

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 23, 2019

Board of Education

Mr. Michael Simpkins, President
Mrs. Maria Pereira, Vice President
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald
Mr. Samuel North
Mrs. Jillian Villon

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Dr. Mary Keenan Foster, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Simpkins at 6:03 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Pamela Hallman-Johnson and Allen Jenkins, Jr. arrived late.

2. Proposed Executive Session

A. Open Meeting

- (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters regarding the appointment of a particular contractor(s) and employment history of particular person(s) for the following positions: Leave Replacement; School Lunch Monitor and Volunteers. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00 p.m.)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Jillian Villon

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Maria Pereira

No: _____ Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:20 p.m.

President Simpkins asked for a moment of silence for the bombing that took place over the Easter break.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Martin McDonald thanked the Board for the support and effort on getting the money from the state.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

[Peekskill Pride](#)

BOCES Administrative Budget Adoption

B. Contracts Under \$10,000

The following contracts were read into the minutes:

- Feeding Westchester Agreement/Hillcrest Elementary School: Provide Mobile Food Pantry and Back Pack program services; July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019: \$0
- Ms. Karen Gard: Continue project work for the Transportation Office; Extended contract through to June 30, 2019; \$5,000
- Karen Faulkner, Inner Being Yoga: Revised contract; March 20, 2019 - June 30, 2019; \$3,000

C. Grants/Donations Under \$5,000

The following grants/donations were read into the minutes:

- Melody Hockley/Woodside Elementary: Music Curriculum; \$100
- Melody Hockley/Woodside Elementary: Music Program; \$200
- Yadira Salazar/Woodside Elementary School; Purchase of supplies for the greenhouse; \$25
- Peekskill Rotary Club Foundation LLC/Peekskill City School District: Spellbinders Blind Readers Program; \$500
- Taconic Road Runners Club/Peekskill Middle School; Cross Country Team; \$1,400

6. Old Business

A. New Agenda Item

7. New Business

A. Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Administrative Budget Vote

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Putnam/Northern Westchester County (hereinafter "BOCES") has proposed its tentative administrative budget for the 2019-2020 school year (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020), now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$9,450,232 be, and hereby is, approved by the Board.

Motion: Samuel North
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
No: _____ Abstained: _____

B. Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Board Member Election

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District cast one vote for each of the two (2) candidates regarding vacancies on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole supervisory district of Putnam and Northern Westchester Counties for a three year term from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022. The candidates are: Tina Mackay and Frank Schneckner.

Motion: Maria Pereira
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald
No: _____ Abstained: _____

8. Policy Readings

A. Second Reading - [Diversity Recruitment Policy](#)

Motion to waive second reading of the Diversity Recruitment Policy

Motion: Maria Pereira
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Second Reading of the Diversity Recruitment Policy was read by Pamela Hallman-Johnson

B. Adoption of Policies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following policy:
Diversity Recruitment

Motion: Maria Pereira
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

9. Accepting of Minutes

- A. Business Meeting March 19, 2019
- B. BOE Retreat March 30, 2019
- C. Business Meeting/Work Session April 9, 2019
- D. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:
Business Meeting March 19, 2019
BOE Retreat March 30, 2019
Business Meeting/Work Session April 9, 2019

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

10. Consent Agenda - Personnel

A. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

1. Resignation

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher resignation to the Board of Education for approval:

- 1. Name: Joann Gardella
- Position: Elementary Teacher
- Action: Resignation for the purpose of Retirement
- Effective: June 30, 2019

2. Leave of Absence

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following non-paid leave of absence to the Board of Education for approval: NONE

3. Retirement

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following retirement resignations to the Board of Education for approval: NONE

4. Appointments

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

- 1. Name: Jaclyn Echeverria
- Position: Elementary; Leave Replacement
- Certification Status: Childhood Education (Gr.1-6), Early Childhood Education; Initial
- Effective Start date: April 22, 2019
- End Date: May 29, 2019

Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits.

2. Name: Anita Prentice
Position: Social Studies Teacher; Leave Replacement (.6 FTE)
Certification Status: Social Studies (7-12); professional
Effective Start date: April 26, 2019
End Date: June 10, 2019 (anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day (prorated), as worked, no benefits.

3. Name: Christen McDonnell
Position: Social Studies Teacher; Leave Replacement (.2 FTE; 6th assignment)
Certification Status: Social Studies (7-12); professional
Effective Start date: April 26, 2019
End Date: June 10, 2019 (anticipated)
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.

4. Name: Zorielle Rodriguez Alcazar
Position: Social Studies Teacher; Leave Replacement (.2 FTE; 6th assignment)
Certification Status: Social Studies (7-12); professional
Effective Start date: April 26, 2019
End Date: June 10, 2019 (anticipated)
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.

5. Abolishment of Positions/Preferred Eligible List (PEL)

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following abolishment of Positions/Preferred Eligible List (PEL) to the Board of Education for approval

1. Name: Andrea Perez
Position: Guidance Counselor
Action: Preferred Eligible List (PEL)
Effective: July 1, 2019

6. Corrections:

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

2. Name: Christine Buckman***
Position: Special Education Teacher
Certification Status: Special Education (Permanent)
Pre K, K, Grades 1-6 (Permanent)
Tenure Area: Special Education
Start Date: November 19, 2018
End Date: November 18, 2021
Length of Probation: Three (3) years
Salary: \$119,290 - MA+45 Step 13

Classified

1. Appointments

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

1. Name: Andrew Weisman
Position: Director of Food Services
Program: Saturday Academy Program
Effective: 2018-2019 School Year
Stipend: \$2,500

2. Name: Jasmin Lawrence
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Dates Effective: April 23, 2019-June 26, 2019
Salary: \$12.00/hr, as worked, no benefits

3. Name: Johana Cabrera
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Dates Effective: April 23, 2019-June 26, 2019
Salary: \$12.00/hr, as worked, no benefits

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Subin Thacheril
Position: Security Aide (Full Time)
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: April 28, 2019 (Last day worked 04/27/2019)

III. Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns

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

1. Name: Kim Jackson Gunther
Request: Volunteer; Empower U Program
Location: Parent Center; Uriah Hill
Assigned to: Maria Flores
Effective Dates: April 24, 2019 through June 26, 2019

2. Name: James Sniffen
Request: Volunteer; Modified Baseball
Assigned to: Adam Lodewick and Vernon Meriwether
Effective Dates: Spring Season 2018-2019

Using an asterisk (*) at the end of the individual appointment resolutions with the following quoted language as a legend at the end of the personnel resolutions or as a legend below the consent agenda:

*For Volunteers- As per Volunteer Board Policy 4532 - the following volunteers are approved for 10 or less events for current school year

** The appointment resolutions for classroom teachers (or building principal) are conditioned upon meeting the requirement of the current tenure laws and pursuant to the provisions of Regents Rule§30-1.3. Accordingly, to be eligible for tenure consideration the probationer must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to §3012-c and/or §3012-d of the Education Law during the four year period under review and may not receive an ineffective rating during the last year of probation.

*** For classroom teachers with prior tenure as a teacher in a New York public school district or BOCES, the probationary term will be three years if there is proof of prior tenure and an APPR rating during the final year of service in the previous school district or BOCES.

**** Classroom Teachers with two years of Jarema Act Credit in this school district shall serve a two year probationary term if during the two years of Jarema Act service they received APPR ratings pursuant to §§3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law. Where the probationary term is shortened, to be eligible for tenure conferral, the probationer must have at least three effective and/or highly effective APPR ratings and the APPR rating in the final year of probation may not be an ineffective rating.

11. 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 thirty (30) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

B. Contract - Management Advisory Group Business Operations

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Management Advisory Group Business Operations to provide 2019-20 Medicaid claiming services. Cost is \$12,750 and is funded by the General Fund.

C. Contract - Adelphi University

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Adelphi University for the district to partner with Adelphi University School of Social Work to provide field education placements within our schools commencing September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020.

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of February 2019

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of February 2019.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of March 2019

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of March 2019.

C. Contracts - Health and Welfare Services

That the Board of Education approve the following contract for Health and Welfare Services provided to the children residing in Peekskill and attending non-public schools, for the 2018/2019 school year:

Katothah-Lewisboro Union Free School District; \$1,236.99 per student; 4 students

White Plains City School District; \$1,076.78 per student; 7 students

Mamaroneck Union Free School District; \$1,148.77 per student; 1 student

D. Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Cooperative Bid 2019/2020

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Putnam/Northern Westchester adopting this Resolution to jointly request bids for commodities and services for the 2019-2020 school year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Peekskill City School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Putnam/ Northern Westchester Counties, New York, in this joint bidding of commodities and services to be requested by the school district Purchasing Agent and approved by the Assistant Superintendent for Business;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall remain in effect until receipt by BOCES of written withdrawal from the Resolution by the school district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specifications as prepared by a Steering Committee of participating school districts and presented to this Board of Education will be used and that this Board, if it desires to purchase these commodities agrees to purchase said commodities at the lowest bid price recommended by the Steering Committee of the joint school districts; provided, however, that each participating Board of Education in exercising its legal responsibilities, has the right to reject and/or modify the recommendation of the Steering Committee in the awarding of the bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 to the General Municipal Law.

E. Converted Condominiums Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §581(1)(c) and Real Property Law §339-y(1)(f), the valuation provisions of Real Property Tax Law §581(1)(a) and Real Property Law §339-y(1)(b) shall not apply to converted condominiums, as that term is contemplated by the Real Property Tax Law and the Real Property Law, situated within the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk shall immediately forward a copy of this resolution to the Assessor for the City of Peekskill.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. New Agenda Item

14. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 10.A. - 13.A.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

15. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

Vice President Pereira commented the Youth Bureau will be hosting the following:

Teen cafe on Wednesdays

Toast of Elegance at Cortlandt Colonial Terrace on May 4

Men Who Cook (to help support the Youth Bureau) on June 8

Branwen MacDonald thanked the Environmental Club

President Simpkins Peekskill congratulated the Rotary Club and the American Legion for celebrating their 100th year anniversary. The Saturday Academy will be May 3. Also come out and vote for the budget and Board election on May 21.

17. Executive Session

- A. Executive Session
- B. Adjourn Executive Session

18. Adjournment

- A. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Simpkins asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Maria Pereira

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

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Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk