

**BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 22, 2014**

Board of Education

Mr. Douglas Glickert, President
Mr. Colin Smith, Vice President
Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Ms. Jillian Clausen
Mrs. Maria Pereira
Mr. Michael Simpkins
Mr. Joseph Urbanowicz

Central Office

Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Greg Sullivan, Asst Supt for Business
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Asst Supt for C&I
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Glickert at 5:30 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Joe Urbanowicz arrived late.

2) Proposed Executive Session

A. Open Meeting

- (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular contractual and personnel item. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00PM)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:05 p.m.

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Jillian Clausen
Doug Glickert
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Joe Urbanowicz

No: _____

Abstained: _____

- 3) Public Hearings on Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption - 7:10 p.m.
 - A. Veterans Alternative Exemption
Mr. Sullivan shared with the Board a PowerPoint on the Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption.
A few residents expressed they were in favor of the Veterans Tax Exemption.
- 4) Resume Public Meeting
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas room at 7:45 p.m.
- 5) Hearing of Citizens
Mr. Ondek of 31 Winchester Avenue stated it was Patriotism Day in Peekskill and he hopes to get the Board to vote for the Alternative Veterans Exemption.
- 6) Superintendent/Board President Report
 - A. Student Council Report
Jacobi Clarke - President of the Student Council read March's report to the Board. In the quest for a principal, the students are looking for stability in leadership.
 - B. Contracts Under \$10,000
Dr. Licopoli read into the minutes the following contracts under \$10,000:
 - Elton Brand Academy Agreement for at risk students; Grades 8 - 12; March 1, 2014 - February 28, 2015; \$0
 - Park Ridge Board of Education Shared Services Agreement; April - June 2014; \$0
 - Terminating Contract with American Vending Machines for vending services effective June 30, 2014
 - C. Donations/Grants Under \$5,000
Dr. Licopoli read into the minutes the following donations/grants under \$5,000:
Jo-Ann Fabrics - Oakside School - \$2,000
 - D. Superintendent's Report
The PHS drama club will be presenting the Little Shop of Horrors on April 25 and 26.
Coffee with the Superintendent has been postponed until May 3 and will be held at PKMS cafeteria from 9 - 11 a.m.
The first annual Arbor Day planting tree ceremony will be at PHS on April 25.

- E. On April 27, there will be a presentation at Peekskill Museum, regarding the Bear Mountain Bridge.

7) Old Business

A. Work Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2013-2014 amended work agreement, letter of benefit and salary and authorizes the Interim Superintendent to execute such work agreement for the following confidential personnel effective July 1, 2013:

Michelle Braganza - \$51,026 (Base Salary) (Amended Job Description)

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

8) New Business

A. Alternative Veterans Exemption

A discussion was ensued amongst the Board Members.

President Glickert commented the Board has to accept or reject the basic exemption. NYS requires mandates from school districts but taxpayers have to pay for it.

Joe Urbanowicz stated the District would be shifting the tax to individuals who are not veterans. A lot of people are on a fixed income and they would not be able to vote on a tax rate increase. Mr. Urbanowicz couldn't support a tax without the community voting on it.

Michael Simpkins is supportive of the veterans, who have given him the opportunity to live free in this country. It is also a double edge sword and it is difficult to make a fair decision. Mr. Simpkins can support the basic level for the Alternative Tax Exemption.

Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon has a problem increasing the tax on those living on a fixed income. Mrs. Aspinall-Kellawon would rather hear from the other residents.

Maria Pereira said she would vote for the basic maximum tax and felt it is up to the community to decide.

Colin Smith commented this is a touchy subject. Any tax rate or increase for members of community has always been voted on. This would be taking the decision out of the taxpayer's hands. It is his duty to take in consideration all sides of the equation. Mr. Smith agrees to support the basic maximum exemption if approved by the Board this evening.

Jillian Clausen feels the basic maximum tax exemption level is a good compromise.

WHEREAS, veterans have provided an invaluable service to this country by risking their lives to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this service and the sacrifices that it entailed, on December 18, 2013 Governor Cuomo signed a bill to allow school districts to partially exempt property owned by certain qualified veterans; and

WHEREAS, such bill requires the governing body of a school district to pass a resolution to adopt such bill; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Peekskill City School District does hereby adopt the exemption provided for in Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §458-a.

President Glickert polled the Board

Motion: Colin Smith Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Jillian Clausen	No: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon	Abstained: _____
Doug Glickert	Joe Urbanowicz	
Maria Pereira		
Michael Simpkins		
Colin Smith		

9) Policy Readings

- A. First Reading - Policy #6640 & Regulation/Inventories
- B. First Reading - Policy #6645/Fixed Assets

10) Accepting of Minutes

- A. Business Meeting March 18, 2014
- B. Special Meeting March 26, 2014
- C. Business Meeting/Work Session April 1, 2014
- D. Special Meeting April 3, 2014
- E. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:

Business Meeting March 18, 2014

Special Meeting March 26, 2014

Business Meeting/Work Session April 1, 2014

Special Meeting April 3, 2014

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon	No: _____	Abstained: _____
Jillian Clausen		
Doug Glickert		
Maria Pereira		

Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Joe Urbanowicz

11) Consent Agenda - Personnel

A. Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith approves and authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute a certain Settlement Agreement with Employee No. 2365. Said Agreement between the Peekskill City School District and Employee No. 2365 has been discussed by the Board of Education in Executive Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in approving and executing said Settlement Agreement, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to take action in accordance with the terms provided therein.

B. Personnel Agenda Certificated

I. Resignations

A. The Superintendent of Schools gives notice to the Board of Education of the following resignations for acceptance:

1. Matthew Mucci , Permanent Substitute, Middle School
Effective: March 21, 2014 (close of business)
2. Laura Appelbaum, Music Teacher, Leave Replacement, Hillcrest and Woodside Effective: March 25, 2014 (close of business)
3. Christine Bizzarro, Permanent Substitute Teacher, High School
Effective: April 10, 2014 (close of business)
4. Rodney Headley, Health Teacher, Middle School
Effective: June 30, 2014 (close of business)
5. Dr. Lindsay Pettine, School Psychologist, Middle School
Effective: June 30, 2014 (close of business)

II. Leave of Absence

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following unpaid leave of absence to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Cindy Ocasio-Gary, Speech Teacher, Woodside, effective April 2, 2014, until further notice.

III. Appointments

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointments to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Jennifer Fowler
Position: Special Education Teacher – Leave replacement
Location: Oakside

Certification Status: Childhood Education, Students w/ Disabilities and Literacy, all professional.
Start Date: April 8, 2014
End Date: June 30, 2014
Salary: \$308/Day (MA)

2. Name: Constance Shearer
Position: Music Teacher – Leave replacement
Locations: Hillcrest and Woodside
Certification Status: Music, professional
Start Date: April 7, 2014
End Date: June 30, 2014
Salary: \$308/Day (MA)
3. Name: Robert Pelaccio
Position: Physical Education Teacher – Leave replacement
Location: Woodside
Certification Status: Physical Education, Initial
Start Date: April 21, 2014
End Date: June 30, 2014
Salary: \$308/Day (MA)
4. Name: Maria Bottarini
Position: Long Term Substitute
Location: Hillcrest
Certification Status: Childhood Education, Initial
Start Date: April 21, 2014
End Date: June 6, 2014 (anticipated)
Salary: \$308/Day (MA)
5. Name: Rita Hobby-Barrett
Position/Schedule: Detention Room Advisor, one hour per day, 3:00 to 4:00
Location: High School
Effective: April 7, 2014 through June 27, 2014
Salary: \$38.00 per hour
6. Name: Bridget Connor
Positions: .6 English teacher/.4 teaching assistant
Location: High School
Effective: February 3, 2014 through June 30, 2014
Salary: \$37,140 (MA step 1), prorated/\$11,844, prorated

- B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2013-2014 permanent substitute appointments for the 2013-2014 school year, at the

rate of \$120.00 per day (no benefits), to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Kyle Marks

Location: Middle School

Certified: Childhood Education (1-6), Initial

Effective: March 4, 2014 – June 27, 2014

2. Name: Lyssa Merle

Location: Oakside

Certified: Childhood Education (1-6), Initial and students w/Disabilities, Initial

Effective: March 21, 2014 – June 27, 2014

C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2013-2014 per diem substitute appointment for the 2013-2014 school year, at the rate of \$100.00 per day (no benefits), to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Sara Wallach

Certified: Students w/disabilities (7-12) generalist, Initial; English

Language Arts (7-12), Initial and English Language Arts (5-9), Initial

Effective: March 21, 2014 – June 30, 2014

D. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following substitute teacher appointments for the 2013-2014 Hillcrest English Language Learners after school Program to the Board of Education for approval: Program runs Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:00-5:00 PM, from February 24, 2014 – May 2014 (30 sessions in total), \$48/hour, Title III grant funded)

1. Name: Gloria Falcon

Effective: March 25, 2014 – May 2014 (as needed)

2. Name: Peggy Owens

Effective: March 25, 2014 – May 2014 (as needed)

E. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2013-2014 extra co-curricular athletic appointment for the 2013-2014 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Courtney Hill Lifeguard

