

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DECEMBER 17, 2019

Board of Education

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

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by President Pereira at 7:00 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.
  - A. Recording of Attendance  
Pamela Hallman-Johnson was absent.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Superintendent/President Report
  - A. Superintendent's Report
    - Peekskill Pride – Presentation will be shown at next Board meeting.
3. Hearing of Citizens
  - A. Public Participation at Board Meetings  
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.
4. Superintendent/President Report Continued
  - A. Superintendent's Report Continued
    - Educational Plan & Budget #1 – Presentation will be shown at next Board meeting.
  - B. Contracts Under \$10,000  
President Pereira read into the minutes the following contract under \$10,000 into the minutes:
    - The College of Westchester/PHS - Goal is to increase higher education access and success; 2019/2020 School Year; \$0
  - C. Grants/Donations Under \$5,000  
President Pereira read into the minutes the following Grants/Donations under \$5,000 into the minutes:
    - Association of School Business Officials International for the Eagle Award Student Scholarship/Peekskill High School Senior; \$2,500
    - Peekskill Education Foundation/PCSD - Purchasing culturally responsive materials for each of the school buildings in the district; \$3,000
    - United Methodist Church of Peekskill/PHS - Class of 2020 Senior Prom; \$200
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Policy Readings
8. Accepting of Minutes

- A. Special BOE Meeting November 14, 2019
- B. Business Meeting November 19, 2019
- C. Business Meeting/Work Session December 3, 2019
- D. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:  
 Special BOE Meeting November 14, 2019  
 Business Meeting November 19, 2019  
 Business Meeting/Work Session December 3, 2019

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

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

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

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

9. Consent Agenda - Personnel

A. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

1. Name: Dalem Tjok Arsa Artha  
 Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
 Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
 Effective: December 4, 2019 (last day worked 12/3)

2. Name: Briana DeGeorge  
 Position: ENL Teacher  
 Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
 Effective: December 7, 2019 (last day worked 12/6)

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: Gina Romero  
 Position: Art Teacher; Leave Replacement  
 Certification Status: Art – Permanent  
 Effective Start Date: January 9, 2020  
 End Date: June 26, 2020

- Salary: \$65,281 MA, Step 1 (pro-rated)
2. Name: Christa Offenbacher  
 Position: ENL Teacher; Leave Replacement  
 Certification Status: TSOL; Permanent  
 Effective Start Date: December 16, 2019  
 End Date: January 31, 2020  
 Salary: \$308/day, following school calendar.
  3. Name: George Robles  
 Position: Mathematics Teacher  
 Certification: Mathematics (7-12); Professional  
 Action: Tenure Awarded  
 Effective Date: December 20, 2019
  4. Name: Alejandro Latorre  
 Position: Social Studies Teacher  
 Certification: Social Studies; Permanent  
 Action: Tenure awarded  
 Effective Date: January 2, 2020
  5. Name: Christen McDonnell  
 Program: Peekskill High School Regents Prep Program  
 Position: Global Studies Teacher  
 Effective Date: Wednesdays, 3:15 pm- 5:15 pm (December 18<sup>th</sup>,  
 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
 Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract – Grant  
 Funded.
  6. Name: Zorielle Rodriguez Alcazar  
 Program: Peekskill High School Regents Prep Program  
 Position: U.S. History Teacher  
 Effective Date: Wednesdays, 3:15 pm- 5:15 pm (December 18<sup>th</sup>,  
 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
 Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract – Grant  
 Funded.
  7. Name: Patrizia Venturini  
 Program: Peekskill High School Regents Prep Program  
 Position: Living Environment Teacher  
 Effective Date: Wednesdays, 3:15 pm- 5:15 pm (December 18<sup>th</sup>,  
 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
 Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract – Grant  
 Funded.
  8. Name: Romina Caceres-Cosme

- Program: Peekskill High School Regents Prep Program  
Position: Living Environment Teacher  
Effective Date: Wednesdays, 3:15 pm- 5:15 pm (December 18<sup>th</sup>,  
January 8<sup>th</sup>,15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract – Grant  
Funded.
9. Name: Bjorn Bridgewater  
Program: Peekskill High School Regents Prep Program  
Position: Algebra Teacher  
Effective Date: Wednesdays, 3:15 pm- 5:15 pm (December 18<sup>th</sup>,  
January 8<sup>th</sup>,15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract – Grant  
Funded.
10. Name: Doris Pichardo  
Program: Peekskill High School Regents Prep Program  
Position: Algebra Teacher  
Effective Date: Wednesdays, 3:15 pm- 5:15 pm (December 18<sup>th</sup>,  
January 8<sup>th</sup>,15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract – Grant  
Funded.
11. Name: Breigh Garulli  
Program: Peekskill High School Regents Prep Program  
Position: Earth Science Teacher  
Effective Date: Wednesdays, 3:15 pm- 5:15 pm (December 18<sup>th</sup>,  
January 8<sup>th</sup>,15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract – Grant  
Funded.
12. Name: Katherine Cray  
Program: Peekskill High School Regents Prep Program  
Position: English Teacher  
Effective Date: Wednesdays, 3:15 pm- 5:15 pm (December 18<sup>th</sup>,  
January 8<sup>th</sup>,15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract – Grant  
Funded.
13. Name: Christine Buckman  
Program: Peekskill High School Regents Prep Program  
Position: Lead Teacher  
Effective Date: Wednesdays, 3:15 pm- 5:15 pm (December 18<sup>th</sup>,  
January 8<sup>th</sup>,15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the

Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract – Grant Funded.

Name: Airika Glickert  
Position: Substitute Teacher; Per Diem  
Certification: Non-Certified  
Start Date: September 4, 2019  
End Date: June 26, 2020  
Salary: \$100/day, as worked following the student school calendar, not to exceed four days a week (28 hours per week) with no benefits.

V. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Melissa Magnotta \*\*/\*\*  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Certification Status: Childhood Education; Professional  
Tenure Area: Elementary Teacher  
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019  
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2022  
Length of Probation: Three (3) Years (Reduced Tenure)  
Salary: \$81,470 (MA, Step 8)
  
2. Name: Gideon Levy  
Position: English Teacher; Leave Replacement  
Certification Status: English (7-12); Initial  
Start Date: December 13, 2019  
End Date: June 26, 2020  
Salary: \$73,259 (MA, Step 5); pro-rated for 2019-2020

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Phillip Stiles  
Position: Security Aide  
Status: Temporary  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Start date: December 9, 2019  
Salary: \$36,017.61 (Pro-Rated)
  
2. Name: Laura Belfiore  
Position: 2019-2020 District Web Master  
Stipend: \$5,000

II. Resignations

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

### 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: Matthew Strang
- Request: Observation
- Location: Peekskill High School; Band
- Assigned to: John Hahn
- College: University of Hartford
- Effective Dates: January 6, 2020 – January 31, 2020 (10 days needed).

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.

### 10. 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 forty-two (42) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

### 11. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

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

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

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

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

#### C. Budget Appropriation Transfers - November 2019

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of November 2019.

D. Contract - Arts10566

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Arts 10566 commencing September 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. Funding will be paid thru the MBK grant, not to exceed \$7,000.

E. Contract - Latino U College Access (LUCA)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Latino U College Access (LUCA) commencing September 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. Funding is thru the MBK grant, not to exceed \$4,000.

F. Contract - Edgar Pineda

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Edgar Pineda commencing December 18, 2019 - June 30, 2020. Not to exceed \$600.00

G. Contract - Hudson Valley MOCA

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Hudson Valley MOCA commencing January 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. Not to exceed \$15,000.

12. Other Agenda Items

A. Field Trip in Excess of 100 Miles - New York State Capitol

That the Board of Education approve the field trip in excess of 100 miles for 22 PHS students from the MBK Global Girls Alliance, to visit the New York State Capitol Building on January 8, 2020.

B. Field Trip in Excess of 100 Miles - University of Rhode Island Mackal's Field House

That the Board of Education approve the field trip in excess of 100 miles, for the Boys and Girls Track Team to attend the track meet at the University of Rhode Island's Mackal Field House on January 11, 2020.

13. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 9.A. – 12.B.

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

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

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

14. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

15. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

16. Executive Session – 7:15 p.m.

A. Executive Session

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: Art LOA; Regents Prep Program; and Security.

Motion to move to Executive Session

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

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

Branwen MacDonald  
Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

- B. Adjourn Executive Session - 9:04 p.m.  
Motion to move to Public Session

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

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Adjournment

- A. Adjournment

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.  
Minutes taken by Superintendent Mauricio

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk