** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

Name	Position/Location	<u>Salary</u>	Effective <u>Date</u>	New Position or <u>Replacement</u>
Johnson, Jeffrey	After School Teacher Stetser	\$32./hr 10 months	10/3/2019	New 0770 Grant Funded Prg. 2019-2020
Mosley-Gosa, Monica	After School Progam Support Chester High	\$15./hr 10 months	10/18/2019	New 0775 Grant Funded Prg. 2019-2020
Pickett, Lefenus	After School Teacher Stetser	\$32./hr 10 months	10/21/2019	New 0773 Grant Funded Prg. 2019-2020
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Name	<b>Position/Location</b>	<u>Salary</u>	Effective <u>Date</u>	New Position or <u>Replacement</u>
Irby, Lauren	Special Education Teacher Main Street	64,640+\$200 M/4	9/30/2019	Replacement 0243 G.F.B. 2019-2020

10 months

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following <u>reassignments</u> be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	From <u>Position/Location</u>	To <u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Date</u>
Boyd Sr. , Eddie	Custodian Facilities 12 months	Maintenance Foreman Facilities 12 months	\$51,000	10/28/2019
Cameron, Pearl	Interim Principal Chester High 12 months	Principal Chester High 12 months	\$120,000	8/27/2019
Cogdell, Nicole	Climate Manager Toby Farms 10 months	Coord. SPED/ Pupil Services Programs Adminstration 12 months	\$48,500	11/15/2019
Greene, Lavada	Teacher Stetser 10 months	Interim Principal Stetser 12 months	\$102,500	11/14/2019
Johnson, Thomas	Technology Administration 12 months	Interim Information Technology Administration 12 months	\$95,000	11/14/2019
White, Shakanda	Secretary STEM 12 months	21 <sup>st</sup> Century CLCC Coordinator Adminsitration 12 months	\$47,000	10/7/2019

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following <u>retirement</u> be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	Position/Location	Effective Date
Davis, Bonita	Teacher Main Street	3/31/2020

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following <u>resignations</u> be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	Position/Location	Effective Date
Burns-Johnson, Tonya	After School Teacher Stetser	8/30/2019

Cobb, Yasmine	Secretary CUSA	11/18/2019
Culbertson, Joshua	Information Technology Director Administration	12/6/2019
Long, Annie	Teacher Assistant Toby Farms	10/25/2019
Morland, Julia	Teacher CUSA	1/6/2020
Trotter, Kathleen	Teacher CUSA	12/13/2019

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following <u>recall from furlough</u> be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	Position/Location	Effective Date
Taylor, Lateefah	Teacher Assistant Toby Farms	11/21/2019

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following <u>leave of absence</u> be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	Position/Location	Effective Date
Diehl, Christine	Teacher Assistant Main Street	10/22/2019-11/23/2019 Intermittent FMLA
Lolio, Kayla	Teacher STEM	11/9/2019-12/23/2019 FMLA
McLuckie, Susan	Teacher Toby Farms	10/28/2019-2/1/2020 Intermittent FMLA
Smith, Eugene	School Safety Officer Chester High	10/9/2019-1/1/2020 Intermittent FMLA

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following <u>return from leave of absence</u> be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<b>Position/Location</b>	Effective Date
Bennett, Regena	Custodian Chester High	10/23/2019
Paquette, Richard	Teacher STEM	10/8/2019

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **suspension** be approved on the effective date respectively noted (Justification on file in the Office of Human Resources)

<u>Name</u>	<b>Position/Location</b>	Effective Date	<u>Status</u>
On File Human Resources	Teacher	10/17/2019	Suspended w/
	Stetser	Pending Investigation	pay

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following <u>Teacher Mentors</u> be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

# **TABLED**

Name	Effective Date
Wright, Delores	10/30/2019
Norman, Viola	10/30/2019
Marsh, Rose	10/30/2019
Murphy, Shannon	10/30/2019
Dearden, Jennifer	10/30/2019
Sas, Kamilla	10/30/2019
Clark, Rebecca	10/30/2019
Fachet, Mary Sue	10/30/2019

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the following individuals to participate in the **grant-funded Programs** during the 2019-2020 school year as listed below:

