The Christina Board of Education conducted a Workshop on Monday, March 5, 2012, at Sarah Pyle Academy, at 6:30 PM.

Present were: Mr. Eric Anderson, President; Mr. Frederick Polaski, Vice President; Mr. David Resler; Mr. John Young; and Dr. Marcia V. Lyles, Superintendent. Ms. Gina Backus; Mrs. Shirley Saffer; and Mrs. Elizabeth Scheinberg were absent. Mrs. Carol A. Martz was Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 6:40 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clarence Rivera, a student at Sarah Pyle Academy.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. State Representative John Kowalko spoke regarding the Newark Charter School Expansion proposal.

2. Connie Merlet stated the Christina School District does not do a good job publicizing the good things and successes in the District.

IV. DISCUSSION ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL

Dr. Lyles stated that an impact study was prepared, in cooperation with the Delaware Department of Education and the University of Delaware, on the impact the Newark Charter School expansion would have on the District.

Kelli Racca and Bob Silber made a power point presentation of the impact study.

Mr. Young stated all information regarding Charter applications must be presented to the Delaware Department of Education by Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

Mr. Young stated City of Wilmington students do not have access to the Newark Charter School because of the five mile radius restriction. Therefore, there are equity and access issues.

Mr. Anderson stated more time is needed for the District and Charter Schools to collaborate. Partnerships are needed to make all schools work for all students.

New Castle County Councilman Jea Street stated that this issue does not affect the children of Wilmington and Christina’s Wilmington students should not be included in the discussion.
State Representative John Kowalko spoke again regarding asking for a delay of the vote by the State Board of Education and urged the District to present the impact study findings to the State Board.

It was moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Resler, and unanimously carried by all present that the District submit the impact study report, via Mr. Polaski, to the Charter School Committee on March 7, 2012.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Marcia V. Lyles
Executive Secretary