

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

**PUBLIC ACTION MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2012  
6:10 P.M.**

A Public Action Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Chester Upland School District was held this evening at the Administration Building of the Chester Upland School District, located at 1720 Melrose Avenue, Chester, Pennsylvania, with the following members of the Board of School Directors in attendance:

Ms. Wanda Mann, President  
Ms. Lakisha Blackwell, Secretary  
Ms. Virginia Pilkington, Treasurer  
Ms. Donna Davis, Member  
Mr. Cephus Richardson, Member  
Mr. Anthony Johnson, Member  
Ms. Bettie McClairen, Member  
Mr. Charlie L. Warren II, Member

Executive Staff Present:

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

Special Counsel:

George B. Dawson, Esquire

Absent:

Solicitor Leo A. Hackett, Esquire

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

**NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING**

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(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. Present were Ms. Wanda Mann, Ms. LaKisha Blackwell, Ms. Donna Davis, Ms. Virginia Pilkington, Mr. Cephus Richardson, Mr. Anthony Johnson, Ms. Bettie McClairen, and Mr. Charlie L. Warren II. Mr. Baltazar Rubio, Esq., was Absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Wanda Mann, President, called for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Monthly Meeting held July 19, 2012.

*Motion to approve by Charlie L. Warren II, Seconded by Cephus Richardson.*

*VOTE-Wanda Mann, Donna Davis, LaKisha Blackwell, Virginia Pilkington, Cephus Richardson, Anthony Johnson, Bettie McClairen and Charlie L. Warren II-Aye. Nays-None.*

**BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF EIGHT(8) “IN FAVOR”, THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUSLY MONTHLY MEETING HELD JULY 19, 2012 WERE APPROVED.**

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

George Dawson, Esq., Special Counsel, announced topics discussed in the Executive Session prior to the Action Meeting:

- \* Confidential Personnel Matters
- \* Confidential Student Matters

**President Wanda Mann recognized and thanked Board Secretary LaKisha Blackwell** for her dedication in seeing that the PPL Park/Kaboom playground and mini soccer fields at the Showalter School field were successfully completed for the children in the City to enjoy.

*Audience applause*

LaKisha Blackwell publically thanked everyone that assisted her with the playground construction, while especially thanking Local 413 for all of their assistance.

*Audience applause*

**REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Certificate of Appreciation presented to Board Member Charlie L. Warren II** - for his role in recommending that the District get involved in the construction of the playground and mini soccer fields with PPL Park/Kaboom.

*Audience Applause*

**Volunteer Award presented to Board Secretary LaKisha Blackwell** - in recognition of her work and dedication on the Kaboom project-August 2012.

*Audience Applause*

**All-Star Basketball weekend - Sept 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at Chester High School** - to raise funds to assist the students of the District.

**Parent Involvement Event – Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Science & Discovery High School from 6pm – 8pm.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Dennis Martinelli** – Expressed concern regarding the football coaches salaries.

**Sheena Hudnell** – Regarding the configuration chart, questioned if Pre-K and Kindergarten would be half-day or full-day this school year?

**Dr. Persing** responded.

**John Shelton, Jr.** – Regard Item #C-3, questioned the List of Payments amount?

**Brian Feick** responded.

**Livia Smith** – Questioned the payments to Joel Avery and to The Law Offices of Leo Hackett?

**President Mann** responded.

**Dr. Persing** responded.

**EDUCATION AGENDA**

**A-1 IDEA and ACCESS Funds: Approval of a contractual agreement with Eloise Robinson-Redd, Springfield Psychological Associates.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors authorize a contractual agreement with Eloise Robinson-Redd, Springfield Psychological Associates, to provide initial and re-evaluations for the period beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. Each evaluation will cost \$500.00 - \$900.00 per evaluation.

**Payable from:** IDEA and ACCESS Funds  
**Executive Sponsor:** Mary Payne

**A-2 Approval of the modified 2012-2013 Chester Upland School District Calendar.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval of the attached modified calendar for the 2012-2013 listing the following changes:

- 1) August 31, 2012 changed from “No School for Teachers/Administrative Offices Open” to “Schools Closed/Administrative Offices Open”
- 2) Addition of “End of First Marking Period” , November 9, 2012
- 3) Addition of PSSA Exams Dates March 11-March 15, 2013 and April 8, 2012-April 26,2013

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

**A-3 Approval of revised 2012-2013 School Configuration Chart.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval of the revised 2012-2013 School Configuration Chart.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

**A-1 – A-3**

***Wanda Mann called for a Motion. Motion to approve by Virginia Pilkington, Seconded by LaKisha Blackwell.***

***VOTE-Wanda Mann, Donna Davis, LaKisha Blackwell, Virginia Pilkington, Cephus Richardson, Anthony Johnson, Bettie McClairen and Charlie L. Warren II-Aye. Nays-None.***

**BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF EIGHT(8) “IN FAVOR”, THE EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THRU #A-3 WERE APPROVED.**

**PERSONNEL AGENDA**

**B-1 General/Categorical Funds. Approval of appointments, resignations, reassignments, retirements, leaves of absence, return from leave of absence, termination, recall from furlough, rescind of recall from furlough, and fall (high school) coaching appointments.**

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>
Friedman, Jaime	School Psychologist	\$68,589.40 DR/3 10 months + 18 days	08/29/12	Replacement 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Morgan, Carita	Program Director Administration Building	\$60,000.00 12 months	08/20/12	New Position 21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant
Raiders, Susan	Special Education Supervisor Administration Building	\$90,000.00 12 months	10/22/12	Replacement 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Thompson IV, Elijah	Director of Security	\$50,000.00 12 months	08/29/12	Replacement 2012-2013 G.F.B.
Towson, Will	Associate Principal Chester High School	\$92,000.00 12 months	08/13/12	New Position 2012-2013 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>
Walker, Michael	Bus Driver Transportation Department	\$17.72/hour 10 months	08/29/12	Replacement 2012-2013 G.F.B.

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>
Jones-Rodgers, Karen	Principal Main Street School	08/24/12
Putz, Melissa	Teacher, Dance Chester Upland School of the Arts	08/15/12
Thomas, Holly	Teacher, Special Education Chester High School	08/31/12
Watts, Akosua	Principal Chester Upland School of the Arts	08/03/12

(b) Non Professional

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
DeShields, Thomas	Network Technician Technology Department	06/30/12
Graham, Sandra	Bus Aide Transportation Department	07/18/12

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

(a) Non Professional

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>From:</u></b>	<b><u>To:</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Boneparte, Pauline	Special Education Assistant Administration Building	Special Education Assistant – ACCESS Administration Building	08/29/12

Holmes, Michael	Bus Aide Transportation Department \$10.72/hour 10 months	Bus Driver Transportation Department \$17.72/hour 10 months	08/29/12
Scouten, Shannon	Bus Aide Transportation Department \$10.72/hour 10 months	Bus Driver Transportation Department \$17.72/hour 10 months	08/29/12
Swinson, Gwendolyn	Bus Aide Transportation Department \$10.72/hour 10 months	Bus Driver Transportation Department \$17.72/hour 10 months	08/29/12

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **retirements** 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>
Burton, Janieth	Psychologist Chester High School	08/05/12
Harper, Willia	Teacher, Kindergarten Toby Farms School	07/30/12

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>
Williams, Sally	School Nurse Allied Health & Science and Discovery High School	08/30/12 – 09/28/12 (FMLA)

(b) Non Professional

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Position/Location</b></u>	<u><b>Effective Date</b></u>
Word, Carmen	Principal Secretary Stetser School	08/10/12 – 9/28/12 (FMLA)

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

(a) Non Professional

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Position/Location</b></u>	<u><b>Effective Date</b></u>
Mammi, Melinda	Principal Secretary The Village at Chester Upland	08/13/12

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

(a) Non Professional

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Position/Location</b></u>	<u><b>Effective Date</b></u>
Miller, Nathaniel	Head Custodian The Village at Chester Upland	06/30/12

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

(a) Professional

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Position/Location</b></u>	<u><b>Effective Date</b></u>
Miles, Gwendolyn	Behavioral Health Liaison Columbus School	08/29/12

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

(b) Professional

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Position/Location</b></u>	<u><b>Effective Date</b></u>
Carpenter, (Semler), Kathleen	Counselor STEM/Magnet High School	08/10/12



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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Legette, Jeffery	Athletic Director	\$9,000.00
<b>FOOTBALL</b> Crews, Charles	Head Football Coach	\$7,000.00
<b>COACHES</b> Bell, LaDontay	Assistant Football Coach	\$5,250.00
<b>TABLED</b> Layton, Albert	Assistant Football Coach	\$5,250.00
Lowrie, Jamel	Assistant Football Coach	\$5,250.00
Montgomery, Bryheme	Assistant Football Coach	\$5,250.00
Payne, Albert	Assistant Football Coach	\$5,250.00
Terry, LaFennis	Assistant Football Coach	\$5,250.00
Wells, Wayne	Assistant Football Coach	\$5,250.00
Maxwell, Howard	Assistant Football Coach	\$5,250.00
Subers, Paul	Assistant Football Coach	\$5,250.00
Hogue, Thomasina	Head Volleyball Coach	\$1,500.00
Sheilds, Carly	Assistant Volleyball Coach	\$1,125.00
Nnamani, Salena	Head Girls' Cross Country Coach	\$3,000.00
Wharton, James	Head Boys' Cross Country Coach	\$3,000.00
Providence, Joseph	Head Girls' Tennis Coach	\$2,100.00
Miah, Karen	Head Cheerleading Coach	\$3,200.00
Hamm, Janifer	Assistant Cheerleading Coach	\$2,400.00
Vacancy	Head Soccer Coach	\$1,500.00
Vacancy	Head Golf Coach	\$1,500.00

**Executive Sponsor:** Michelle R. Chapman

**B-2 Operating Budget – Approval of supplemental salary.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval for the individuals listed below to receive supplemental salaries for serving in the following capacities during the 2011-2012 school year:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Activity:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Orr, Christopher	Technology	\$750.00
Smith, Livia	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Sponsor	\$750.00

**Payable from:** General Fund Budget  
**Executive Sponsor:** Michelle R. Chapman

**B-3 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center After-School Program Professional Development.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval for the following individual to participate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center After-School Program paid Professional Development sessions on dates listed below at the rate of \$25 per hour:

<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Dates:</u></b>
Jackson, Dorothea	07/10/12, 07/17/12 & 07/24/12

**Executive Sponsor:** Michelle R. Chapman

**B-4 Summer Employment – Additional Staff for Extended School Year (ESY) Program.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval for the following additional individuals to participate in the Summer School Extended School Year (ESY) Program commencing July 2, 2012 through August 7, 2012:

<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Position:</u></b>	<b><u>Salary:</u></b>
Pizarro, Leslie	Personal Care Aide	\$10/hour (Effective 7/9-12-8/7/12)
Stanford, Tanya	Teacher Aide	\$10/hour
Thornton, Colleen	Substitute Teacher	\$25/hour (As needed)

Assignments are based upon student enrollment.

**Executive Sponsor:** Michelle R. Chapman

**B-5 2011-2012 General Budget: \$170,627.58 – Approval of tuition reimbursement for the 2011-2012 school year.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval for employees listed below to receive tuition reimbursement for the 2011-2012 school year, in the amount of \$170,627.58.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Credits Submitted</u></b>	<b><u>Requested Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Approved Amount</u></b>
Bivens, Lynn	03	\$ 2,480.00	\$1,995.00
Brown, Anita	12	\$ 5,184.00	\$5,184.00
Caulk, Kanetha	08	\$13,320.00	\$4,808.00
Caulk-Cooper, Shantae	03	\$ 1,475.00	\$1,475.00
Dautel, Jean	06	\$ 2,478.00	\$2,478.00
Davis, Julia	12	\$ 2,904.00	\$2,904.00
DeMagnus, Deserie	12	\$ 9,924.00	\$7,980.00
Dennis, Angela	06	\$ 3,953.00	\$3,953.00

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Donofry, Stephanie	12	\$ 4,740.00	\$4,740.00
Downs, Robert	21	\$ 5,580.00	\$3,189.00
DuBois, John	06	\$ 3,280.00	\$3,280.00
Fazio, Robert	09	\$ 4,041.20	\$4,041.20
Fears, Dionne	03	\$ 1,185.00	\$1,185.00
Ferrell, Grace	06	\$ 3,750.00	\$3,750.00
Gardler, Claudine	12	\$ 5,184.00	\$5,184.00
Grant, Falen	12	\$ 3,696.00	\$2,772.00
Greenberg, Stuart	12	\$ 4,644.00	\$4,644.00
Harris, Kristen	10	\$ 4,100.00	\$4,100.00
Hefton, Kyle	12	\$ 5,184.00	\$5,184.00
Houston, Mary	12	\$ 5,284.00	\$5,284.00
Johnson, Suzanne	12	\$ 5,184.00	\$5,184.00
Jordan, Heather	12	\$ 4,920.00	\$4,920.00
Jordan, Leslye	12	\$ 6,492.00	\$6,492.00
Kramer, Matthew	15	\$15,300.00	\$7,980.00
Mammi, Melinda	12	\$ 5,220.00	\$5,220.00
McCallum, Christine	09	\$ 4,544.00	\$4,544.00
McCreary, Glen	02	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00
Oates, Javon	17	\$ 9,374.00	\$6,616.94
Riley, Marie	12	\$ 6,075.00	\$6,075.00
Sands, David	12	\$ 6,840.00	\$6,840.00
Santoleri, Frances	09	\$ 6,061.00	\$5,985.00
Shields, Carly	12	\$ 5,449.44	\$5,449.44
Stephens, John	03	\$ 2,970.00	\$1,995.00
Stephenson, Larry	06	\$ 2,370.00	\$2,370.00
Storm, Scott	12	\$14,775.00	\$7,980.00
Thomson, Rachael	12	\$ 4,644.00	\$4,644.00
Weatherly, Maria	15	\$ 7,725.00	\$4,875.00
Wesley, Pamela	12	\$ 3,920.00	\$3,920.00
Whitsett, Deborah	06	\$ 1,077.00	\$1,077.00

**Payable from:** 2011-2012 General Fund Budget

**Executive Sponsor:** Michelle R. Chapman

**B-6 General Fund: \$75,752 - Salary Adjustments.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval for employees listed below to receive salary adjustments based on attainment of additional credits for the 2011-2012 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Downs, Robert	\$54,191 (B/7)	\$59,803 (B+24/8)
DuBois, John	\$61,447 (B+16/10)	\$66,095 (B+24/11)

Gardler, Claudine	\$57,706 (B+24/7)	\$70,460 (M/8)
Jordan, Heather	\$43,904 (B/2; additional \$200)	\$49,516 (B+24/3; additional \$200)
Jordan, Leslye	\$61,447 (B+16/10)	\$76,752 (M/11)
Oates, Javon	\$85,033 (M/13)	\$86,950 (M+15/13)
Riley, Marie	\$64,735 (M+15/5)	\$67,599 (M+30/6; additional \$200)
Shields, Carly	\$41,607 (B/1)	\$44,668 (B+16/2)
Storm, Scott	\$41,607 (B/1)	\$47,219 (B+24/2)
Taylor, Stephanie	\$41,807 (B/1; additional \$200)	\$47,419 (B+24/2; additional \$200)
Thomson, Rachael	\$45,121 (B+24/1)	\$57,876 (M/2)

**Payable from:** General Fund  
**Executive Sponsor:** Michelle R. Chapman

***Table-Football Coaches Salaries***

***Anthony Johnson called for a Motion. Motion to approve by Cephus Richardson, Seconded by Bettie McClairen.***

***VOTE-LaKisha Blackwell, Virginia Pilkington, Cephus Richardson, Anthony Johnson, Bettie McClairen and Charlie L. Warren II-Aye. Wanda Mann and Donna Davis-Nay.***

**BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF SIX (6) “IN FAVOR” TO TWO (2) “OPPOSED”, THE FOOTBALL COACHES SALARIES WERE TABLED.**

***B-1 – B-6(omittingFootball Coaches Salaries)***

***Wanda Mann called for a Motion. Motion to approve by Bettie McClairen, Seconded by Donna Davis.***

***VOTE-Wanda Mann, Donna Davis, LaKisha Blackwell, Virginia Pilkington, Cephus Richardson, Anthony Johnson, Bettie McClairen and Charlie L. Warren II-Aye. Nays-None.***

**BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF EIGHT (8) “IN FAVOR”, PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS #B-1 THRU #B-6 (OMITTING FOOTBALL COACHES SALARIES) WERE APPROVED.**

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**C-1 Reports of the tax collectors.**

RESOLVED, that the reports of the City of Chester, Borough of Upland, and Chester Township for the period July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012 in the amount of \$776,724.67 be received, be noted upon the Minutes and filed.

**Executive Sponsor:** Dr. Thomas Persing

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

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

**Executive Sponsor:** Dr. Thomas Persing

**C-3 General Fund: \$9,302,266.40. Approval of list of payments.**

RESOLVED, that the attached list of payments dated July 20, 2012, through August 16, 2012, checks numbering 30386 through 30570, of the various accounts totaling for all accounts the grand sum of \$9,302,266.40, a copy of which has been given to all Members of the Board of School Directors, and a copy of which is now before each Member of the Board, be APPROVED, and that said list of payments be incorporated into the August 16, 2012 Minutes.

(LIST OF PAYMENTS ATTACHED)

**General Fund: \$1,638,898.14. Approval of payrolls.**

RESOLVED, that the payrolls dated July 3, 2012, and July 18, 2012, of the various accounts totaling for all accounts the grand sum of \$1,638,898.14 be approved by the Members of the Board of School Directors.

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

**C-4 Food Service Fund: \$27,000.00 – Approval for payment to conduct national school lunch program duties and other duties as assigned by the Acting Chief Financial Officer.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors approve payment on a per diem basis at the rate of \$30.00 per hour effective August 17, 2012, not to exceed \$27,000.00, to Mr. Jesse Richardson, former district principal, to perform responsibilities associated with the district’s national school lunch program for the 2012-2013 school year.

**Payable from:** Food Service Fund  
**Executive Sponsor:** Dr. Thomas Persing

**C-5 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant: \$6,000.00 – Approval of additional service stipend.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors grant approval to pay the following stipend for additional services for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012:

Nicholas Carabetta	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Services	\$6,000.00
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**Payable from:** 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant

**Executive Sponsor:** Dr. Thomas Persing

**C-6 General Fund: \$3,500.00 – Approval of stipend for 2012-2013 school year for Secretary to the Elected Board of School Directors.**

RESOLVED, that Michelle Getty be paid a stipend of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for the 2012-2013 school year for the duties and responsibilities as Secretary to the Elected Board of School Directors including preparation and attendance at meetings of the Board of School Directors and preparation of the minutes of the meetings.

**Payable from:** General Fund

**Executive Sponsor:** Brian Feick

**C-7 Approval of appointment as Interim Director of Special Education – Dr. Anthony Georeno.**

RESOLVED, that Dr. Anthony Georeno is hereby appointed as Interim Director of Special Education effective August 20, 2012 until August 19, 2013, or until the appointment of a permanent Director of Special Education, whichever occurs first, at a rate of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per day.

**Payable from:** General Fund

**Executive Sponsor:** Brian Feick

**C-1 – C-7**

*Wanda Mann called for a Motion. Motion to approve by Cephus Richardson, Seconded by Virginia Pilkington.*

*VOTE-Wanda Mann, Donna Davis, LaKisha Blackwell, Virginia Pilkington, Cephus Richardson, Anthony Johnson, Bettie McClairen and Charlie L. Warren II-Aye. Nays-None.*

**BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF EIGHT (8) “IN FAVOR”, BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS #C-1 THRU #C-7 WERE APPROVED.**

*Amend George Dawson’s payment, check #00030468, an additional \$2,775 for July 2012 services.*

*Wanda Mann called for a Motion. Motion to approve by Bettie McClairen, Seconded by Anthony Johnson.*

*VOTE-Wanda Mann, Donna Davis, LaKisha Blackwell, Virginia Pilkington, Cephus Richardson, Anthony Johnson, Bettie McClairen and Charlie L. Warren II-Aye. Nays-None.*

**BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF EIGHT (8) “IN FAVOR”, GEORGE DAWSON’S ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF \$2,775 FOR JULY SERVICES WAS APPROVED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Dennis Martinelli – Spoke about his concerns regarding the change of grades at the Main Street and Toby Farms schools for the 2012-2013 school year, as well as the transportation issues.

President Mann responded.

Rev. Bernice Warren – Inquired as to who class counsel was? Questioned how much the law suit cost the District?

George Dawson, Esq., responded.

Allen Hess – Commended President Mann for standing by Leo Hackett, Esquire, whose strong legal defense resulted in a favorable outcome for the District.

President Mann responded.

John Shelton, Jr. – Thanked the Board for their efforts in seeing that the District will be open for the 2012-2013 school year.

President Mann responded.

Livia Smith – Questioned if there was the waiting list for students to attend the school in their area?

Anthony Johnson responded.

**Chester Upland Cyber School Meeting to be held at the Admin. Bldg. on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.-**This will be an informative meeting for the parents of the current Cyber School students. Dr. Watson stated that the District has lost three hundred and sixty(360) students and has paid approximately four million dollars(\$4,000,000) to various Cyber Schools.

**Chester High School Associate Principal, Wil Towson,** was introduced to the Community by Dr. Watson.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business *Wanda Mann, President, called for a Motion to adjourn. The Motion was made by Donna Davis, Seconded by LaKisha Blackwell.*

*VOTE-All In Favor-Aye. Nays-None.*

**BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF EIGHT(8) “IN FAVOR”, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM.**

**CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

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**LaKisha E.S. Blackwell, Secretary**