

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APRIL 5, 2022

Board of Education

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

Student Representative

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent  
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services  
Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education  
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk (Virtual)

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by President Villon at 6:07 p.m. in Peekskill High School room 222.
  - A. Recording of Attendance  
Pamela Hallman-Johnson, Allen Jenkins, Jr. and Michael Simpkins arrived late.
2. Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval.
  - A. Open Meeting
    - (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular contractor(s) and employment history of particular person(s) for the following positions: Leave Replacement Teachers, Mentor, Elementary Dual Language Teacher; Elementary Teacher; Stipend Positions; Secretary to School Principal; Security Aide; Jr. Administrative Assistant; 1:1 Teacher Aide Leave Replacement; Registered Professional School Nurse; Personnel Assistant; Department Teacher Aide;. The Board will (or may) take action after the executive session. 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: Maria Pereira  
Yes: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Branwen MacDonald  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session 7:13 p.m.  
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Maria Pereira  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

3. Resume Public Meeting  
A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Peekskill High School Auditorium at 7:20 p.m.

4. Superintendent/Board President Report  
A. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Brady played his bagpipes for the Board.

- [Peekskill Pride](#)
- [March Highlights and Recognitions](#) – Dr. Daniels

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Superintendent's Report Continued

A. Superintendent's Report Continued

- [Hillcrest Presentation](#) – Kieranne Harrison and Carolyn Rodgers
- [Educational Plan & Budget #5](#) – Dr. Mauricio and Robin Zimmerman

7. Consent Agenda

A. Adoption of 2022/2023 Proposed Budget

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education hereby adopts the budget for the 2022/2023 school year in the amount of \$105,395,111 and directs the District Clerk to present the adopted budget as a proposition on the ballot to be presented to the residents of the school district at the annual budget vote and election to be held on May 17, 2022.

B. Internal Audit Report Corrective Action Plan

That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District accepts the Internal Audit Report and the corrective action plan based on the internal audit report for the 2021-22 school year.

C. Contract - Robin Zimmerman

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Robin Zimmerman commencing June 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022. Not to exceed \$35,000.

D. Contract - Assistant Superintendent for Business/Cynthia Hawthorne

That the Board of Education appoints Ms. Cynthia Hawthorne to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Business effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign the three-year employment contract.

E. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Eric Montilla  
Position: Special Education Teacher  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last day worked 6/24/2022)
2. Name: Whitney Ford  
Position: School Guidance Counselor  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last day worked 6/24/2022)
3. Name: Michele Madiou  
Position: Spanish Teacher  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 24, 2022 (Last day worked 6/24/2022)

II. Retirement:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following retirement resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

III. Leave of Absence:

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

IV. Appointment:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Megan Myones  
Position: Mentor  
Mentee: Diego Rendon Arboleda  
Effective Dates: January 21, 2022 - June 30, 2022

- Stipend: \$1,590 (Title II fund) (Prorated)
2. Name: Donnamarie Marion  
 Position: ENL Leave Replacement Teacher  
 Certification: ESOL, Initial  
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School  
 Effective Start Date: April 5, 2022  
 Effective End Date: June 24, 2022  
 Salary: \$70,486 - MA, Step 2 (Prorated)
  
  3. Name: Christa Offenbacher  
 Position: ENL Leave Replacement Teacher  
 Certification: TESOL, Permanent  
 Location: Peekskill High School  
 Effective Start Date: April 1, 2022  
 Effective End Date: June 24, 2022  
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
  
  4. Name: Vera Ramos Rodriguez  
 Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher  
 Certification: Childhood (Grades 1-6), Emergency COVID-19  
 Location: Woodside Elementary School  
 Effective Start Date: April 6, 2022  
 Effective End Date: June 24, 2022  
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
  
  5. Name: Anny Willis \*\*  
 Position: Elementary Dual Language Teacher  
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional & Bilingual Education Extension, Professional  
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School  
 Tenure Area: Elementary  
 Probationary Start Date: April 25, 2022  
 Probationary End Date: April 24, 2026  
 Length of Probation: Four (4) Years  
 Salary: \$96,443, MA, Step 11 (Prorated)
  
  6. Name: Kristina Colon \*\*  
 Position: Elementary Teacher  
 Certification: Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2), Emergency COVID-19  
 Location: Uriah Elementary School  
 Tenure Area: Elementary  
 Probationary Start Date: April 4, 2022  
 Probationary End Date: April 3, 2026  
 Length of Probation: Four (4) Years

Salary: \$70,486, MA, Step 2 (Prorated)

7. Name: Robert Anderson Jr.  
Position: English Leave Replacement Teacher  
Certification: Childhood (Grades 1-6), Professional  
Location: Peekskill Middle School  
Effective Start Date: April 4, 2022  
Effective End Date: May 9, 2022  
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
8.	Nicholas Agnello	PHS Temporary Support Program Teacher	March 21, 2022 - June 15, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (Title IV Grant Funded)
9.	Melissa Magnotta	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Coach	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)
10.	Gabrielle Curry	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Coach	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)
11.	Alison Barnett	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Grade 4 Teacher	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)
12.	Heydi Marquez	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Grade 5 Teacher	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)

13.	Emily Esposito	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Grade 4 Teacher	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)
14.	Rachele Rice	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Coach 4/5 Teacher	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)
15.	Ashley Peralta	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Coach 4 Teacher	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)
16.	Emily Diaz	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Coach 5 Teacher	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)
17.	Jennifer Badurski	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Coach 4 Teacher	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)
18.	Troy Lepore	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Coach 4 Teacher	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)
19.	Alyx Scapperotti	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Coach 5 Teacher	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)
20.	Stephanie Galiano	Hillcrest Math PLC Afterschool Program Coach 5 Teacher	March 21, 2022 - May 23, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty

				Association's (PFA) contract (SIG Grant Funded)
21.	Michael Tanzi	Scorekeeper	2021-2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
22.	Nicole Cugliandro	Afterschool Job Training Support Member	March 22, 2022 - June 30, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (611 Grant Funded)
23.	Denise Lopeze	Afterschool Job Training Substitute Support Member	March 22, 2022 - June 30, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (611 Grant Funded)
24.	Rebecca Miller	PHS Evening School Mathematics Teacher	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
25.	Anthony DiCuio	Soccer Varsity (Girls) Head Coach	Fall 2022	\$5,672
26.	Christopher Moljo	Score Keeper & Time Keeper	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

V. Correction:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following correction(s) of appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Jamie Rossi  
 Position: Mentor  
 Mentee: Drita Yzbashi  
 Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021  
 Effective End Date: April 29, 2022  
 Salary: \$1,590 (Title II fund) (Prorated)  
 Action: Correct effective end date

2. Name: Nina Reed

- Position: High School Literacy Teacher Leader  
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021  
Effective End Date: April 1, 2022  
Salary: \$2,000 (Title I fund) (Prorated)  
Action: Correct effective end date
3. Name: Matthew Evans  
Position: Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Grant Teacher Leader  
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021  
Effective End Date: February 18, 2022  
Salary: \$4,000 (Challenge Grant funding) (Prorated)  
Action: Correct effective end date
4. Name: Alexis Dean  
Position: Science Leave Replacement Teacher  
Location: Peekskill Middle School  
Effective Start Date: December 23, 2021  
Effective End Date: March 31, 2022  
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits  
Action: Correct effective end date
5. Name: Doris Caglio  
Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Permanent  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021  
Effective End Date: February 28, 2022  
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract  
Action: Correct effective end date
6. Name: Sarah Peterson  
Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021  
Effective End Date: February 28, 2022  
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract  
Action: Correct effective end date



7. Name: Minuse Thelusma  
 Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)  
 Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional  
 Location: Peekskill High School  
 Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021  
 Effective End Date: February 28, 2022  
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract  
 Action: Correct effective end date
8. Name: Charitssa Taveras  
 Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher  
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Emergency COVID-19  
 Location: Oakside Elementary School  
 Effective Start Date: January 13, 2022  
 Effective End Date: April 22, 2022  
 Salary: \$68,430, MA, Step 1 (Prorated)  
 Action: Corrective effective end date
9. Name: Robert Anderson Jr.  
 Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher  
 Certification: Childhood (Grades 1-6), Professional  
 Location: Peekskill Middle School  
 Effective Start Date: December 23, 2021  
 Effective End Date: April 1, 2022  
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits  
 Action: Correct effective end date

Classified

- I. Resignation:
- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Candida Fernandez  
 Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems) (Spanish Speaking)  
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School  
 Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
 Effective: February 28, 2022 (Last day worked: 2/28/2022)
2. Name: Laura M. Chilo  
 Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
 Location: Woodside Elementary School

Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: March 31, 2022 (Last day worked: 3/31/2022)

3. Name: Jennifer Levinson  
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: April 15, 2022 (Last day worked: 4/15/2022)

4. Name: Leslye Duarte  
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: April 1, 2022 (Last day worked: 3/25/2022)

## II. Termination

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

1. Name: Frank Vuole  
Position: Custodial Worker (Part Time)  
Effective: April 5, 2022

## II. Retirement:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff retirement resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

## III. Leave of Absence:

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

## IV. Appointment:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Roberto Alvarenga  
Position: Secretary to School Principal (Spanish Speaking)  
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School  
Status: Provisional  
Start Date Effective: March 7, 2022  
Salary: \$58,901.00 (Prorated)

2. Name: Lynn Holliman  
Position: Security Aide

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| Location:             | Peekskill High School  |
| Status:               | Provisional            |
| Start Date Effective: | March 21, 2022         |
| Salary:               | \$28,625.40 (Prorated) |
3. Name: Paige Flanagan  
 Position: Jr. Administrative Assistant (School Districts)  
 Location: Administration Building -Office of Special Services  
 Status: Temporary  
 Start Date Effective: December 4, 2021  
 End Date Effective: March 4, 2022  
 Salary: \$60,900.00 (Prorated)
4. Name: Paige Flanagan  
 Position: Jr. Administrative Assistant (School Districts)  
 Location: Administration Building -Office of Special Services  
 Status: Provisional  
 Start Date Effective: March 7, 2022  
 Salary: \$60,900.00 (Prorated)
5. Name: Aroldo Lodolini  
 Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide Leave Replacement  
 Location: Peekskill Middle School  
 Probationary Start Date: April 6, 2022  
 Probationary End Date: April 5, 2023  
 Salary: \$18,135.00 (Prorated)
6. Name: Cinthya Sanchez Najera  
 Position: Registered Professional School Nurse (RN) Substitute (Per Diem)  
 Location: District Wide  
 Dates Effective: March 28, 2022 through June 30, 2022  
 Salary: \$308.00/Day. As worked, without benefits.
7. Name: Rocio Salvatierra  
 Position: Personnel Assistant  
 Location: Administration Building - Office for Administrative Services  
 Probationary Start Date: April 6, 2022  
 Probationary End Date: October 5, 2022  
 Salary: \$79,500.00 (Prorated)
8. Name: Nube Vinasaca Orellana  
 Position: Department Teacher Aide

Location: Administration Building - Office of Special Services  
Probationary Start Date: April 6, 2022  
Probationary End Date: April 5, 2023  
Salary: \$16,740.00 (Prorated)

V. Correction:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff correction(s) of appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

I. Appointment:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

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 (or administrators appointed after June 30, 2020) with prior tenure as a teacher or administrator 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.

F. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 7.A. - 7.E.

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

Second: Samuel North  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Mauricio Introduced Ms. Cynthia Hawthorne as the Assistant Superintendent of Business starting July 1, 2022.

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

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

Second: Branwen MacDonald  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk