

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUGUST 26, 2019

Board of Education

Mrs. Maria Pereira, President  
Mrs. Jillian Villon, Vice President  
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson  
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald  
Mr. Samuel North

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent  
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 Pereira at 5:35 p.m. in the Special Education Conference Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Allen Jenkins Jr., and Michael Simpkins were absent.

2. Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval 5:30 p.m.

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: CSE Chairperson.. 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

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson  
Branwen MacDonald  
Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Jillian Villon

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas Room at 7:20 p.m.

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. [Superintendent's Report](#)

Superintendent Mauricio commended Alma Zucco and Laura Belfiore for translating the 2019/2020 calendar in Spanish.

- School Opening Readiness

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Policy Readings

9. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting/Work Session August 6, 2019

B. Special BOE Meeting August 15, 2019

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting/Work Session August 6, 2019

Special BOE Meeting August 15, 2019

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson  
Branwen MacDonald  
Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Jillian Villon

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

10. Consent Agenda - Personnel

A. Personnel Agenda

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I. Resignation

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

II. Leave of Absence

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following non-paid leave of absence to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

III. Retirement

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

#### IV. Appointments

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

1. Name: Kelly LeFevre  
Position: CSE Chairperson  
Certification Status: School Psychologist; Permanent  
Effective Date: August 28, 2019  
Effective Date: June 30, 2020
2. Name: Patricia Dundon  
Position: CSE Chairperson  
Certification Status: School Psychologist; Permanent  
Effective Date: August 28, 2019  
Effective Date: June 30, 2020
3. Name: Mabel Vasquez  
Position: CSE Chairperson  
Certification Status: School Psychologist; Permanent  
Effective Date: August 28, 2019  
Effective Date: June 30, 2020
4. Name: Angela O'Brien  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Certification Status: Childhood Education & Students w/Disabilities (Grades 1-6); Initial  
Effective Date: August 28, 2019  
Effective Date: June 26, 2020  
Salary: \$155/day as worked, following the school calendar, with no benefits. May work up to four days/week (28 hrs/wk.). No benefits.
5. Name: Kaitlyn Johnson  
Position: Substitute Teacher; Per Diem  
Certification Status: Early Childhood Education (B-Grade 2); Initial  
Effective Date: August 28, 2019  
Effective Date: June 26, 2020  
Salary: \$120/day as worked, following the school calendar, with no benefits. May work up to four days/week (28 hrs/wk.). No benefits.
6. Name: Kaitlyn Johnson  
Position: Varsity Cheerleading Coach  
Program: 2019-2020 Co-Curricular athletics  
Effective Dates: Fall Season- August 19, 2019–November 15, 2019  
Stipend: \$3,848
7. Name: Tiffany Munson  
Position: Elementary Teacher; LOA replacement  
Certification Status: N, K, & Grades 1-6; Permanent & Literacy; Professional

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| Effective Date: | August 28, 2019   |
| Effective Date: | January 31, 2020  |
| Salary:         | \$308/day as worked, following the school calendar, with no benefits. |
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| 8. Name:              | Denise Oquendo   |
| Position:             | Substitute Teacher; Per Diem   |
| Certification Status: | Childhood Education (Grades 1-6); Initial  |
| Effective Date:       | September 3, 2019  |
| Effective Date:       | June 26, 2020  |
| Salary:               | \$120/day as worked, following the school calendar, with no benefits. May work up to four days/week (28 hrs/wk.). No benefits. |
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| 9. Name:                 | Salvatore Dodaro            |
| Position:                | Teaching Assistant          |
| Certification Status:    | Teaching Assistant; Level I |
| Tenure Area:             | Teaching Assistant          |
| Probationary Start Date: | August 28, 2019             |
| Probationary End Date:   | August 27, 2023             |
| Length of Probation:     | Four (4) years              |
| Salary:                  | \$31,335                    |
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| 10. Name:                | Noelia Bruno-Alexandre **    |
| Position:                | Elementary Teacher           |
| Certification Status:    | ESOL; Internship Certificate |
| Tenure Area:             | Elementary Teacher           |
| Probationary Start Date: | August 28, 2019              |
| Probationary End Date:   | August 27, 2023              |
| Length of Probation:     | Four (4) years               |
| Salary:                  | \$51,753 (BA, Step 1)        |
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| 11. Name:             | Heather Ausiello                 |
| Position:             | Physical Education Teacher       |
| Certification Status: | Physical Education; professional |
| Effective Date:       | August 28, 2019                  |
| Effective End Date:   | June 26, 2020                    |
| Salary:               | \$65,281 (prorated 0.6 FTE)      |
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| 12. Name:             | Heather Ausiello                                   |
| Position:             | Substitute Teacher; Per diem                       |
| Certification Status: | Physical Education; Professional                   |
| Effective Date:       | August 28, 2019                                    |
| Effective End Date:   | June 26, 2020                                      |
| Salary:               | \$120/day, as worked. Follows the school calendar. |
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| 13. Name:        | Heather Ausiello                         |
| Position:        | Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball Coach |
| Program:         | 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics        |
| Effective Dates: | Winter Season                            |

Stipend: \$4,662

14. Name: Heather Ausiello  
Position: Timekeeper  
Program: Co-curricular athletics  
Effective Dates: 2019-2020  
Stipend: \$38/hour in two (2) hour blocks of time.

15. Name: Mitchell Guido \*\*  
Position: Music Teacher; Chorus  
Certification Status: Music; Initial  
Tenure Area: Music Teacher  
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019  
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2023  
Length of Probation: Four (4) years  
Salary: \$54,889 BA, Step 3

16. Name: Amanda Luria \*\*  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Certification Status: Literacy (B-Gr. 6); & Early Childhood (B- Gr. 2); Professional  
Tenure Area: Elementary Teacher  
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019  
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2023  
Length of Probation: Four (4) years  
Salary: \$78,477 MA+30, Step 2

17. Name: Charles Rice  
Position: Varsity Boys Soccer Assistant Coach  
Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics  
Effective Dates: Fall Season- Aug. 19th – Nov. 15th  
Stipend: \$3,892

18. Name: Shannon O'Grady, Ed.D.  
Position: Elementary Assistant Principal, LOA  
Certification Status: School District Administrator, Permanent Certificate  
Effective Start Date: September 16, 2019 (anticipated)  
Effective End Date: June 30, 2020  
Salary: \$131,993 (Step 15) (prorated)

V. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Sharon Harris  
Position: Music Teacher  
Action: Rescinding appointment from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: August 15, 2019
2. Name: Margot Redmond  
Position: Art Teacher; Leave Replacement

Action: Rescind Appointment  
Effective: August 26, 2019

3. Name: Jamie Guevara  
Position: Varsity Boys Soccer Assistant Coach  
Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular Athletics  
Action: Rescind previous appointment (Due to medical)

## Classified

### I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Jennifer Hayes  
Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom  
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019  
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2020  
Salary: \$14,508.00
2. Name: Sheonna Ellis  
Position: Security Aide; Full Time  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019  
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2020  
Salary: \$30,300.00
3. Name: Tashuma Draper  
Position: Security Aide; Full Time  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019  
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2020  
Salary: \$30,754.69
4. Name: Philip Stiles  
Position: Security Aide; Full Time  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019  
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2020  
Salary: \$30,754.69
5. Name: Nigel Hatch  
Position: Security Aide; Full Time  
Location: Peekskill Middle School  
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019  
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2020  
Salary: \$30,300.00

### II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Jamie Scialabba

Position: Teacher Aide  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective Date: August 29, 2019 (Last day worked 06/26/2019)

2. Name: Salvatore Dodaro  
Position: Teacher Aide  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective Date: August 20, 2019 (Last day worked 06/26/2019)

3. Name: Ally Gibbs  
Position: Teacher Aide  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective Date: August 25, 2019 (Last day worked 06/26/2019)

### III. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Jennifer Levinson  
Position: Teacher Aide; 1:1 Aide  
Probationary Start Date: September 3, 2019  
Probationary End Date: September 2, 2020  
Salary: \$15,717.00 (Pro-Rated)
2. Name: Kaleigh Travis  
Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom  
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019  
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2020  
Salary: \$14,508.00
3. Name: Krista Everett  
Position: Teacher Aide  
Action: Rescinding appointment from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective Date: August 23, 2019
4. Name: Alba Illescas  
Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems) (Spanish Speaking)  
Action: Rescinding appointment from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective Date: August 21, 2019

### IV. 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: Kelly Leahy  
Request: Student Teaching; 1<sup>st</sup> placement  
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School  
Assigned to: Julia Levy  
College: SUN Y Cortland

- Effective Dates: September 3, 2019 through December 19, 2019
2. Name: Taylor Papolito  
Request: Student Teaching; 1st placement  
Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Assigned to: Jessica Newby, Lauren Dykstra  
College: SUN Y Cortland  
Effective Dates: September 3, 2019 through October 1, 2019
3. Name: Taylor Papolito  
Request: Student Teaching; 2nd placement  
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School  
Assigned to: Heather MacPherson  
College: SUN Y Cortland  
Effective Dates: October 2, 2019 through December 13, 2019
4. Name: Shayla Lumpkins  
Request: Volunteer  
Location: Parent Resource Center  
Assigned to: Ellen Gerace  
Organization: Family Services of Westchester  
Effective Dates: September 3, 2019 through June 30, 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 seventy eight (78) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

B. Contract - Clearview School

That the Board of Education approve the contracts with Clearview School to provide special education programs and services for student(s) with disabilities for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years. Rate is set by New York State. The Extended School Year program will be funded by the Special Aide Fund and the School Year program will be funded by the General Fund.

C. Contract - Family Services of Westchester

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Family Services of Westchester to provide service in accordance with the Contractor Health Home Care Management program at no cost to the School District for the 2019-20 school year.

D. Contract - Green Chimneys Children's Services

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Green Chimneys Children's Services to provide special education programs and services for student(s) with disabilities for the 2019-20 school year. Rate is set by New York State. The Extended School Year program will be funded by the Special Aide Fund and the School Year program will be funded by the General Fund.

E. Contract - Greenburgh Eleven Union Free School District

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Greenburgh Eleven UFSD to provide special education programs and services for student(s) with disabilities for the 2019-20 school year. Rate is set by New York State. The Extended School Year program will be funded by the Special Aide Fund and the School Year program will be funded by the General Fund.

F. Contract - Greenburgh-North Castle Union Free School District

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD to provide special education programs and services for student(s) with disabilities for the 2019-20 school year. Rate is set by New York State. The Extended School Year program will be funded by the Special Aide Fund and the School Year program will be funded by the General Fund.

G. Contract - Hawthorne Cedar Knolls Union Free School District

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD to provide special education programs and services for student(s) with disabilities for the 2019-20 school year. Rate is set by New York State. The Extended School Year program will be funded by the Special Aide Fund and the School Year program will be funded by the General Fund.

H. Contract - Hawthorne Foundation

That the Board of Education approve the contract with the Hawthorne Foundation Inc. to provide special education programs and services for student(s) with disabilities for the 2019-20 school year. Rate is set by New York State. The Extended School Year program will be funded by the Special Aide Fund and the School Year program will be funded by the General Fund.

I. Contract - Health Source Group

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Health Source Group to provide Nursing services for the 2019-20 school year. Funding is from the General fund.

J. Contract - Inner Being, LLC

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Inner Being, LLC to provide yoga, health and wellness presentation for students and /or staff for the 2019-20 school year. Cost is \$14,100 and will be funded by the Title IVA Fund.

K. Contract - SAIL at Ferncliff Manor

That the Board of Education approve the contract with SAIL at Ferncliff Manor to provide special education programs and services for student(s) with disabilities for the 2019-20 school year. Rate is set by New York State. The Extended School Year program will be funded by the Special Aide Fund and the School Year program will be funded by the General Fund.

L. Contract - Westchester Institute for Human Development

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Institute for Human Development to provide Assistive Technology services for the 2019-20 school year. Funding will be provided from Special Services Professional budget.

M. Contract - Barbara Borok

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Barbara Borok for the 2019-20 School Year to provide technical support assistance and consulting services for the special services department. \$50 per hour, not to exceed \$4,000.

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of July 2019

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

B. Contract - HMB Consultants

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business to enter into an agreement with H.M.B. Consultants to provide services to evaluate the performance of the contracted food service management company in an amount not to exceed \$6,250 and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is authorized and empowered to entered into said agreement.

C. Contract - Healthy Kids Extended Day

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Healthy Kids Extended Day a before and after care program in our elementary schools for the 2019/2020 school year. The rental rate for the use of Uriah Hill, Woodside, Oakside and Hillcrest Schools is \$225 per month per site.

D. Tax Certorari

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings filed by 200 North Water Street Corp. pertaining to Parcel 32.8-8-4, Parcel 32.8-5-9 and Parcel 32.8-6-2 , for tax years 2013 through 2018; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings, as set forth in the Consent Judgment attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

NOW, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingeman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval by the Court, the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the Consent Judgment.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. 2019-20 District Comprehensive Improvement Plan

Whereas the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) is a required document by the New York State Education Department.

Whereas the DCIP focuses on six critical tenets.

Whereas, the DCIP will serve as our strategic document for the school year.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education adopts the 2019-20 District Comprehensive Improvement Plan.

B. Donation - Entergy

That the Board of Education accept the donation from Entergy in the amount of \$10,000.

C. Revised RFP Award for Internal Claims Auditor

That the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, and according to Section 103 of the New York State Municipal Law, that the Internal Claims Auditor RFP be awarded to John A. Beltramo, CPA, LLC for Auditing Services including approving all invoices and bills that are presented for payment which are supported with supporting documentation that all Board of Education policies, laws, rules and regulations regarding the expenditure of money have been complied with.

14. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

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

A. President Pereira was grateful and honored to be present at the August graduation. It was filled with pomp and circumstance.

17. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

18. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk