

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

**April 10, 2013  
5:10 P.M.**

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A Special 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:                   Mr. Joseph P. Watkins, Receiver  
  Mr. George Crawford, Chief Financial Officer  
  Dr. Tony Watson, Acting Deputy Superintendent  
  Mr. Brian Feick, Chief Business Administrator

Absent:                                       Dr. Thomas Persing, Acting Superintendent  
  Leo A. Hackett, Esquire  
  George B. Dawson, Esquire, Special Counsel

The Receiver's meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**NOTICE OF ADVERTISED MEETING**

(COPY OF ADVERTISED NOTICE ATTACHED)

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Shannon Scouten** – Questioned the District’s million dollar surplus? Questioned the Receiver’s decisions and motives? Questioned the closing of the District’s most successful schools?

**Joseph Watkins** responded.

**Jean Arnold** – Regarding Item #A-1, asked for the conference attendees to report back to the District on what they have learned and how the information may be applied in the District. Regarding Item #C-1, inquired as to if there was an assessment done on the buildings? Questioned if there was a bidding process?

**George Crawford** responded.

**Joseph Watkins** responded.

**Delores Shelton** – Regarding Item #A-1, questioned the cost of the conference and the attendees? Regarding Item #C-1, questioned the terms of the lease?

**Joseph Watkins** responded.

**Sara Ferguson** responded.

**George Crawford** responded.

**Tyra Quail** – Spoke on the Title I Conference. Asked the Receiver what he has done and/or put in place to attract more students? Questioned the sale of buildings to Widener?

**Anthony Johnson, School Board Member** – Expressed his support of the Receiver and the decisions he has been making to help improve the District financially.

**Nicole Cogdell** – Regarding Item #A-1, expressed her concern regarding the cost of the conference. Expressed her concern regarding the District trying to resolve certain issues to satisfy parents and keep students in the District.

**Dennis Martinelli** – Expressed his concern regarding many seniors not being able to afford the \$200 graduation fee. Informed the administrators of the fundraisers that he is initiating in order to help the students in need.

**Rev. Calvin Williams** – Regarding Item #A-1, expressed his concern regarding the cost of the conference. Spoke on the current problems at Chester High School.

**Joseph Watkins** responded.

**Charlie L. Warren II, School Board Member** – Spoke on the lack of community awareness.

**Rev. Bernice Warren** – Expressed her concerns regarding how the charter schools are recruiting our students.

**Joseph Watkins** responded.

**Asha & Ailyah Rothwell, STEM High School Students** – Expressed their concerns regarding the future of STEM High School.

**Joseph Watkins** responded.

### **EDUCATION AGENDA**

#### **A-1 Title I Funds: - Approval to attend the National Institute for Urban School Leaders.**

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment for seven representatives (1 elementary principal, 1 intermediate and 1 high plus their designee and a district administrator) to attend the National Institute for Urban School Leaders, July 13-19, 2013 in Boston, Massachusetts. Payment includes tuition (\$2,695.00/person), flight (\$400.00/person), hotel (\$250.00/night for 6 nights/person), and meals (\$65.00/day for 5 days/person). Cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 per person or \$35,000.00 total.

**Payable from:** Title I Funds

**Executive Sponsor:** Rachel Foster

***EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM #A-1 WAS APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER.***

### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

#### **C-1 Approval of agreement of sale and lease back between Widener University and the Chester Upland School District.**

RESOLVED, that the agreement of sale and lease back between Widener University and the Chester Upland School District for the facilities known as the Administration Building at 1720 Melrose Avenue and the Stetser Elementary School at 17<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Streets is hereby approved in the sum of Three Million (\$3,000,000.00) Dollars subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and approval with the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County.

**Executive Sponsor:** George R. Crawford

***BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM #C-1 WAS APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business *Receiver Joseph P. Watkins* adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

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

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**Joseph P. Watkins**

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**Date**