

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

**January 29, 2014  
6:00 P.M.**

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A Public Special 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 Watkins, Receiver  
   Mr. Gregory Shannon, Superintendent  
   Ms. Andria Saia, Assistant Superintendent  
   Ms. Claudia Averette, Chief of Staff

Solicitor:                                        Leo A. Hackett, Esquire (absent)

The Receiver's meeting opened with a call to order by Receiver, Joseph Watkins and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Andria Saia, Assistant Superintendent.

**NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING**

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Anthony Johnson** – Questioned agenda item A-1 - Head football coach. Where did he coach before?

**Gregory Shannon** responded.

**Anthony Johnson** – Questioned agenda item A-2 - Saturday school and how it is being paid for.

**Gregory Shannon** responded.

**Anthony Johnson** - voiced his concern about not receiving relief from the Governor. Also, reimbursements for Special Education Children in Charter Schools.

**Joseph Watkins** responded.

**Bettie McClairen** also agreed with Mr. Johnson's comments with reference to charter school reimbursements.

**PERSONNEL AGENDA**

**A-1 General/Categorical Funds. Approval of appointments, leaves of absence, return from leave of absence, assignment, resignations and reassignments.**

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

(a) Professional

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>	<b><u>New Position or Replacement</u></b>
Jordan, Heather	Teacher, Special Education Chester High School	\$53,511 +\$200 (B+24/5) 10 months	01/21/14 10 months	New Position 2013-2014 G.F.B.
Jordan, Nicole	Teacher, Special Education Stetser Elementary School	\$47,899 +\$200 (B/4) 10 months	02/17/14	Replacement 2013-2014 G.F.B.
King, Susan	Teacher, Special Education Chester Upland School of the Arts	\$73,691 +\$200 (M+30/9) 10 months	02/17/14	New Position 2013-2014 G.F.B.

(b) Non Professional

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>	<b><u>New Position or Replacement</u></b>
Pope, Tiara	Teacher Aide Toby Farms Intermediate School	\$22,356 10 months	02/03/14	New Position 2013-2014 G.F.B.

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

(a) Professional

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Peterson, Charmaine	Teacher, Pre-Kindergarten Chester Upland School of the Arts	12/12/13-03/15/14 (FMLA/Medical)

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

(a) Professional

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Benson, Kyle	Climate Manager Stetser School	01/21/14

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

(b) Non Professional

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Barksdale, Demetrius	Per Diem Custodian Maintenance Department	\$8.28/hour	10/22/13

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

(a) Professional

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Ross, Gary	Teacher, Special Education- Mathematics Chester High School	01/23/14

(b) Non Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Dookram, Nicholas	Bus Driver Transportation Department	01/10/14

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

(b) Non Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Dukes Jr., Marvin	Personal Care Aide Toby Farms Intermediate School \$65/day 10 months	Teacher Aide Toby Farms Intermediate School \$22,356 10 months	02/03/14
Foley, Emory	Personal Care Aide Chester Upland School of the Arts \$65/day 10 months	Teacher Aide Chester Upland School of the Arts \$22,356 10 months	02/03/14
Young, Carmella	Personal Care Aide Toby Farms Intermediate School \$65/day 10 months	Teacher Aide Toby Farms Intermediate School \$22,356 10 months	02/03/14

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Beatty, Carl A.	Head Football Coach	\$7,000.00

**Executive Sponsor:** Alvina Jenkins

**A-2 Saturday School**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School directors, grant approval for the following additional individuals to participate in the Saturday School Program which will commence February 1, 2014 through March 15, 2015.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Greaves, Alexis	Administrator	\$35.00/hr
Ferguson, Sarah	Administrator	\$35.00/hr
Highsmith, Diane*	Administrator	\$35.00/hr
Brown, April*	Administrator	\$35.00/hr
Forney, Davina	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Graham, Tiffany	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Wagner, Julie	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Paquette, Richard	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Taormina, Sabrina	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Barber, Tamiko	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Stewart, LaTasha	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Anderson, Brenda	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Mangini, Lisa	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Ramos, Evelyn	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Mahoney, Deborah	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Mahoney, Kaitlyn	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Carroll, Sabrina	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
McDougal, La'Keidra	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Bieksza, Sandra	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Weatherly, Maria	Teacher	\$25.00/hr
Montes, Carmen	Assistant	\$12.00/hr
Rawls, Evelyn	Assistant	\$12.00/hr
Young, Sharon	Assistant	\$12.00/hr
Murray, Latosha	Assistant	\$12.00/hr
Jones, Tiffany	Assistant	\$12.00/hr
Sheldon, Deborah	Assistant	\$12.00/hr
Barrett, Aretha	Assistant	\$12.00/hr
Innis, Tina	Assistant	\$12.00/hr
Sparks, Nadine	Security	\$17.85/hr.
White, Richardo**	Security	\$17.85/hr
Williams, Zernest	Security	\$17.85/hr
Payne, Myka	Security	\$17.85/hr

\* Alternating Saturdays  
 \*\* Substitute – As needed

***PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THRU #A-2 WERE APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER***

**EDUCATION AGENDA**

**Approval to Contract with Infinite Care, Inc.**

B-1 RESOLVED that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to contract with Infinite Care, Inc., a staffing service that provides nurses, to provide nurses to work in a 1:1 capacity for students with extraordinary physical disabilities and medical conditions. Cost: \$50.00/hr.

**Payable from:** 2013-2014 General Fund Budget/Special Education  
**Executive Sponsor:** Andria Saia

**Approval of Payment for Administrators to attend PDE Annual Conference**

B-2 RESOLVED that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment for two administrators to attend the Pennsylvania Department of Education Annual Conference in Hersey, PA, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Costs include hotel (\$195.00 per room/night), conference registration (\$75.00/person) and mileage reimbursable at district approval rate.

**Payable from:** 2013-2014 General Fund Budget/Special Education  
**Executive Sponsor:** Andria Saia

**Approval of FERPA Hearing**

B-3 FERPA Hearing – Requested by Parent

***PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #B-1 THRU #B-3 WERE APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER***

***NOTE: ANDRIA SAIA, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT POINTED OUT THAT ITEM #B-3 DID NOT OCCUR DURING THIS MEETING AND THAT IT SHOULD BE STRICKEN FROM THE AGENDA. JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER DID SO STRIKE THIS ITEM.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Delores Shelton then asked to be heard and Mr. Watkins reopened the meeting for more Public Comment.

**Delores Shelton** - voiced her concern about the heating problems at the High School

**Joseph Watkins** - responded.

**Someone (did not identify himself)** - voiced his concern about the Saturday school when kids can't go to school Monday thru Friday due to the weather and broken heating and we are paying extra for Saturday School.

**Joseph Watkins** - responded

**Dennis Martinelli** - commended the teachers and administration on the excellent job being done during this time of snow and cold days.

*Mr. Shannon publicly thanked Mr. John Shelton, President of the Teacher's Union and Mr. Walker, teacher, and Executive Board on being able to work together during this difficult time of snow and cold days.*

**RE-ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business *Receiver, Joseph P. Watkins* again adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

**CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**FINANCIAL RECOVERY RECEIVER**

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**Joseph P. Watkins**

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**Date**