

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

**July 23, 2015  
6:14P.M.**

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A Public 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:                   Dr. Francis Barnes, Receiver  
  Mr. Gregory Shannon, Superintendent  
  Dr. Tamara Thomas Smith, Deputy Superintendent  
  Ms. Karen DeShullo, Chief Business Administrator  
  Ms. Claudia Averette, Chief of Staff

Solicitor:                                   Leo A. Hackett, Esquire

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

**NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING**

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

*Receiver Barnes started off the meeting stating that there was a reception for the new principal at STEM, Jonas Crenshaw, and that he will be posting his 90 day plan on the website so that the community at large can see what he has on his mind for that building. He said that he is excited by what Mr. Crenshaw is bringing to the STEM program. He urged all to visit STEM and grow in their commitment to make that a model for a magnate high school to which people will come from all over and learn and admire, respect and aspire.*

### **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Gregory Shannon stated that, as Dr. Barnes said, he and the administration are very excited about the upcoming opportunities at our STEM school. He said that we have hired what he believes is a dynamic new leader who brings lots of energy and a lot of skill to the science, technology, engineering and math model and is very, very excited by the future and direction of our STEM program. In addition to that, he shared that we have a full complement of summer programs, focusing on reading, writing, speaking and listening, with a fantastic offering for elementary children at CUSA elementary school and our middle years and high school years program at the Showalter School as well as a full complement of ESY programs at Showalter. He stated that we are working diligently to make sure we open our schools in September in an efficient manner, so the school opening meetings have begun and there will be several weekly meetings going forward. Mr. Shannon shared that everyone is excited about the new 2015-2016 school year.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF JUNE 29, 2015**

Interim Receiver Barnes approved.

*Dr. Barnes deviated from the agenda here stating that usually we would go to public comment, but that he wanted to walk through the agenda to make some corrections so that no one would be misguided by anything on it that needs to be corrected. (See agenda below for changes.)*

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Anthony Johnson – B-1** for appointments – he asked that when we look at our structural deficit and notice that we are hiring teachers at a high salary. He stated that when we are in a structural deficit shouldn't we be hiring teachers at a lower rate to get out of this. He said that he knows it is hard, because it is structural, but to move forward with the budget going into 2016-17 teachers at the first step would be paid \$34,000-\$35,000 instead of \$64,000 (*someone interjected \$41,000(too low to hear)*) and Mr. Johnson acknowledged but said that we would still be saving after adding up all salaries on here, approximately \$100,000 or more. "This is the way we have to do it when we look at a whole budget; we look at it with champagne taste with a Pepsi-cola budget." He stated that last year, since we recruited, we hired all brand new teachers which put us almost \$200,000 in debt because we hired top-of-the-line; some of them were \$78,000 and he said that when you are in this situation, you can't do this. He pointed out that then we get mad at the charters for hiring young, right-out-of-college teachers at \$30,000 and they save money on that end and we hire the top and most of them don't last; they are just waiting in-between jobs so we have to look at that better. He asked if we could table Mr. Smallwood's termination until we get more clarity on where he's at and if he could get laid off.

He cited **C-16** and asked that since we are hooking up with the IU on the food service and we don't have to get the parents' signatures for the reduced and free lunch, why is this not being paid out of the e-rate money?

He said that Josh (Culbertson) brought up last time that the e-rate money has been more than it has been in years so why is that coming out of the general fund?

**Joshua Culbertson** – answered that this is not eligible for e-rate support.

**Mr. Johnson** – said this is an outside contract and so there is nothing in that contract that we don't pay since they (IU) are over food and it has to come out of the general fund?

**Claudia Averette** – answered yes, yes that is what he is saying.

**Mr. Johnson** – said OK, so you didn't tighten up, we have to tighten up our contracts, too. He stated that people are making money, but we are still fixing their equipment. He then said he wanted to read something. "This came out 1/27/2005. It was a quote from you, Dr. Barnes". "I am going to use every means that I can to bring about quality education for students in the Chester Upland School District and I am going to continue to explore options until I get the results and provide evidence of a quality education in Chester Upland." Mr. Johnson said that at that time Dr. Barnes was coming at the control board because at that time he was the Secretary of Education and now he is down here on an interim basis as the Receiver and we need this thing guided through these last couple of months and we need your eyes. "I know you are here for the children and a lot of the stuff we spoke about hopefully, you keep your eye on that, and that it is not about the adults and that it stays focused on the children, because, the Board Members, we are tired about this thing constantly being about the adults."

He said he brought up Mr. Smallwood because he is looking at something legal, not for keeping a job or anything like that. Other than that, hopefully you (Dr. Barnes) go by what you said and that was quoted in the Daily Times. You stay with that and guide us through these next couple months, because I know the Board is ready to come back in power, but we have seen enough over these past years, it will be 20 years, the state with different control boards coming in here and doing, basically, the same thing. Eighteen Superintendents coming in here with their own agendas; most of our teachers have been here that whole time because of the situation in 2010 with the layoffs per seniority, so they saw everything. So to get them to buy in, it has to be real. They are well informed, so we can't play with them. We have to get them on-board and tell them what this is really about. If we can get most of them to get on-board and see that it is about the children. This is the last year; as Mr. Warren says, we can keep riding this thing or let it go over the cliff, because our children are not getting what they need, and the adults are getting paid good.

**Dr. Francis Barnes** – said that Mr. Johnson mentioned a child-centered environment and that quote – and asked from what year was that quote?

**Mr. Johnson** – answered 2005, January 22, 2005

**Dr. Barnes** – said 10 years ago. He said he thought when Mr. Johnson was reading it that it sounded like something he would have said yesterday, because his mind and heart have always been about putting students first, which sometimes means adults suffer. He stated that as relates to the position he (Mr. Johnson) was talking about, was he asking about the legal position. Dr. Barnes turned to Mr. Hackett, solicitor, and asked if he believed we have a legal concern on that.

**Leo Hackett** – answered the Receiver by stating, "On my interaction with the administration in preparing the budget, it was apparent that, given the deficit of the school district, there were going to have to be cuts across the board and lay-offs and eliminations and, as you can see from the agenda, there are

eliminations and lay-offs across the board in all kinds of positions in the district and obviously the safety department had to be included in that, so with the remaining positions that were available in the department it was essential that they be filled with people who were available and able to perform the duties in the safety department for the safety of the children, and so that was the reason that there had to be a position selected from that department and that Mr. Smallwood had to be selected, no matter what kind of leave you're on from your employer, there is no guarantee that the position goes on infinite unless you have some contract that says so, so in this case there is no guarantee that there will be a position for you."

*Dr. Barnes thanked Mr. Hackett and asked if there were any other comments from the public. There were none. He moved on to approving the agenda.*

**EDUCATION AGENDA**

**A-1 Approval to enter in contractual agreement with Woods Services, Inc. for Student #078084**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into a contractual agreement with Woods Services, Inc. to provide special education services for the School Year beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The cost for Woods Services, Inc. is \$447 per program day, as set forth in the contract, and \$28.00 per hour for one-on-one aide services.

Student # 078084

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget

**Cost:** Not to exceed \$165,000 (State will reimburse 60%)

**Executive Sponsor:** Andria Saia

**A-2 Approval for Science, Math, ELA and Leadership Teachers to attend Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Learning Institute**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment for Science, Math, ELA, and Leadership Teachers to participate in full day learning institutes with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to develop curriculum supports to assist with effective instruction. The rate per teacher, per day is \$300.00.

**Payable From:** SIG and RTTT

**Cost:** \$300/day, per teacher

**Executive Sponsor:** Tamara Thomas Smith

**A-3 Approval for payment to teachers serving as induction mentors for 2014-2015**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment of \$250.00 for each teacher that served as an induction mentor during 2014-15.

**Payable From:** Title II

**Cost:** \$250 per mentor

**Executive Sponsor:** Tamara Thomas Smith

**A-4 Approval for Barbara Moore Williams & Assoc./Dr. Barbara Moore Williams to provide professional services**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for Barbara Moore Williams & Associates/ Dr. Barbara Moore Williams to provide professional services to the Chester Upland School District. The professional services will focus on Teacher Induction sessions, Instructional Coach Training sessions, and a Differentiated Instruction learning institute. BMW & Associates/Dr. Barbara Moore Williams will provide professional services, including collaboration with the Director of Curriculum and Instruction to ensure instructional alignment with the district's Recovery Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Action Plan.

FUTHER RESOLVED that BMW & Associates/Dr. Barbara Moore Williams will provide 20 days of professional development, valued at \$25,000, to new and fairly new teachers in each of the district's six schools (Main Street, CUSA, Toby Farms, STEM, Chester High School, and Stetser), 10 of the district's instructional leaders, and cohort of 25 teachers interested in deepening their differentiated instruction knowledge and practices.

**Payable From:** Title II  
**Cost:** \$25,000  
**Executive Sponsor:** Malika Savoy-Brooks

**A-5 Approval of 2015-2016 Academic year calendar**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for the calendar for the 2015-2016 academic year, with September 2, 2015 being the first day of school for students.

**Executive Sponsor:** Gregory Shannon

**A-6 Approval to enter in contractual agreement with the Concept School for Student #077508**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors enter into a contractual agreement with The Concept School to provide special education services for the 2015-2016 School Year. The cost for The Concept School is set forth in the contract: \$21,750.00 for student # 077508 for the 2015-2016 Academic Year.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget  
**Cost:** \$21,750 plus \$675 book fee  
**Executive Sponsor:** Andria Saia

***EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THROUGH A-6 WERE APPROVED BY DR. FRANCIS BARNES,  
INTERIM RECEIVER***

**PERSONNEL AGENDA**

**B-1 Approval of appointments, leaves of absence, recall from furlough, reassignments, return from leave of absence, non-renewal of contract of temporary professional employees, furloughs, suspension/furlough, elimination from the 2015-2016 Chester Upland School District budget, retirements, resignations, terminations, and Summer ESY Program participants**

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

<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>
Boylan, Kayla	English Teacher STEM	\$64,168 M/5 10 months	8/27/2015	Replacement 2015-2016 G.F.B.
Burdett, Hester	Elementary Teacher CUSA	\$55,778 M/1 10 months	8/27/2015	Replacement 2015-2016 G.F.B.
Cohen, Jan M.	Spanish Teacher Toby Farms	\$57,876 M/2 10 months	8/27/2015	Replacement 2015-2016 G.F.B.
Dawson, Teresa	Math Teacher Toby Farms	\$65,301 M+30/10 10 months	8/27/2015	Replacement 2015-2016 G.F.B.
Scott, Tracy	Elementary Teacher CUSA	\$69,496 M/15 10 months	8/27/2015	Replacement 2015-2016 G.F.B.
Sunday, Emily	Elementary Teacher STEM - Change to <i>MAIN STREET</i>	\$41,607 B/1 10 months	8/27/2015	Replacement 2015-2016 G.F.B.

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Marucci, Marianne	Elementary Teacher Main Street	8/27/2015

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Goodwin, Maureen	Elementary Teacher TBD	7/31/2015
Perry, Sabrina	Special Education TBD	7/31/2015

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Murray, Latosha	Secretary Maintenance	7/10/2015

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **non-renewal of contract of temporary professional employees** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Avery, Janae	Vocational Education- Dental Asst. Chester High School	7/31/2015
Williams, Ta'Neeka	Special Education Teacher Chester High School	7/31/2015
Carrion, Ana	ELL Teacher Chester High School	7/31/2015

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Smallwood, Ronald	School Safety Officer	7/31/2015
Peppel, Raymond	Print Shop Operator Chester High School	8/03/2015

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following suspension/furloughs be approved due to a curtailment or alteration of the educational program as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<del>Stephenson, Larry</del>	<del>Guidance Counselor Chester High School</del>	<del>7/31/2015</del>

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following positions be approved for elimination from the 2015-2016 Chester Upland School District Budget:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Vacant	Chief Financial Officer CUSD	7/31/2015
<del>Vacant</del>	<del>Guidance Counselor Chester High School</del>	<del>7/31/2015</del>
Vacant	School Safety Officer CUSA	7/31/2015
Vacant	School Safety Officer Chester High School	7/31/2015
Vacant	School Safety Officer Chester High School	7/31/2015
Vacant	School Safety Officer Chester High School	7/31/2015
Vacant	School Safety Officer	7/31/2015
Vacant	Librarian Chester High School	7/31/2015
Vacant	Print Shop Operator Chester High School	7/31/2015
Vacant	Maintenance Facilities	7/31/2015
Vacant	Custodian Facilities	7/31/2015
Vacant	Per Diem Custodian Facilities	7/31/2015

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Vacant	Teacher Assistant Stetser	7/31/2015
Vacant	Human Resource Secretary Administration Building	7/31/2015
Vacant	Vocation Education – Health Tech STEM High School	7/31/2015

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Hammond, Darla	District Employee	8/30/2015

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Kramer, Matthew	Teacher Toby Farms	8/1/2015
Rauchut, Katie	English Teacher Chester High School	7/23/2015

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Bowers, Tranae	PCA Stetser	7/23/2015

**Summer Employment – ESY Program**

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval for the **additional individuals to participate in the ESY Summer Program** held June 29, 2015 to July 31, 2015 as listed below:

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lucille	Wesley	PCA	80./day	7/6/2015
Lamar	Boneparte	PCA	80./day	7/7/2015
Kyonna	Green	PCA	80./day	7/15/2015

**Executive Sponsor:** Alvina Jenkins

**B-2 Approval of Tuition Reimbursement**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of Directors, grant approval for **employee listed below to receive tuition reimbursement** for the 2014-2015 school year, in the amount of \$9,459.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Credits Submitted</u>	<u>Number of Credits Approved</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
Calvecchio, Thomas	3	3	\$2,307	\$2,307
Johnson-Pressley, Ruth V.	3	3	\$2,307	\$2,307

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget  
**Cost:** \$4,614  
**Executive Sponsor:** Alvina Jenkins

**B-3 Approval for continued contractual services with Source4Teachers**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval for continued contacted services from Source4Teachers for substitute services for the 2016-2016 school year.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget

**Cost:** \$250,000

**Executive Sponsor:** Alvina Jenkins

***PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #B-1 THROUGH B-3 WERE APPROVED BY DR. FRANCIS BARNES, INTERIM RECEIVER WITH CHANGES TO B-1, APPOINTMENTS, “EMILY SUNDAY, ELEMENTARY TEACHER” SCHOOL SHOULD BE “MAIN STREET”;***  
***“SUSPENSION/FURLOUGH, “LARRY STEPHENSON” AND ELIMINATION FROM THE 2015-2016 CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET, “GUIDANCE COUNSELOR CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL.” THESE TWO ITEMS ARE TO BE DELETED FROM THE AGENDA.***

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**C-1 Reports of the tax collectors: \$112,490.83**

RESOLVED, that the reports of the City of Chester, Borough of Upland, and Chester Township for the period February 1 through June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$112,490.83 be received, be noted upon the Minutes and filed.

**Executive Sponsor:** Karen DeShullo

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

RESOLVED, that the attached Treasurer's Report/Budget Report for the fiscal month ended June 30, 2015 be APPROVED by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

**Executive Sponsor:** Karen DeShullo

**C-3 General Fund Budget: \$20,000.00. Approval of budget transfers**

RESOLVED, that the budget transfers for the period ended June 30, 2015 of the various accounts totaling for all accounts the grand sum of \$20,000.00 be approved by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

**Payable from:** General Fund

**Executive Sponsor:** Karen DeShullo

**General Fund Budget: \$3,087,522.30. Approval of payrolls**

RESOLVED, that the payrolls dated in June, 2015 of the various accounts totaling for all accounts the grand sum of \$3,087,522.30, be approved by the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors.

**General Fund Budget: \$2,838,678.94. 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 \$2,838,678.94, of which General Fund payments total \$2,107,660.99, and Food Services Fund payments total \$441,982.95 and Capital Projects Fund total \$289,035.00, 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 July 23, 2015 Minutes.

**Payable from:** General Fund Budget

**Executive Sponsor:** Karen DeShullo

**C-4 Approval of award for Custodial Paper Supplies**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, in response to solicitation of bids for Custodial “Paper” Supplies for the various schools as per the Delaware County Schools Joint Purchasing Board for the 2015-2016 school year award the contracts to the following vendors in the amounts indicated.

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Paragon	Bathroom Supplies	\$9,975.00
T. Frank McCall’s	Bathroom Supplies	\$25,818.00
Penn Jersey Paper	Bathroom Supplies	\$16,422.00

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget  
**Cost:** \$52,215.00  
**Executive Sponsor:** Kenneth Caulk

**C-5 Approval of award for Custodial Supplies**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, in response to solicitation of bids for Custodial Supplies for the various schools as per the Delaware County Schools Joint Purchasing Board for the 2015-2016 school year be awarded to the following vendors in the amounts indicated.

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Calico Industries	Custodial Supplies	\$5,194.24
T. Frank McCall’s	Custodial Supplies	\$2,800.15
Office Basics	Custodial Supplies	\$2,440.00
INDCO, Inc	Custodial Supplies	\$5,584.00
Paragon Supply	Custodial Supplies	\$15, 282.32
Phillip Rosenau	Custodial Supplies	\$6,704.00
Pyramid School Products	Custodial Supplies	\$7,419.97
Hillyard Delaware Valley	Custodial Supplies	\$1,551.60

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget  
**Cost:** \$44,176.13  
**Executive Sponsor:** Kenneth Caulk

**C-6 Approval of award for Custodial Waste Receptacle Supplies**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, in response to solicitation of bids for Custodial “Waste Receptacle” Supplies for the various schools as per the Delaware County Schools Joint Purchasing Board for the 2015-2016 school year be awarded to the following vendors in the amounts indicated.

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Calico Industries	Trash Bags	\$34,248.00

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget  
**Cost:** \$34,248.00  
**Executive Sponsor:** Kenneth Caulk

**C-7 Approval of award for Pest Control Services**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, in response to solicitation of bids for Pest Control Services for the District for the 2015-2016 school year be awarded to the following vendors in the amounts indicated.

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Enterprise Exterminating	Pest Control Services	\$8,400.00

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget  
**Cost:** \$8,400.00  
**Executive Sponsor:** Kenneth Caulk

**C-8 Approval to enter into contractual agreement with John Lombardi**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into a contractual agreement with John Lombardi to provide consulting services to support the transition of transportation to the Durham Transportation Service contract in its provision of bus service to students. Consultant will work sixty (60) school calendar days at the rate of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) per day, sum amount not to exceed Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00). Term of agreement shall be from July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget  
**Cost:** \$36,000  
**Executive Sponsor:** Claudia Averette

**C-9 Approval for solicitations of quotations for emergency condition at Chester High School for air conditioning equipment**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approve solicitations of quotations because of an emergency condition existing at the Chester High School pursuant to Section 751 of the Public School Code of 1949 as amended, allowing for the said solicitation of quotations for the purpose of purchasing or leasing emergency air conditioning equipment for the Network Operations Center which is the affected area.

**Executive Sponsor:** Gregory Shannon

**C-10 Approval to enter into a business arrangement with Illuminate Education, Inc**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into a business arrangement with the Illuminate Education, Inc. for the provision of Benchmark exams and access to software for student achievement analysis for the Chester Upland School District for the 2015-2016 academic year and two years afterward (with the option to end the contract each additional year at no financial penalty).

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget

**Cost:** \$24,055 first year (\$16,555 each additional year)

**Executive Sponsor:** Joshua Culbertson

**C-11 Approval to pay for Joshua Culbertson and Jacqueline Browne to attend the A/CAPA Fall Child Accounting Conference**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment for Joshua Culbertson and Jacqueline Browne to attend the A/CAPA Fall Child Accounting Conference (PIMS, data collection processes, CAD & legal updates) at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA on November 4-6, 2015. This is without loss of pay and expenses including registration, travel, meals and transportation not to exceed \$1,850.00.

**Payable From:** Title II

**Cost:** Not to exceed \$1,850

**Executive Sponsor:** Joshua Culbertson

**C-12 Approval to renew the current contract with Blackboard Engage**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, renew the current contract with Blackboard Engage for the purposes of website hosting (transitioning from their SchoolFusion application to a SchoolWires solution) for the 2015-2016 academic year.

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget

**Cost:** \$11,168.92

**Executive Sponsor:** Joshua Culbertson

**C-13 Approval to enter into a contractual agreement with Digital Services Fellows Initiative of AmeriCorps**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into an agreement with the Digital Services Fellows initiative of AmeriCorps to join in funding an initiative for four (4) college-aged interns for the Information Technology Division, to be chosen from graduates of the Chester Upland School District, or former students of the District who have attained or are working towards their GED. These interns shall receive stipends and training through the Digital Service Fellows (DSF) initiative, facilitating their ongoing education and job training towards careers in the technology industry, while providing the Chester Upland School District with support for technology initiatives which benefit students, teachers, parents, and other community members. Funds provided by CUSD will be more than matched by PennServe, and private agencies providing funding to the initiative. Added - ***SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE SOLICITOR FOR THE DISTRICT***

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget  
**Cost:** \$40,000 (\$10,000 per apprentice)  
**Executive Sponsor:** Joshua Culbertson

**C-14 Authorization of the Homestead and Farmstead Acts for the school year beginning July 1, 2015**

RESOLVED, by the Receiver of Chester Upland School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2015, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2015:
  - a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$2,753,110.03.
  - b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will not pay the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324(3), for reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, since resident taxpayers do not pay a local earned income tax..
  - c. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$2,753,110.03.
2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 4,216.

b. **Farmstead property number.** There are no approved farmsteads within the School District.

c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 4,216.

3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The receiver has decided that the homestead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(c) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$2,753,110.03 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads of 4,216 (before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead is \$653.00.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the Receiver, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$66,686.90 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 682 homesteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each of the 3,534 remaining homesteads of \$18.87. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$653.00, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead is \$671.87.

4. **Homestead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion reduction equal to:

For The City of Chester:

The lesser of:

- The City of Chester Assessed Value multiplied by the 2015-16 millage rate of .0577993
- or \$671.87

For Chester Township or Upland Borough:

The lesser of:

- The County of Delaware Assessed Value multiplied by the 2015-16 millage rate of .0246928
- or \$671.87

For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” shall mean homesteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g) (3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 4 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

**Executive Sponsor:** Karen DeShullo

**C-15 Approval of Wells Fargo Bank Authorization Certificate**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves the Wells Fargo Bank Authorization Certificate, naming the following authorized representatives:

Francis Barnes, PhD	Receiver
Karen DeShullo	Chief Business Administrator
Carl Schrass	Assistant Business Manager
Anthony Johnson	School Board President

**Executive Sponsor:** Karen DeShullo

**C-16 Approval for CC Productions, Inc. to replace the Pioneer PIN Pads for food service program**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors grant approval for CC Productions, Inc., 300 Observer Highway, Hoboken, NJ 07030, to replace the Pioneer PIN Pads currently used in the district food service program. The Pioneer Pad will be obsolete, and replacing them with the new All-in-One Flat Screen POS Tablets will make a smooth and accurate accountability for the district breakfast and lunch program. Total amount for installation of new hardware, transferring of student data and training will not exceed twenty-four thousand one hundred thirty dollars (\$24,130.00). Added - ***THIS IS A SINGLE SOURCE ITEM ESSENTIAL TO THE EXISTING PROGRAM.***

**Payable From:** General Fund Budget

**Cost:** \$24,130

**Executive Sponsor:** Claudia Averette