Effective: January 7, 2014 – February 14, 2014

F. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2013-2014 extra co-curricular, non-athletic appointments for the 2013-2014 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Laura Belfiore Drama Assistant \$4,024

2. Scarlet Antonia Drama Assistant \$4,024

G. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2013-2014 grant-funded Project Success Saturday Academy appointments to the Board of Education for approval:

April 5, 2014 – June 14, 2014, Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

(No sessions held on April 19, 2014 or May 24, 2014)

Teachers: \$48/hour (no paid prep-time)

Teaching Assistants: \$38/hour

Security Aide: Contractual rate

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| 1. Erum Hadi | Living Environment |
| 2. Enid Lopez | Algebra |
| 3. David Mueller | Global Studies |
| 4. Mark Andujar | U. S. History |
| 5. Sue Olsen | English (split position) |
| 6. Ellen Jones | English (split position) |
| 7. Rebecca Miller | Special Education Teacher |
| 8. Dot Bertram | Special Education Teacher |
| 9. Rosie Suazo | Teaching Assistant |
| 10. Magdalana Ayavaca | Teaching Assistant |
| 11. Joseph Willis | Security Aide |

Classified

I. Appointments

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointments to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Aneisha Meekins
Position: Teacher Aide, classroom
Location: Woodside
Start date: April 7, 2014
Probationary start date: April 7, 2014
Probationary end date: April 6, 2015
Salary: \$11,160
2. Name: Jenysis Fredericks
Position: Teacher Aide, 1:1
Location: Middle School
Probationary Start date: April 8, 2014
Probationary End date: April 7, 2015
Salary: \$12,090
3. Name: Michael Aponte
Position: Custodial Worker
Location: Middle School
Probationary Start date: April 23, 2014
Probationary End date: April 22, 2015

Salary: \$45,883

- B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher aide substitute appointment for the 2013-2014 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$8.00 per hour (days 1 -24 cumulative, non-consecutive); \$9.00 per hour (days 25 and beyond cumulative, non-consecutive):
 - 1. Frances Herling Effective: April 2, 2014 – June 30, 2014
 - C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following school (lunch) monitor appointment for the 2013-2014 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, 17.5 hours per week:
 - 1. Tamikha Sims School Monitor – Oakside
Effective: March 19, 2014 – June 28, 2014
 - D. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following per diem custodial worker appointments for the 2013-2014 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$13.50 per hour as needed:
 - 1. Marianne DeMarco Custodial Worker – PTA
Effective: March 21, 2014 - June 30, 2014
 - 2. Damiao Dossantos Custodial Worker – PTA
Effective: March 21, 2014 - June 30, 2014
 - 3. Francis Sherwood Custodial Worker – PTA
Effective: March 25, 2014 - June 30, 2014
 - E. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following office assistant substitute appointment for the 2013-2014 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$12.50 per hour (days 1 -24 cumulative, non-consecutive); \$13.50 per hour (days 25 and beyond cumulative, non-consecutive):
 - 1. Frances Herling Effective: April 2, 2014 – June 30, 2014
 - F. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Regents proctor appointment for the 2013-2014 school year, to the Board of Education for approval:
 - 1. Debra Calabro Teacher Aide – Regents proctor
Effective January 27, 2014 Two hours @ \$10.71/hour
- II. Leave of Absence
- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following unpaid leave of absence to the Board of Education for approval:
 - 1. Robert Pelaccio Woodside – 2:1 teacher aide
Effective: April 11, 2014 – June 30, 2014 (close of business)

III. Resignations

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Nicole Moschetti Teacher Aide – Uriah Hill
Effective: April 25, 2014 (close of business)

IV. Termination

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following termination to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Carol Bock
Position: Custodial Worker
Location: Middle School
Reason: Section 71
Effective: April 23, 2014

Student Teachers

V. Student Teachers

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following candidates for student teaching to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Natania Oliverio
Request: Student Teaching, English Language Arts
Location: Middle School with Benjamin Bloom
Effective Dates: October 27, 2014 – December 17, 2014
College/University: SUNY New Paltz
2. Name: Alexander Klein
Request: Student Teaching, Social Studies
Location: Middle School, Pasquale Salvatore
Effective Dates: August 25, 2014 – October 24, 2014
College/University: SUNY New Paltz

C. Appointment - Assistant Superintendent for Business

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoints Ms. Robin Zimmerman to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Business effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017 and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign the three year employment contract.

12) Consent Agenda - Special Services

A. Special Services/Committee on Special Education

That the Board of Education approve the Recommendation of the District's Committee on Special Education for the following ten (10) students for declassification/ classification and/or placement:

Student ID# Meeting Type Determination

43988 Manifestation Classified
44396 Initial Classified
44085 Initial Ineligible
42361 Initial Classified
42923 Initial Classified
40026 Transfer Classified
43321 Requested Review Classified
41286 Initial Classified
45957 Transfer Classified
19356 Reevaluation Classified

13) Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

- A. Treasurer's Report and Interim Financial Statements for the Month of February 2014

That the Board of Education approves the financial statements for February 2014.

- B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of March 2014

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of March 2014.

- C. Budget Appropriation Transfers

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers.

- D. Extraclassroom Activities - March 2013

That the Board of Education, accepts the March 2013 financial statements for the Peekskill High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Accounts.

- E. Field Trip - Penn Relays

That the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools for the Boys and Girls Track Teams to attend day field trips to Penn Relays, Franklin Field, Philadelphia, PA, on April 24 and April 25, 2014.

- F. Agreement - Multi-Functional Devices

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District (hereafter referred to as the "District") desires to enter into a five (5) year service contract with the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereafter referred to as "SWBOCES") pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), in order for the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center ("LHRIC") to furnish certain services to the District including, not limited to, network printing services in Co-Ser 510 and/or Co-Ser 611,

NOW THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the District agrees to a multi-year contract with SWBOCES for the provision of said services to the District at a cost not to exceed over the term of the agreement \$240,500, plus overage charges incurred by SWBOCES on behalf of the District, plus yearly RIC support during the term of this contract. This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. Payments will be made as part of the regular annual BOCES Contract for Services. The Superintendent of Schools or designee is hereby

authorized to approve the final terms of the contract and to execute on behalf of the District all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

G. Contract - Garrison Union Free School District

That the Board of Education approves the contract with Garrison Union Free School District to provide special education and related services for a student with a disability, not to exceed \$32,783.00.

H. Contract - Andrus Children's Center

That the Board of Education approves the contract with Andrus Children's Center for Residential one to one aide for a student with disabilities at the cost of \$164 per weekday only. Dates of service 11/23/13 - 4/3/14.

I. Appointment - Claims Auditor and Deputy Claims Auditor

That upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee and the Interim Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District appoints Jacqueline Macken as Claims Auditor and Denise Connell as Deputy Claims Auditor commencing April 23, 2014.

J. Appointment - Budget Planning Committee

That upon the recommendation of the Budget Planning Committee and the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District appoints Mr. Cary Schmiedel as a member of the Budget Planning Committee effective immediately.

K. Management Advisory Group

That the BOE accepts the Audit Committee's recommendation that Management Advisory Group audit grants and billed tuition for this year's internal audit.

L. PUTNAM/NORTHERN WESTCHESTER ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET VOTE

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Putnam/Northern Westchester County (hereinafter "BOCES") has proposed and presented its tentative administrative budget for the 2014-2015 school year (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015), now therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$8,697,847 be, and hereby is, approved by this Board.

M. PUTNAM/NORTHERN WESTCHESTER BOCES BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District cast one vote for each of the two candidates regarding two vacancies on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole supervisory district of Putnam and Northern Westchester Counties. The candidates are: Mr. Richard Kreps and Mrs. Anita Feldman.

14) Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 11.A. - 13.M.

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Jillian Clausen
Doug Glickert
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Joe Urbanowicz

No: _____

Abstained: _____

15) Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

- A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

16) Committee Reports/Board Reflections

- A. PTO - Colin Smith reported the committee met at the beginning of the month and are planning for the Board of Education Candidates Forum possibly May 12.
- B. Common Council
- C. Facilities Committee
- D. Budget Planning Committee – Colin Smith stated the committee is going to meet within the next couple of weeks.
- E. Audit Committee – Greg Sullivan commented the committee made their recommendations to the Board for the Claims Auditor and the Deputy Claims Auditor. They also reviewed progress on last year's corrective action plan and recommended that the 2014 internal audit by Management Advisory Group (MAG) focus on billed tuition and grants.
- F. Education Planning Committee
- G. Board Policy Committee
- H. Wellness Committee
- I. Code of Conduct
- J. Enrichment and Gifted Committee

17) Executive Session (if necessary) - Time: _____

- A. Executive Session
- B. Adjourn Executive Session

18) Adjournment in Memory of Valerie Machado

- A. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the BOARD, President Glickert asked for a motion to adjourn in memory of Valerie Machado.

WHEREAS, Ms. Valerie Machado served the district as a Teacher for a career spanning fourteen years, from 2000 until her passing in 2014, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Machado attended to the city, the school district, and her staff,

students and her family with distinction, and

WHEREAS, The City School District has been privileged by having had this association with a person of such competence, tact and ability,

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the Board of Education notes with sorrow the death of Ms. Machado, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express condolences to the family and that this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes and a copy thereof be forwarded to the bereaved family.

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk