

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

**January 16, 2020
6:27 P.M.**

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

Executive Staff Present -	Dr. Gregory Thornton, Interim Receiver Dr. Baughn, Superintendent Dr. Jala Olds-Pearson, Assistant Superintendent
Solicitor -	George Dawson, Esquire
Board -	Anthony Johnson, Board President
Absent -	Ms. Sharon Brokenbough, COO

The Receiver's meeting opened with a call to order by Interim Receiver, Dr. Gregory Thornton and the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I wanted to take a moment tonight to acknowledge Mr. Marvin Newton and the work that we've been doing around the facilities. Many of you know that we went and we went to court a couple months ago. I mentioned that we had schools that we were going to have to close during the winter because of our boiler situation and our heating system situation to most of the schools. And you also, the judge, you recall, the judge asked us to put a report together and send it to the department of education and he wanted to hear back from us. Well I don't do facilities reports, I have them done and this case, Mr. Marvin Newton went to work and you got the engineers in, and anyone in here we needed to, and as a result of that, the state has sent us \$375,000 to work. This is what happened and I want this as a matter of record. They gave us a interest-free transitional loan.

Now, I made it clear to the department of education that we were not in a position to accept a loan because that means you need to pay it back. And then we weren't in the position to pay it back, and I wanted them to know that we don't plan to pay this back and we have a letter that's going to the judge tomorrow and that that letter to the judge will say the same thing, that we appreciate this \$375,000 and get us through the winter. And Mr. Johnson, I want to be really clear about this, to get us through the winter. I don't know how many winters this is going to get us and my hope is it gets us through this one. But I really want to acknowledge Mr. Newton who, I don't like the term above and beyond because it's our job. But when you go on 24 hour, 24/7 that is something I would submit to it that may be above and beyond. So thank you Mr. Newton, and let me give him a report that says that.

And Toby Farms, the two boilers were finished yesterday. So we have two new boilers in Toby Farms and it's something that we haven't thought about in the past, but we are thinking about it now, that each individual classroom is being visited, so that we could adjust the temperatures in each classroom. So Toby by February 15th should have the classrooms fixed and the boiler room fixed. We're waiting for a boiler in CUSA. We expected that boiler comes in when it's supposed to that by March 7th, CUSA will be fixed.

Main Street by February 28th there's a lot of work that we needed to do with Main Street and again, what's happened in the past is we've been replacing the affected boilers, but we haven't been in the individual classrooms. So we're going into individual classrooms in these buildings now and where the boilers have been replaced and STEM and now we're adjusting each of the rooms. That's why he's the man. So thank you again. And let the record reflect that we have once again stated that we are in no position to repay a loan. Okay? Thank you. All right. That's my report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 19, 2019

Interim Receiver Dr. Thornton approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ali Watley - Thank you for letting me talk. My name is Ali Watley, again and I'm very concerned about my daughter's education and it's apparent to me that no one is concerned about Ranisha's education. My daughter had already been suspended for more than 10 days, which is beyond what the law says for students receiving special education services. I went to school numerous times to discuss a plan with no success. Mr. Brown, Assistant Principal, and Ms. Cameron, Principal of Chester High School had, on several occasions, humiliated me and in the presence of parents, students and staff, I've heard Dr. Pugh speaking in front of me to staff and saying "We're going to document everything", yet, still no help. Not once did they ever have a manifestation hearing like when she was at Toby Farms. I always felt supported when I was working with Mrs. Cogsdell. Mrs. Patterson, my daughter's therapist, said she has been unable to even meet with Ranisha when she comes to school and she tells me she has even suggested to the school to have a manifestation meeting for Ranisha.

My daughter has been out of school since the beginning of December. Unfortunately this school year I've had no level of support and my daughter is unsafe in school. I know she will fight that, she has her problems. She has some problems too. Now the students are coming to my house, I have two police reports that I had to finish filing tomorrow morning. The police officer called me back and I had to be there at nine o'clock tomorrow morning. One had six girls just knocked on my door this morning when I was at the drug store and yet the school is aware but no recourse is ever discussed by my child. Not to mention the citation fines and court dates I have incurred. I'm truly concerned about another parent sharing with me that Mrs. Olden showed her personal information such as a list of students in the classroom who had IEPs, which is confidential information. Finally, minority has been trying to contact the dispute lawyers who is handling special education for a while. No success. I need help, I mean I've been trying to work with them. I'm at the school more than I'm home. I came downstairs to talk to administration and while they had us on the loud speaker, Mr. Brown talked to me like I was a dog. Dr. Willis told him, "You have to tell her, you can't do this." He said, "I'll do what I want to do." So after that they got into it, she said she's going to go to his boss. And again, I was left out of everything, still no reports of anything. And I'm coming here to help to get some kind of resolution because with one thing I know about Toby Farm, it was hard, I was there, we've worked through it and worked through it. I was there, became, what was the suggestion? We went through the IEP, we worked hard. It worked. She still wasn't in school for all together, maybe three months. For three months out of the whole year. Just getting bits and days here. And I'm saying that she, like I said, she's not perfect, but the kids are hitting her and she's hitting them back. I'm telling her that's not the way to handle it.

Dr. Juan Baughn - Ms. Watley, right next to you is our director of special education.

Ms. Watley - I already talked to Scott last Friday. I've been talking to him too. I've been in a meeting and talking with Scott. My lawyer has and I have...

Dr. Baughn – Ms. Watley, that is not Scott. Scott is our Special Education lawyer. This is the director of special education, Mark McIntyre.

Ms. Watley - Oh, Scott. I talked to him Friday and about the home bound situation and I mean she can't come here, they're coming at my door.

Dr. Baughn – When you say administration, I don't know who that mean.

Ms. Watley - Well I talked to the special education, but when the stuff was happening in eighth grade, I came down here numerous times that this is not the first year that's been happening and I left numerous messages with, I asked to speak to you, but then the secretary took all the information and I never had no resolution. Nobody ever called me, even though when she gets suspended, I leave out maybe two or three times. I had got the list of suspension, how many days? All the rest of the days, they tell me they're going to send it in the mail and I never received it. After the second day I'm coming back here, you'll get four days come, I still didn't receive it. The fifth day I'm bringing her back to school because you all didn't send me a paper. So, and that's how they're playing with me back and forth.

Dr. Baughn – Well, listen, you're going to have a personal conversation with Mr. McIntyre tonight. So we'll have to wait and then if you still have that then call my office.

Dr. Gregory Thornton - Thanks. Thank you very much for sharing your concern and certainly will be a priority as we move forward and that priority, we will begin working very closely tonight. If we're able to spend a little time to meet with my colleague or if necessary, we can simply run one in the morning. It's your choice. I know family sometimes has to be tended to. I understand. Thank you for coming. Thank you for sharing. I believe you're in good hands with the gentleman that's right across from you.

Jonathan Raheem King - Good evening everyone, I'm not going to be long. My name is Jonathan Raheem King. I have an organization/company called Safe Corridors and I just wanted to put it on the record that I am awaiting for the school district to make the decision on how they can move forward, God willing on hiring our company to help our children here be safe at Chester Upland School District. I am an alumnus of this school. I graduated in 1983 even though my company is at different places, I have very much, well and concerned. I'm born and raised here for the safety of our children in the City of Chester. My program is improvement and evidence based program that it works and where I worked at, we really don't have much crime at all. So I just wanted to come here today to the meeting to express my great concern about it. And you know, we want to see how we can help all the people, all the men and women that work for me, our own residents of the city and know the children. They own the process and the protocol. And I've been doing this a long time. Thank you. May I leave my card with you?

Dr. Baughn – I have your card. I have your proposal and your proposal is under advisement and when, and if, we can do something with that, we will give you a call. So I mean it, and everyone in this room and everyone around this table have the same concern you do about keeping our youngsters safe. So the fact that you haven't heard from me has nothing to do with who wants to keep each other safe, has a lot to do with some other things.

EDUCATION AGENDA

A-1 Approval of Homebound Instruction for Students

<u>Student #</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>
91279	CHS	11/19/19

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

<u>Student #</u>	<u>Date of Hearing</u>
210429	1/6/2020
80736	1/6/2020
1001132	1/6/2020
212969	1/6/2020
75981	1/10/2020
75982	1/10/2020
200661`	1/10/2020

A-3 Approval for the purchase of reading program materials from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grants approval for the purchase of reading program materials from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: \$110,000
Executive Sponsor: Jala Olds-Pearson

A-4 Approval for Dr. Jala Olds-Pearson to attend the ASCD conference on Teaching Excellence

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grants approval for Dr. Jala Olds-Pearson to attend the ASCD conference on Teaching Excellence, March 13-16, 2020, Los Angeles, CA.

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: Not to Exceed \$4,000
Executive Sponsor: Jala Olds-Pearson

A-5 Approval for purchase of Power School Special Programs

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grants approval for CUSD Special Education and Pupil Services Department purchase Power School Special Programs (Special Education Case Management SECM & 504) including start-up fees, transfer of data, and training modules for staff. This program would replace IEP Writer which will be faded out over the transition to Power School. Power School provides many features including: Automatic Transfer of student information from eSchool Plus (current general education student management system) directly into all Special Education documents. Spell check, speech to text, automatic highlighted errors, multiple data banks that can automatically input student names and pronouns, standard goal banks that teachers can utilize to develop goals and objectives are only a few of the features. Other key features include automatic sending of an IEP Snapshot to all general & special education teachers working with that student through the eSchool Plus data management system. At log-in, Special Education Teachers will have compliance dates listed for each student on their caseload. For more information you can go to www.powerschool.com.

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Cost: First year and start up \$25,632.25, Annual Ongoing \$8,432.25 with 3% increase per year

Executive Sponsor: Mark McIntyre

A-6 Approval for CUSD's PBIS teams to provide professional development

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for Chester Upland School District's Positive Behavior Intervention Support Team(s) (PBIS) at Chester High School who attended on 6/19/19 and 8/20/19 to provide professional development focused on creating PBIS action plans as it pertains to student services.

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Cost: Not to Exceed \$1,000

Executive Sponsor: Mark McIntyre

A-7 Approval for two teachers from CTE to attend the Pathways to Career Readiness Symposium

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for two teachers from Career and Technical Education to attend the Pathways to Career Readiness: An Education and Workforce Development Symposium on February 13 & 14, 2020 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

Payable From: Perkins

Cost: Not to Exceed \$1,000

Executive Sponsor: Celeste Lewis

EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THROUGH #A-7 WERE APPROVED BY DR. GREGORY THORNTON, INTERIM RECEIVER

PERSONNEL AGENDA

B-1 Approval of appointments, reassignments, retirement, resignations, leaves of absence, return from leave of absence, transfers, 6th period class list, tenure/non –tenure, extended season, and soccer coach

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>
Bell, Shawn	Climate Manager Chester High	\$40,000 10 months	1/27/2020	Replacement 0027 G.F.B. 2019-2020
Cooper, Quentin	School Safety Officer Chester High	\$25,277 10 months	1/21/2020	Replacement 8500 G.F.B. 2019-2020
Dukes, Dmar	Custodian STEM High	\$11.78/hour 12 months	2/3/2020	Replacement 0144 G.F.B. 2019-2020
Handy, Janera	School Safety Toby Farms	\$25,277 10 months	1/8/2020	Replacement 0755 G.F.B. 2019-2020
Irving, Clarence	Custodian Toby Farms	\$11.78/hour 12 months	1/21/2020	Replacement 0529 G.F.B. 2019-2020
Linehan, Hakeem	Custodian Main Street	\$11.78/hour 10 months	1/21/2020	Replacement 0271 G.F. B. 2019.2020
Pickett, LaFenus	Health/Physical Education Teacher Chester High	\$47,691 10 months	1/7/2020	Replacement 4805 G.F.B. 2019-2020
Thomas, Terrance	High School Assistant Basketball Coach STEM	\$3,750 10 months	12/19/2019	Replacement 0208 G.F.B. 2019-2020

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>From Position/Location</u>	<u>To Position/Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hackett, Mya	Teacher Assistant Stetser 10 months	School Secretary CUSA 12 months	\$31,000	1/2/2020

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Baughn, Juan	Superintendent Administration	5/24/2020
Johnson, Harold	Custodian Main Street	6/30/2020

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Harris, Tarik	Teacher Toby Farms	1/31/2020
Hoffman, Kurt	Teacher CUSA	1/3/2020
Lewis, Celeste	CTE Supervisor	2/14/2020
Rochester, Stanley	School Safety Officer Chester High	12/5/2019
Samuels, Lavita	Teacher Assistant Main Street	1/3/2020

Correction to Effective Date (Extended):

Clark, Rebecca	Teacher Chester High School	2/14/2020
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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **leaves of absence** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Clark, Shakasha	Teacher Toby Farms	1/8/2020-2/29/2020 Intermittent FMLA
Naylor, Mellonease,	Climate Manager Main Street Elementary	11/22/2019-3/1/2020 Intermittent FMLA

Correction to Effective Date (Extended):

Mangini, Lisa	Teacher CUSA	11/27/2019-1/13/2020 FMLA
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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **return from leave of absence** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lewis, Sylvester	Custodian STEM	1/6/2020

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>From Position/Location</u>	<u>To Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brown Shanice	Teacher Assistant Chester High	Teacher Assistant Main Street Elementary	1/2/2020
Cowan, Yevette	Teacher Assistant Main Street	Teacher Assistant Chester High	1/2/2020
Jones, Bruce	School Safety Officer CUSA	School Safety Officer Chester High	1/6/2020
Stevens, Lincoln	School Safety Officer Toby Farms	School Safety Officer CUSA	1/6/2020

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **6th Period Class List** be approved during the 2019-2020 school year as listed below:

CHESTER HIGH

Teacher	Note
Hrisko, M.	
Clark, R.	
Claiborne, C.	
McNeil, L.	
Connolly, C.	
Sas, K.	
Konopka, E.	
Simons, K.	
King, C.	

Amachi, O.	
Whelan, K.	
Brown III, R.	
Fachet, M.	
Gibbs, M.	
Lavelle, P.	
Pickett, L.	Hire date 1.7.2020
Merto, C.	
Marsh, R	
Odom, J	

STEM

Teacher	Note
Adore-Ross, A.	
Alston, N.	
Boylan, K.*	Maternity Leave effective 11.6.19
Burney, H.	
Campbell, R.	
Cosfol, P.	
Johnson, Da.	
DuBois, J.	
Inzinna, D.	
Greenberg, S.	
Darbouze, M*	Hire date 9.9.19
Kurman, J.	
Labrum, J.	
Lovitz, S.	
Matteo, C.	
Memon, M.	
Merto, C.	
Osborn, J.	
Olsen, L.	
Paquette. R.	
Paulick, M.	
Payne, Y.	
Pierre, G.	
Rios, M.	
Schoppet, L.	

Sterling Daniels	CHS
Marysue Facht	CHS
Tracey Felder	CHS
Maria Laut	CHS
Daniel Waters	CHS
Thurayya Berry-Petteway	CHS

Non Tenure

Lauren Hurst	CHS
Jennifer Goldstein	CHS
Michael Hrisko	CHS
Stephen Lee	CHS
Shannon Murphy	CHS
Rose Marsh	CHS
Carolyn Jones	CHS
James Foster	CHS
Rebecca Clark	CHS

Tenure

Margaret Rios	STEM
Peter Cosfol	STEM
Joseph Kurman Jr.	STEM
Eric Shaffer	STEM
Lawrence Schoppet	STEM
Pasquale Scorezetti	STEM
Michele Paulick	STEM
Harry Burney	STEM
John Dubois	STEM
Stephanie Donofry	STEM
Stuart Greenberg	STEM
Gillian Pierre	STEM
Richard Paquette	STEM
Joseph Narehood	STEM
Robert Campbell	STEM
Scott Lovitz	STEM
Christina Matteo	STEM
Andrea Adore-Ross	STEM
Nicole Alston	STEM
Kayla Lolio	STEM
Julanne Labrum	STEM
Casey Hargadon	STEM
Lisa Olsen	STEM
Caitlin Merto	STEM

Non Tenure

Misha Memon	STEM
Michele Zajac	STEM
Chanel Turner-Wright	STEM

Tenure

Ruth Sheets	Toby Farms
Tammy Sarosy	Toby Farms
Raymond Weinmann	Toby Farms
Sharon Baxter	Toby Farms
Josephine Kowalek	Toby Farms
Sharon Mumma	Toby Farms
Julia Davis	Toby Farms
Dakisha Saunders-Munn	Toby Farms
Joseph Savage	Toby Farms
Patricia Feinberg	Toby Farms
Paul Sheehan	Toby Farms
David Sands	Toby Farms
Louise Murphy	Toby Farms
Rachel Frederick	Toby Farms
Frances Santoleri	Toby Farms
Kaitlyn Metzger	Toby Farms
Susan King	Toby Farms
Joanna Hawrylak	Toby Farms
Susan McLuckie	Toby Farms
Brian Foreman	Toby Farms

Non Tenure

Theresa Ebersole	Toby Farms
Alyssa Smith	Toby Farms
Elizabeth O'Connell	Toby Farms
Seda Gok	Toby Farms
Stephen Spangler	Toby Farms

Tenure

Bonita Davis	CUSA
Donna Hunt Gibbs	CUSA
Marti Dicus	CUSA
Carol Smith	CUSA
Cheryl Alston	CUSA
Sharon Barnes	CUSA
Jason Kirkwood	CUSA
Colleen Wellstein	CUSA

Lisa Mangini	CUSA
Denise Camano	CUSA
Vanessa Odom	CUSA
Tamiko Barber	CUSA
Jean Dautel	CUSA
Hope King	CUSA
Kimberlee Kalichak	CUSA

Miguelina Grasty	CUSA
Benjamin Leary III	CUSA
Shannon Lewis	CUSA
Rebecca Rutledge	CUSA

Non Tenure

Brittany Vinson	CUSA
Sarah Zinar	CUSA
Kimberly Malinowski	CUSA
Kurt Hoffman	CUSA
Heather Milillo	CUSA
Julia Morland	CUSA

Tenure

Margarette Akiti	Main St
Trina Bradley	Main St
Dinah Pratt	Main St
Mary Sierra	Main St
Joan Dougherty	Main St
Brenda Anderson	Main St
Denise Williams	Main St
Latasha Stewart	Main St
Diane Cartwright	Main St
Margaret Difurio	Main St
Marie Riley	Main St
Sheena Hudnell	Main St
David Shuster	Main St
Heather Jordan	Main St
June Sargent	Main St
Britney McCready	Main St
Candie Davie	Main St
Tammy Cox-Cottman	Main St
J. Theodore Sacher	Main St
Joanna Levin	Main St
Dawn Marsero	Main St
Mary McMahan	Main St

Non Tenure

Maria Wiches Ortiz Main St

Tenure

Jennifer Francis	Stetser
Paula Sammons	Stetser
Phyllis Robinson	Stetser
Susan Sciarra	Stetser
Milagros Oquendo	Stetser
Nancy Peltier	Stetser
Deborah Mahoney	Stetser
Joanne Ruiz	Stetser
Georgine Zamonski	Stetser
Dietra Burton	Stetser
Maureen Goodwin	Stetser
Roslyn Adams	Stetser
Markeisha Bell	Stetser
Dariah Jackson	Stetser
Jennifer Flatley	Stetser
Ashley Iovannoni	Stetser
Tammy Walker	Stetser
Jeremy Hay	Stetser

Non Tenure

Tanya Murgia	Stetser
Ray'ven Gordoh	Stetser
Taylor Borgstrom	Stetser

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following additional **Coaches and Athletic Director Extended Season** be approved as respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Moore, Andre	High School Athletic Director	\$945.56
Wharton, James	Head Coach Boys' Track	\$1,400.83
Allen, Jamal	Head Coach Girls' Track	\$1,400.83

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following additional Soccer Coach Salary be approved as respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Walleekendah, Bill	Assistant Soccer Coach	\$4,185*

**Chester Upland School District will be reimbursed by Philadelphia Union*

Executive Sponsor: Kinya Robinson

B-2 Approval of Release and Settlement Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval of the Release and Settlement Agreement with Joseph Bosak.

Payable From: General Budget Fund

Cost: Not to exceed \$75,000

Executive Sponsor: Kinya Robinson

PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM #B-1, WITH SECTION ON TENURE STRICTLY FOR INFORMATION ONLY, AND ITEM #B-2 WERE APPROVED BY DR. GREGORY THORNTON, INTERIM RECEIVER.

BUSINESS AGENDA

C-1 Reports of the tax collectors: \$1,506,576.50

RESOLVED, that the reports of the City of Chester, Borough of Upland, and Chester Township for the period December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$1,506,576.50 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 December 31, 2019 be APPROVED by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

Executive Sponsor: Sharon Brokenbough

C-3 General Fund Budget: \$2,297,907.33. Approval of payrolls

RESOLVED, that the payrolls dated in December, 2019 of the various accounts totaling for all accounts and funds the grand sum of \$2,297,907.33, be approved by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

General Fund Budget: \$5,291,096.00. 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 \$5,291,096.00, of which General Fund payments total \$4,309,081.25, Food Services Fund payments total \$0 and Capital Projects Fund payments total \$982,014.75, 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 January 16, 2020 Minutes.

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Executive Sponsor: Sharon Brokenbough

C-4 Approval to accept the proposal of Springboard Media, Inc

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, accept the proposal of Springboard Media Inc. to provide 25 hours of onsite service, support, and training for IT staff for configuration of Apple products and management software.

Payable From: General Fund Budget
Cost: \$4,000
Executive Sponsor: Thomas Johnson

C-5 Approval to adopt the Accelerated Budget Opt Out Certifying Tax Rate Within Inflation Index

The purpose of this resolution is to allow the school district to follow normal budget procedures, and dispense with the more complicated, expensive, and accelerated Act 1 budget requirements. This option is available only to school districts that are certain the next year budget can be funded without increasing the real estate tax rate by more than the index (and therefore without seeking approval for any index limit exceptions). This resolution may be adopted after the preliminary budget is available, or the board has sufficient information to be certain the budget can be funded by a tax increase within the index. For fiscal year 2020-21, the resolution must be adopted no later than January 31, 2020.

Background. Act 1 § 311(a), 53 P.S. § 6926.311(a), requires an accelerated budget adoption timeline and procedure unless a school district, no later than 110 days before the primary election, adopts a resolution containing the certifications incorporated in this resolution. The deadline this year is January 31, 2020. After adoption of a resolution containing such certifications, § 311(d) authorizes a school district to comply with pre-Act 1 budget adoption rules as set forth in School Code § 687, 24 P.S. § 6-687. The School Board has reviewed the school district preliminary budget or has other information sufficient to make a determination that the budget for the next fiscal year can be funded based on maintaining current tax rates or increasing taxes by an amount less than or equal to the Act 1 index. In lieu of the Act 1 budget adoption timeline and procedure, the School Board wishes to make the required certifications and comply with pre-Act 1 budget adoption rules.

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Chester Upland School District, makes the following unconditional certifications:

1. The school district's various tax levies and other revenue sources will be sufficient to balance the school district final budget for the next fiscal year (2020-21) based on maintaining current tax rates or increasing tax rates by an amount less than or equal to the Act 1 index applicable to the school district as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This conclusion is based on the school district preliminary budget or other information available to the School Board.
2. The applicable index for the next fiscal year is 4.1% and the School Board will not for the next fiscal year increase the rate of its real estate tax, or any other tax for the support of public education, by an amount that exceeds the applicable index.
3. The School Board has to date and in the future will comply with the rules set forth in School Code § 687 for adoption of the school district proposed and final budgets for the next fiscal year.
4. The School Board understands that the school district will not be eligible to use Act 1 referendum exceptions for the next fiscal year.

ADOPTED by the School Board on January 16, 2020.

_____, Secretary

[Per Act 1 §§ 311(d)(2)(ii) and (iii), the school district must, within 5 days after adoption of this resolution submit to PDE: (1) on a PDE prescribed form, information on any proposed tax increase – **Real Estate Tax Rate Report**; and (2) a copy of this resolution.]

Executive Sponsor: Shelley Chapman

C-6 Approval to enter into an agreement with CCIU for PIMS support

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to enter into agreement with Chester County Intermediate Unit to provide ongoing PIMS administration support services.

Payable From: General Fund Budget

Cost: \$80/hr. Not to Exceed \$25,000

Executive Sponsor: Juan Baughn

BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS #C-1 THROUGH #C-4, AND EXCLUDING C-5, AS IT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CUSD BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS IN A SEPARATE MEETING, AND ITEM #C-6 WERE APPROVED BY DR. GREGORY THORNTON, INTERIM RECEIVER

There being no further business *Interim Receiver, Dr. Gregory Thornton* adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.

CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL RECOVERY RECEIVER

Dr. Gregory Thornton
Interim Receiver

Date