

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Board of Education

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

Central Office

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Simpkins at 6:08 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

President Aspinall-Kellawon was absent.

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 items. 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: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

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

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:12 p.m.

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Maria Pereira

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

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

Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance  
The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:18 p.m.
4. Hearing of Citizens
  - A. Public Participation at Board Meetings  
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.
5. Superintendent/Board President Report
  - A. [Superintendent's Report](#)
    - [Student Council Report](#) - Presenter: Kaylyn Vazquez
    - [PKMS - School Comprehensive Education Plan](#) – Presented by Jamal Lewis
    - [Operations and Maintenance Proposed Budget](#) – Presented by Carmine Crisci and Robin Zimmerman
  - B. Grants/Donations Under \$5,000  
Dr. Foster read into the minutes the following grants/donation under \$5,000:
    - PHS Class of 1962/PHS Library; \$50
6. Old Business
  - A. New Agenda Item
7. New Business
  - A. New Agenda Item
8. Policy Readings
  - A. First Policy Reading - [Policy#2330 Executive Sessions](#)
  - B. First Policy Reading - [Policy #5300.60 Student Searches and Interrogations](#)  
Maria Pereira would like the word social worker to be added to the list of appropriate staff who might observe an interview.
  - C. First Policy Reading - [Policy #6240 Investments and Regulation](#)
9. Accepting of Minutes
  - A. Business Meeting December 19, 2017
  - B. Business Meeting/Work Session January 9, 2018
  - C. Special Meeting/BOE Retreat January 13, 2018
  - D. Special Meeting January 18, 2018
  - E. Special Meeting January 30, 2018
  - F. Special Meeting January 31, 2018
  - G. Special Meeting February 1, 2018
  - H. Special Meeting/BOE Retreat February 3, 2018
  - I. Approval of Minutes  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:  
Business Meeting December 19, 2017  
Business Meeting/Work Session January 9, 2018  
Special Meeting/BOE Retreat January 13, 2018  
Special Meeting January 18, 2018  
Special Meeting January 30, 2018  
Special Meeting January 31, 2018  
Special Meeting February 1, 2018  
Special Meeting/BOE Retreat February 3, 2018

Motion: Branwen MacDonald  
Yes: Branwen MacDonald  
Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

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

10. 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: 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: Aimee Arreguin  
Position: Elementary Teacher; LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Childhood Education; Professional  
Tenure Area: Elementary Education  
Start Date: February 14, 2018  
End Date: April 13, 2018  
Salary: \$308 per day, no benefits
2. Name: Kristen Lynch  
Position: Special Education teacher; LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Childhood Education (1-6) & Students W/Disabilities (1-6); Initial  
Start Date: January 2, 2018  
End Date: March 5, 2018 (anticipated extension)  
Salary: \$308 a day, as worked, no benefits
3. Name: Steven Gonzalez  
Program: 2017- 2018 My Brother's Keeper  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Position: Mentor  
Stipend: \$1,500
4. Name: Maria Gordineer  
Program: 2017- 2018 My Brother's Keeper  
Location: Peekskill High School

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| Position: | Mentor  |
| Stipend:  | \$1,500 |
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| 5. Name:        | Noel Cabassa   |
| Position:       | Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter   |
| Program Title:  | The College Process and Financial Aid for Parents  |
| Effective Date: | February 15, 2018 through June 22, 2018  |
| Location(s):    | Peekskill High School and at certain venues in the community   |
| Stipend:        | Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded -Not to exceed 12 hours. |
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| 6. Name:        | Christine Hirsch  |
| Position:       | Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  |
| Program Title:  | Family Bilingual Literacy Night   |
| Effective Date: | March 1, 2018 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm   |
| Location:       | Oakside Elementary School   |
| Stipend:        | Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded |
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| 7. Name:        | Michelle Hernandez  |
| Position:       | Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  |
| Program Title:  | Family Bilingual Literacy Night   |
| Effective Date: | March 1, 2018 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm   |
| Location:       | Oakside Elementary School   |
| Stipend:        | Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded |
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| 8. Name:        | Jennifer Feliz  |
| Position:       | Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  |
| Program Title:  | Family Bilingual Literacy Night   |
| Effective Date: | March 1, 2018 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm   |
| Location:       | Oakside Elementary School   |
| Stipend:        | Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded |
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| 9. Name:        | Elizabeth Irving  |
| Position:       | Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  |
| Program Title:  | Family Bilingual Literacy Night   |
| Effective Date: | March 1, 2018 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm   |
| Location:       | Oakside Elementary School   |
| Stipend:        | Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded |
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| 10. Name: | Lynda DelMonaco |
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Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Bilingual Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 1, 2018 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

11. Name: Tara Tierney  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Bilingual Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 1, 2018 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

12. Name: Alyssa Gullo  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Bilingual Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 1, 2018 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- - Grant Funded

13. Name: Michele Bass  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Bilingual Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 1, 2018 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

14. Name: Alexis Vazquez  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Bilingual Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 1, 2018 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract-- Grant Funded

15. Name: Mercedes Torres  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Bilingual Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 1, 2018 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the

Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract-- Grant  
Funded

16. Name: Nancy Castro  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Bilingual Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 1, 2018 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract - Grant  
Funded
17. Name: Raul Ortiz  
Position: Head Coach  
Co-curricular; athletic: Varsity Baseball  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$5,733
18. Name: Charles Rice  
Position: Head Coach  
Co-curricular; athletic: Varsity Lacrosse  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$5,733
19. Name: Michael Tanzi  
Position: Modified Coach  
Co-curricular; athletic: Track and Field  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$2,866
20. Name: Sean Dwyer  
Position: Varsity Coach  
Co-curricular; athletic: Baseball  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$3,892
21. Name: Jose Fernandez  
Position: Junior Varsity Coach  
Co-curricular; athletic: Softball  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$3,892
22. Name: Anthony DiCuio  
Position: Varsity Head Coach  
Co-curricular; athletic: Softball  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$5,733
23. Name: Vernon Merriweather  
Position: Modified Head Coach

Co-curricular; athletic: Baseball  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$2,866

V. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Leslie Kohn  
Position: Social Studies Teacher; LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Social Studies (5-9) (7-12); Professional  
Start Date: October 25, 2017  
Extended End Date: June 22, 2018 (anticipated)  
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits

Classified

1. Appointments

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

1. Name: Peter Hurtado  
Position: Custodial Worker  
Status: Provisional  
Start date: February 7, 2018  
Salary: \$49,186.00 (pro-rated)
2. Name: Debbie White  
Position: Teacher Aide  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start date: February 15, 2018  
Probationary End date: February 14, 2019  
Salary: \$12,276.00 (pro-rated)
3. Name: Kelvin Cardona  
Position: Custodial Worker; Part Time  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start date: February 15, 2018  
Probationary End date: February 14, 2019  
Salary: \$15.46/hour
4. Name: Victor Aviles  
Position: Security Aide  
Status: Probationary  
Date of Hire Effective: February 16, 2018  
Probationary Start date: February 26, 2018 (Delayed Start)  
Probationary End date: February 25, 2019  
Salary: \$32,663.00 (pro-rated)

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: 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 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.

### 12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

#### A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of December 2017

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of December 2017.

#### B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of January 2018

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of January 2018.

#### C. Budget Appropriation Transfers - December 2017

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of December 2017.

#### D. Extraclassroom Activities - December 2017

That the Board of Education, accept the December 2017 financial statements for the Peekskill High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Accounts.

#### E. Contract - 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 2017/2018 school year:

Yorktown Central School District; 26 students; \$1,173.61 per student

F. Contract - Southern Westchester BOCES Cooperative Bid

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities, materials and equipment set forth below

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Peekskill City School District agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Westchester County, New York, adopting in this joint bidding of Art Supplies, General School Supplies, Office Supplies, Fine Paper Supplies, Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment; Custodial Supplies; Trash Liners; Custodial Paper Supplies; Laser and Ink Jet Toners OEM & Compatibles; Lumber Supplies; Microcomputer Hardware; Office & Classroom Furniture and Graphing Calculators

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 it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this Board agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities jointly with other participating school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said commodities.

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.

G. Contract - Be First Boxing

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Be First Boxing to provide a multicultural character, ethics, and sports development program, serving a minimum of 20 boys for the school year, with 2 formal group classes per week and gym access three more days a week. This contract will commence September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$15,000. The funding is from the MBK grant.

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: Branwen MacDonald

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

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

Maria Pereira commented the Youth Bureau has invited high school students (meet on Wednesdays starting February 7) and middle school students (meet on Thursdays starting

February 8) to participate in an inspirational indoor mural project facilitated by artist, Lance Johnson.

Vice President Simpkins stated he is trying to set up a meeting with City Council to discuss My Brother's Keeper Grant and other issues.

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 Aspinall-Kellawon asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Maria Pereira

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk