

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anthony Johnson – Vice President of School Board stated that there were more items on the agenda than what was posted in the legal notice. He said that too many times this happens and the community loses out. He pointed out C-1 and C-2 He wanted to know why we are paying the DCIU for services when they have received millions from us over the years relating to out-of-district children and the district not receiving the reimbursement from the Access Cards. Said the split should be 60/40 and we are not receiving the 40%. He was upset that they are charging us for computer support when he thinks they should do it for free.

Joshua Culbertson explained that he could not speak to that, but that C-2 was not for the DCIU, but for the Lancaster-Lebanon IU and that was for software licensing and that the contract had been in existence for years. It has nothing to do with students but with them having the licensing for the software at a better price than we could get it individually from a vendor.

Mr. Johnson was ok with that explanation, but was still upset with paying the DCIU \$35.00/hour for technical support. He believes that if we could get the reimbursements from the IU, we would not be in such dire straits financially; our budget deficit wouldn't be so great.

Joseph Watkins asked that he help formulate an ask of the DCIU to help us out with our deficit problem. He said that he was in favor of asking for support from those that have benefited from our largess.

Jean Arnold wanted to know how we can get the word out to the community about all of the wonderful new things going on in the schools, such as CTE offerings at STEM, music and art. Doesn't want this to be wasted. Suggested that the administration call together some community members, a handful, to work with them to suggest ways to get the word out. Also, she asked about the enrollment numbers and if the schools are over capacity. She also wanted to be reassured that the Youth Court not lose momentum after the winter break and wanted to know how we can have done a better job to make the start of the school year smoother.

Mr. Watkins stated that tomorrow is the first day of school and that she asked a very critical questions. He said that critical introspections is a good thing. He said that we will know better tomorrow after the opening and that we expect to do well because the team which is very detailed oriented has gone over everything and they will come back with their detailed reports.

Mr. Shannon wanted to give Ms. Arnold accurate numbers as to the enrollment. He said that the numbers as of close of business August 29th was 3390 in district placements and 125 out of district placements for a total of 3515 students registered. He broke down the numbers by school: Chester High School has 850, Main Street is at 422, CUSA has 511 registered, STEM is at 772 and Stetser 303. Toby Farms has 419 students registered. The 3 elementary schools and STEM are above functional capacity, but this shouldn't be a problem because we have not leveled yet.

Charlie Warren, School Board Member wanted to know if there was any reason why we have to move on C-1 today.

Mr. Watkins said that he believed so and turned it over to Mr. Culbertson.

Mr. Culbertson explained that if we do not move on the technical support from the DCIU today we will need to pursue some form of additional support to be sure that all of our computers are updated for the start of school. There may be cases of non-functioning lap-tops or desk tops for students and teachers which could wait weeks, and weeks, and weeks until someone could get to them from our team. He would be concerned that we would not be in a state of readiness.

Mr. Warren said that he goes way back when they did it themselves and when we partnered with Widener, which we thought was a good idea at the time, we had problems. He believes that if you control your own destiny you are better off than having someone else control it for you. He has never been a proponent of the IU and believes that we are being penny wise and pound foolish. He would rather spend a few extra dollars and hire someone than farm it out.

Mr. Culbertson said that he didn't know if this changes things, but this contract is temporary for school readiness only. We don't have any intention of maintaining this type of contract agreement.

Mr. Shannon asked if he could interrupt. He said his concern was that we want to drive instruction throughout the course of the 180 some odd days of the school year. He believes that quality instruction wraps around technology. Teacher have to have access to promethean boards, and desk tops and students have to have access to lap tops in order to drive that instruction. If we delay these then we delay the quality instruction to our children and we are hurting them.

Mr. Warren said that if we move too fast we may be hurting the ones that come after the ones we are trying to help now. He was still upset because he thought we've move too quickly before and it got us nowhere. He then said that he was done.

Ms. Arnold then asked that since Zach and Josh were so busy getting ready for open of school and they couldn't get to things like phones not being where they were supposed to be, would this contract help alleviate that.

Mr. Johnson asked if the IU had already done the work.

Mr. Shannon answered that no, they hadn't.

Ms. Arnold said that she thought it would be helpful for all if the Executive Sponsors on these resolutions would give an explanation of the item.

Mr. Watkins said that that was what Josh was doing and asked him to continue.

Mr. Culbertson explained that the district's Microsoft operating system update registration support ended this spring and every machine in the district was at risk until updates were done. He said they had been working on this with existing staff to try and push that update which is very hard. He explained that we have very old computers and we have made purchases to try and update them and update our general stock buying new and retiring old computers.

Mr. Watkins broke in to say that he didn't want to belabor the point and that he was going to approve the resolution (C-1) because for \$35.00/hour he didn't want a child to be held back. He said that time is important and he wanted a good start to the school year. He asked that the two board members present, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Warren, stay after the meeting adjourned to talk about the ask for the DCIU. He also asked if Mr. Shannon, Mr. Crawford and Ms. DeShullo stay to discuss this and come up with a plan.

EDUCATION AGENDA

A-1 Approval for payment for up to four academic coaches to attend workshops

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves payment for up to four academic coaches to attend Response to Instruction and Intervention workshops in Harrisburg, PA. Costs include hotel (\$159.00/night for 2 nights = \$1,272), mileage and per diem reimbursable at district approved rate.

Payable From: Title II Function 2270 Professional Development
Executive Sponsor: Tamara Thomas Smith

A-2 Approval for renewal of the APEX Learning contract

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, approves renewal of the APEX Learning contract to support academic enrichment and credit recovery at Chester High School and STEM through the Cyber Program and 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

Payable From: 21st CCLC and Cyber Program Budgets
Executive Sponsor: Tamara Thomas Smith

EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS #A-1 THROUGH #A-2 WERE APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER

PERSONNEL AGENDA

B-1 General/Categorical Funds. Approval of appointments, retirement, resignations, leave of absence, and a declined position after accepting offer

RESOLVED, that the following **appointment** 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>
Anderson, Rita	CTE Teacher/Med. Assist STEM	87,517 (M30/13) 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Brown-Cherry, Ursula	Teacher Assistant Stetser	22,356. 10 months	9/3/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Burnett, JaRon	CTE Teacher/Intro to Eng. STEM Info Tech	41,607 (B/1) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Carthen, Shaunte	P.C.A. Stetser	65./daily rate 10 months	9/2/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Claro, Pablo	Teacher Assistant Stetser	22,356 10 months	9/4/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Cunningham, Sandra	School Safety Officer Chester High	17,277 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Curry, Kenneth	School Safety Officer Chester High	17,227 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015
Davie, Candi	ELL Teacher Main Street	55,778 (M/1) 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Dawkins, Sherrell	Teacher Assistant Stetser Elementary	22,356 10 months	9/4/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
DeBrady, Oneita	Art Teacher Toby Farms	41,607 (B/1) 10 months	9/4/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.

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Derleth, Coleen	English/Social Studies STEM Teacher	64,168 (M/5) 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Enard, Charlotte	Bus Driver Transportation	18.17/hr 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Foster, Danica	P.C.A. Elwyn-Out of District	65./daily 10 months	9/2//2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Gilbert, James	Bus Driver Transportation	18.17/hr 10 months	8/27/2017	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Johnson, Elizabeth	Sp. Education Teacher Toby Farms	55,778 (M/1) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Jordon, Rhona	PCA Elwyn-Out of District	65./daily 10 months	9/2//2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Kalichak, Kimberlee	Elementary Teacher Chester High School	45,802 (B/3) 10 months	9/9/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Kelly, Sarah Chester High	Sp. Ed Science Teacher	86,383 (M/13)	10/16/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
King, Hope	Elementary Teacher Stetser	55,778 (M/1) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Lewis, Paulette	P.C.A. Main Street	65./daily rate 10 months	9/2/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Lovitz, Scott	Social Studies Teacher STEM	55,778 (M/1) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Logan, Allen	P.C.A. CUSA	65./daily 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Martin, Elmore	Bus Driver Transportation	18.17/hr 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.

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Manuel, Darryl	P.C.A. CHS	65./daily rate 10 months	9/2/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Matthews, Christian	Collegial Training Partner District	32,000 10 months	9/4/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
McClary, Braheim	School Safety Officer Chester High	17,277 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
McNeil, Lynette	Teacher Assistant Main Street	22,356 10 months	9/2/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Medwid, Caitlin	Elementary Teacher Main Street	67,399 (M30/6) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Moore, Robin	Elementary Teacher CUSA	64,168 (M/5) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015
Monastra, Stephen	CTE Coordinator Chester High School	40./hr PerDiem Ending 10/13/2014	8/27/2014 2014-2015	Replacement G.F.B.
Montgomery, Roland	Elementary Teacher CUSA	65,925 (M45/5) 10 months	9/15/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Mosley, Denise	Teacher Assistant CUSA	22,356. 10 months	9/4/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Muhammad, Haniyf	Bus Driver Transportation	18.17/hr 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Pittman, Maryann	P.C.A. CUSA	65./daily rate 10 months	9/2/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Pope, Teresa	P.C.A. Toby Farms	65./daily 10 months	9/2//2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Pugh, Michelle	Elementary Teacher CUSA	49,996 (B/5) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.

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Queen, Tracy	P.C.A. Elywyn-Out of District	65./daily 10 months	9/2//2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Rajczewski, Kaelyn	Special Ed. Teacher CUSA 10 months	55,778 +200 (M/1)	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Roche, Mary Jane	Art Teacher Chester High School	64,168. (M/5) 10 months	9/2/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Sargent, June	Collegial Training Partner District	32,000 10 months	8/27/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Seals, Roberta	P.C.A. CUSA	65./daily 10 months	9/2//2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.PCA
Showell, Brian	P.C.A. Toby Farms	65./daily 10 months	9/2//2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Stear, Jessica	Special Ed. Teacher STEM	57,876 + 200 (M/2) 10 months	8/27/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B
Vicioso, Miquel	Climate Manager Toby Farms	50,000 10 months	9/15/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Wilkins, Andre	Teacher Assistant CUSA	22,356 10 months	9/4/2014	New 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Williams, Alexis	PCA CUSA	65./daily 10 months	9/2//2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.
Williams. LaQuisha	PCA CUSA	65./daily 10 months	9/2/2014	Replacement 2014-2015 G.F.B.

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>
Smith, Jennett	Science Teacher STEM Academy	8/26/2014

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>
Chamberlin, Charlene	P.C.A.	8/29/2014
Carter, Christine	Science Teacher Toby Farms	8/21/2014
Cleaver, Kaitlyn	Art Teacher Toby Farms	8/14/2014
Miller, III John	Collegial Training Partner District Wide	9/2/2014

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Walker, George	Special Education Teacher Toby Farms	8/28/2014-8/28/2015

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following **declined position after accepting offer** be approved on the effective date respectively noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Fulton, Alonzo	Social Studies Teacher STEM	8/22/2014

PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM #B-1 WAS APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER

BUSINESS AGENDA

C-1 Approval to extend existing technical support contract with DCIU

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, extends its existing technical support contract with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) to provide additional contracted technical support through the 2014-2015 year, on an as-needed basis, for the sum of \$35 per hour.

Executive Sponsor: Joshua Culbertson

C-2 Approval to continue existing agreement for four years with IU 13 for ESS volume licensing

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, continue the existing agreement for year four (4) with the Lancaster Lebanon Intermediate Unit (IU 13) for Microsoft Enrollment Education Solutions (EES) volume licensing.

Payable from: 2014-15 General Fund Budget

Cost: \$26,448.00

Executive Sponsor: Joshua Culbertson

C-3 Approval to enter into a business agreement with Silicon Mountain Memory to purchase RAM

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into a business agreement with Silicon Mountain Memory for the purchase of RAM (Random-Access Memory) to upgrade laptops and desktops for the 2014-2015 year. All prices are per PEPPM.

Payable from: 2014-15 General Fund Budget

Cost: \$21,111.00

Executive Sponsor: Joshua Culbertson

C-4 Approval to enter into a business agreement with VIG Solutions, Inc. to purchase refurbished laptop computers

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, enter into a business agreement with VIG Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of refurbished laptop computers for the 2014-2015 year. All prices are as per PEPPM.

Payable from: 2014-15 General Fund Budget

Cost: \$77,000.00

Executive Sponsor: Joshua Culbertson

C-5 Approval of contract for BTaylor Public Affairs, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, grant approval to extend the contract with BTaylor Public Affairs, LLC to provide communications services for the School District not to exceed \$42,000.00 per year. Becky Taylor and the team of consultants working for BTaylor Public Affairs LLC will provide communications services for the Chester Upland School District (CUSD) including media relations, marketing, advertising and management of open, honest, transparent, regular and exciting exchange of information and interaction with the media and the public. Duties may include but not be limited to:

- Creating written materials for press and publications, communications, including key messages, and other materials as needed.
- Managing the media by arranging editorial boards with key media outlets, preparing and issuing press advisories; planning and executing press conferences; developing and issuing press releases; managing media queries, and tracking media coverage.
- Developing and placing marketing and advertising materials

Payable from: 2014-15 General Fund Budget

Cost: Not to exceed \$42,000.00/year

Executive Sponsor: Gregory Shannon

BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS #C-1THROUGH #C-5 WERE APPROVED BY JOSEPH P. WATKINS, RECEIVER

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business *Receiver, Joseph P. Watkins* adjourned the meeting at 4:46 pm.

**CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL RECOVERY RECEIVER**

Joseph P. Watkins

Date