# Afterschool CUSA

September 9, 2019-June 30, 2020

Name	<b>Position</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Boyd, Archanica	Teacher Assistant	15./hr
Barber, Tamiko	Teacher	32./hr
Cannon, Shamira	Teacher Assistant	15./hr

# Afterschool STEM

September 9, 2019-June 30, 2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Arana, Ruben	Teacher	32./hr	
Joe, Shareeta	Teacher Assistant	15./hr	
<u>Afterschool Stetser</u> September 9, 2019-June 30, 2020			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Pickett, Lafenus	Teacher	32./hr	
Lee, Joyce	Nurse	32./hr	
Afterschool Chester High September 9, 2019-June 30,	2020		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Mosley-Gosa, Monica	Program Support	15./hr	
<u>Afterschool Toby Farms</u> September 9, 2019-June 30, 2020			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Mitchell-Campbell, Ikeya	Teacher	32./hr	
Saunders, Dakisha	Coordinator	40./hr	
Young, Carmella	Secretary	15./hr	
Odyssey of the Mind Training November 2, 2019			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Sheets, Ruth	Teacher	25./hr	
Anderson, Brenda	Teacher	25./hr	
Moore, Debra	Teacher	25./hr	
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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Receiver acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for <u>salary adjustments</u> for CUESPA members for the 2019-2020 school year as listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<b>Current Salary</b>	Current Step	New Step Requested	<u>New Salary</u>
Brown, Jeanette	\$49,788.00	B24/2	M/2	\$60,445.00
Moore, Durell	\$51,885.00	B24/3	M/3	\$62,542.00

### **B-2** Approval to enter into an agreement with CUEA to extend the collective bargaining agreement

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to enter into an agreement with Chester Upland Education Association to extend the collective bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2013 and expiring on June 30, 2019 for a twelve (12) month period from July 1, 2019 and expiring June 30, 2020.

Effective in the 2019-2020 school year, eligible bargaining unit members not at the maximum of the salary schedule in 2018-2019 will move to the next step as outlined in the Salary Schedule. An amount equal to \$1,000 shall be added to the top step of the salary schedule and to the pay of all bargaining unit members at the top step.

Effective September 1, 2019, coach salaries shall be as follows:

Athletic Director:	\$9,455.63
Assistant Athletic Director	\$4,727.81
Head Football Coach	\$7,354.38
Head Basketball Coach (Boys)	\$5,253.13
Head Basketball Coach (Girls)	\$3,677.19
Head Coach Boys' Tennis	\$2,206.31
Head Coach Girls' Track	\$4,202.50
Head Coach Boys' Track	\$4,202.50
Head Coach Baseball	\$3,677.19
Cheerleading (Head)	\$3,362.00

Except as modified herein, the terms of the Agreement effective July 1, 2013 and expiring June 30, 2019 shall remain in full force and effect.

#### **Executive Sponsor:** Juan Baughn

# **B-3** Approval to enter into an agreement with CUESPA to extend the collective bargaining agreement

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to enter into an agreement with Chester Upland Education Support Personnel Association to extend the collective bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2013 and expiring on June 30, 2019 for a twelve (12) month period from July 1, 2019 and expiring June 30, 2020.

Effective July 1, 2019, the current agreement wage rates shall increase 2.25%

Except as modified herein, the terms of the Agreement effective July 1, 2013 and expiring June 30, 2019 shall remain in full force and effect.

### **Executive Sponsor:** Juan Baughn

### **B-4** Approval of Tuition Reimbursements

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for tuition reimbursement for CUEA members for the 2019-2020 school year as listed below:

<b>Employee</b>	Number of Credits	Number of Credits	Requested	Approved
	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Best, Jeanette	3	3	\$3,522.00	\$3,522.00
Stevens, Cheryl	3	3	\$3,604.00	\$3,604.00
Total				\$7,126.00

**Executive Sponsor:** Juan Baughn

# PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #B-1 THROUGH #B-4, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TEACHER MENTORS IN ITEM #B-1, WERE APPROVED BY PETER R. BARSZ, RECEIVER.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### C-1 Reports of the tax collectors: \$4,130,430.75

RESOLVED, that the reports of the City of Chester, Borough of Upland, and Chester Township for the period October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 in the amount of \$4,130,430.75 be received, be noted upon the Minutes and filed.

Executive Sponsor: Sharon Brokenbough

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

RESOLVED, that the attached Treasurer's Report/Budget Report for the fiscal month ended October 31, 2019 be APPROVED by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

Executive Sponsor: Sharon Brokenbough

### C-3 General Fund Budget: \$3,194,257.07. Approval of payrolls

RESOLVED, that the payrolls dated in October, 2019 of the various accounts totaling for all accounts and funds the grand sum of \$3,194,257.07, be approved by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

### General Fund Budget: \$6,101,344.59. 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 \$6,101,344.59, of which General Fund payments total \$5,844,909.35, Food Services Fund payments total \$197,540.24 and Capital Projects Fund payments total \$58,895.00, 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 November 14, 2019 Minutes.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget **Executive Sponsor:** Sharon Brokenbough

### C-4 Approval to purchase a Fortinet FortiGate filewall solution

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, purchase a Fortinet FortiGate firewall solution for the district, complete with training and remote resource services support, granting the district improved security controls for its network and options for VPN access for approved users.

> Payable From: General Fund Budget Cost: \$46,645 Executive Sponsor: Joshua Culbertson

### C-5 Approval to continue existing business with Netop Tech

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, continue its existing business relationship with Netop Tech, Inc. for the usage of the VIS Pro Software package as a computer management solution for computer labs and classrooms across the district.

Payable From: Title IV Cost: \$1,960 Executive Sponsor: Joshua Culbertson

### C-6 Approval to enter into a business agreement with Eduporium

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into a business agreement with Eduporium for the purchase of 15 laptop carts, to be used for the storage and charging of Chromebooks (with full compatibility, if needed, for iPads), to be used in classrooms across the district.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget **Cost:** \$8,589.15 **Executive Sponsor:** Joshua Culbertson

### C-7 Approval to expand current contract with JAMF Software, LLC

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, expand its current contract with JAMF Software, LLC for the purposes of service, support, and training for IT staff for Apple management software for the period of August 2019 through September 2020.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget **Cost:** \$2,256.50 **Executive Sponsor:** Joshua Culbertson

### C-8 Approval to accept proposal of Powerschool Group, LLC

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, accept the proposal of Powerschool Group LLC to provide 20 hours of Cognos Keys to Ownership training and support to the Chester Upland School District for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Payable From: General Fund Budget Cost: \$4,200 Executive Sponsor: Joshua Culbertson

### C-9 Approval to continue business relationship with Forerunner Technologies

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, continue its business relationship with Forerunner Technologies, Inc for the purposes of maintenance, parts, and labor for the district's phone system for the duration of the 2019-2020 academic year.

### Executive Sponsor: Joshua Culbertson

### C-10 Approval to purchase services and gear from IntegraOne

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approve a purchase of services and gear from IntegraOne to equip the STEM Academy with essential wiring and networking required for its Engineering Room.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget **Cost:** \$11,946.67 **Executive Sponsor:** Joshua Culbertson

# SUPPLEMENTAL BUSINESS AGENDA

# C-11 Approval to engage Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhodes LLP as attorneys to provide legal/consulting services

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grants approval to engage Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhodes LLP as attorneys of record for the Chester Upland School District to provide legal/consulting services for the District subject to the review and approval of their engagement letter by our solicitor and the Receiver.

> **Payable From:** General Fund Budget **Cost:** Not to Exceed \$35,000 **Executive Sponsor:** Juan Baughn

# BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS #C-1 THROUGH #C-10 AND SUPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM #C-11, WERE APPROVED BY PETER R. BARSZ, RECEIVER

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Anthony Johnson, President of the School Board asked to speak and was granted the floor:

I know Fred Green came up and gave us his great opinion, about you Peter. We go way back prior to you being the Receiver because you had always looked out for your community and me. Where I grew up, my brother runs boys club, and y'all donated money to that cause. So when your name came up, I asked the board to interview you to be our receiver, and the three and a half years you've been here, you've been attacked, personal, through PDE and their actions. You've been in the newspaper labeled like you were a crook. You've been challenged more times than any receiver, any control board, power board ever like this, like a history. And you came in here to help, you didn't have to come. When we asked you to come, you came. You could have said look, I've got, this is an expanding in my business, I don't have the time. But you put as much time as you could through all that, and you're not an educator, but your background is business. And at that time, the part of the plan we needed you, when you came in and you did a lot. I mean the agreement with the charter schools, that helped to keep this district a float. A lot of people don't know that. That could be \$15 million we could be looking at, and right now I don't know how we would operate \$16 or \$17 million in the hole every year. This district been through that, and you came in and you stabilized that business off, under all of that pressure from them to have you be a token for them and you didn't, you didn't buckle under them. A lot of people, they come down here and they buckle under them.

The town, the boards took their lead, but you came and you stood your ground, and that was a time when most of, the majority of the board is Democrat and you're a Republican. You never played the politic, and I'm being real, the politics in Washington, they can't work together. We showed that when you first came here, we stood arm and arm with you and said look, he's trying to help this district move forward and I caught a lot of flack from my party. You probably caught a lot of flack from your party saying, why are you helping them? And then when my party, why are you bringing a Republican in to the district? But you never, we never talked politics. We talked about the day we met for three and a half years. We talked about students and progress and how we want to pay bills. A lot of times, in the Business Office, Sharon saying we don't know how we're going to pay bills. But you had to figure that out. You guys had always tried to figure it out. No adult here has missed a paycheck in nine years.

So that's saying something. That's a lot of you and them being crafty with that money, man. I'm not talking about hiding money. You exposed so much when you first came home, or how we were paying this district, we were paying a tax collector \$120000 a year. He was the most wealthiest tax collector in the state of Pennsylvania. He didn't have to do that. He didn't have to say anything. He could have came in and said, that's not important. Cell phones. Everybody has a cell phone. He had people that wasn't even employed in district, still was using a cell phone. He cut that out. Cars, we had cars that we didn't have for 10 11 years, we were still paying insurance on the cars.

So you came in here under all of that scrutiny because he wouldn't play ball with PDE. So I want to thank you just for that, saying enough of that, because a lot of people didn't know it. Joe left, ran out of here soon as they started, scared and Dr. Barnes was the same way. You stood in there four times, I had to go testify in court saying nah, he's that guy, cause still here right here and now, under funded. That's where the argument should be with them, not with him and him trying to do what they weren't going to help him to do. They didn't help him. They didn't say Peter, we got you. What, you need five million? We got you. No, it was why are you doing that? All that divide and conquer, we can't do that no more guys. The kids that go to the charter, they from Chester. A lot of the kids in that school, parents go to both schools. We got kids in the charter school, in

the public school, in the same household. So, you want us to tell a parent who to love more, the charter school kid or what a public school kid? We're not going to do as a district. We're one now. So, thank you Peter.

Mr. Barsz – Thank you,

Dr. Baughn then stood up and thanked Mr. Johnson:

*Mr.* Barsz hired me three and a half years ago. Thank you for that recommendation, Mr. Johnson, thank you, and I'm still here. I know some folks Mr. Barzs lost a couple folks, but I'm still here, and I thank you very, very, very much. We're not sure what's going to happen, but I can tell you this, that we're going to keep moving. This board and whoever comes in, we're going to keep moving with this administrative team we have and Mr. Barsz, you check us out. We're going to make you proud.

*Mr.* Barsz - I'll be sure to continue to check this out, but I just, this was an extraordinary rewarding three and a half years and just, I've learned so much and made so many wonderful friends. It's just been a spectacular part of my life, just incredible. And you always look forward to the challenge, but do have some remorse from leaving, and there is plenty of work to do. These people are superb, sitting up here. They are top shelf in every aspect. And you're in really good hands. But, it's been fabulous. And to all the teachers and the principals, thank you. God bless you. God bless the parents and God bless all the children of the school district. Thank you. Thank you very much.

There being no further business *Receiver, Peter R. Barsz* adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.

# CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL RECOVERY RECEIVER

Peter R. Barsz Receiver Date