

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 18, 2022

Board of Education

Mrs. Jillian Villon, President
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald
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. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Villon at 6:02 p.m. in Peekskill High School, Room 222.

A. Recording of Attendance

Virtual Participants:

Pamela Hallman-Johnson/677 Harrison Avenue, Peekskill, NY

Pamela Hallman-Johnson (7:15 p.m.), Allen Jenkins, Jr. (6:10 p.m.) and Michael Simpkins (6:48 p.m.) 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: Per Diem Substitute Teacher; English as a New Language Teacher; Physical Education Teacher; Teaching Assistant; Stipend Positions; and Clerical Substitute. 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: Branwen MacDonald
Yes: Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained:_____

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:12 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Branwen MacDonald
Yes: 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 Peekskill High School Auditorium at 7:21 p.m.

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)
- [COVID Update](#)

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

The below comments were submitted online.

Scarlet Antonia of 801 South St 10-A: How is the Empire grant used? What schools and what programs? Dr. Mauricio commented the Empire grant is a three (3) year grant and is being implemented in the middle school. Dan Callahan is overseeing this grant.

Victoria Salvati-1830 Seabury Place: I do not agree with going from a 10-day quarantine/isolation to 5 days. You can test positive up to 14 days after exposure vaccinated or not. In the mean-time we are unnecessarily exposing other students/teachers. I am under the impression that when going to 5 days the student will return back to school wearing a N95, KN95, or double mask. Is that accurate? What is going to be the procedure for lunch to limit exposure to others? Are they going to have a special area for these students? Currently right now my son is at a table with 7 other students. I'm sorry, but that is a little too many for my comfortability. Also regarding the test to stay, it's my impression that the tests are rapid and not PCR. Is that true? From my experience working in the healthcare field rapid tests are not nearly as accurate as a PCR. There is quite a bit of false negatives. Also, in the middle school and high school how often are the desks being wiped down to prevent exposure from the child that sat there during a previous class? As far as downgrading the number of quarantine days, is this going to be

something that you are willing and looking for input from parents, students and staff or has this basically already been decided? I really think a survey should be generated to see how the community feels about this change.

Dr. Mauricio commented the District is following science and data. Nothing is written in stone. If the rates increase the District might have to change their options. There are assigned seats during lunch for high school students. The rapid test does have a lower probability of being accurate. The District is using both rapid and PCR testing. Desks are being wiped down at the end of the day. High touched areas are wiped down twice a day. The District is following guidelines and has not seen a wide spread of cases in our schools.

6. Superintendent's Report Continued

A. Superintendent's Report Continued

- [Educational Plan & Budget #2](#) – Robin Zimmerman

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Policy Readings

A. Second Reading: Policy #[2342 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination](#)

B. Adopting Policies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following policy:
#2342 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

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. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting December 21, 2021

B. Business Meeting/Work Session January 4, 2022

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting December 21, 2021

Business Meeting/Work Session January 4, 2022

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

President Villon asked for a motion to add Demetric Gardner as Head Varsity Football Coach to the Personnel Agenda.

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: _____

11. Consent Agenda - Personnel

A. 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: Kimberly Pagan
Position: Teaching Assistant
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 21, 2022 (Last day worked 1/21/2022)
2. Name: Ashley Cruz
Position: Special Education Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 28, 2022 (Last day worked 1/28/2022)

II. Retirement:

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

1. Name: Dawn Hoagland
Position: Art Teacher
Action: Resignation for the purpose of retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last day worked 6/24/2022)

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:

1. Name: Anne Happel
Position: School Social Worker
Action: Non-paid leave of absence

Effective: January 28, 2022 through June 30, 2022

- 2. Name: Mabel Vasquez
- Position: School Psychologist
- Action: Non-paid leave of absence
- Effective: January 19, 2022 through June 30, 2022

IV. Appointment:

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

- 1. Name: Daphne Ciallela
- Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
- Effective Start Date: January 19, 2022
- Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
- Salary: \$120 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)

- 2. Name: Diego Rendon Arboleda **
- Position: English as a New Language Teacher
- Certification: ESOL, Internship
- School: Peekskill Middle School
- Tenure Area: ENL
- Probationary Start Date: January 20, 2022
- Probationary End Date: January 19, 2026
- Length of Probation: Four (4) Years
- Salary: \$64,891, BA+30, Step 1 (Prorated)

- 3. Name: Christopher Moljo ***
- Position: Physical Education Teacher
- Certification: Physical Education, Initial
- School: Hillcrest Elementary School/Uriah Hill Elementary School
- Tenure Area: Physical Education
- Probationary Start Date: January 5, 2022
- Probationary End Date: January 4, 2025
- Length of Probation: Three (3) Years
- Salary: \$88,428, MA, Step 7 (Prorated)

- 4. Name: Kiara Robinson **
- Position: Teaching Assistant
- Certification: Teaching Assistant, Level II
- School: Peekskill Middle School
- Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
- Probationary Start Date: January 19, 2022

Probationary End Date: January 18, 2026
 Length of Probation: Four (4) Years
 Salary: \$32,847 (Prorated)

5. Mentor: Jaime Farez
 Mentee: Jaclyn Baiata
 Effective Dates: December 20, 2021 - June 30, 2022
 Salary: \$1,590 (Title II fund) (Prorated)

6. Name: William Thompson
 Position: Health Leave Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)
 Certification: Students With Disabilities - Grades 7-12 - Generalist, Initial
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Start Date: October 19, 2021
 Effective End Date: December 10, 2021
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
7.	Kiara Maldonado	Junior Varsity (Girls) Softball Head Coach	Spring 2022	\$4,213
8.	Jose Fernandez	Varsity (Girls) Softball Assistant Coach	Spring 2022	\$4,213
9.	Carolyn Rodgers	Woodside Afterschool Enrichment Program Administrator	December 7, 2021 - May 6, 2022	\$81 per day (ARP Funding)
10.	Kerianne Harrison	Hillcrest Afterschool Enrichment Program Administrator	December 7, 2021 - May 6, 2022	\$81 per day (ARP Funding)
11.	Demetric Gardner	PKMS Flag Football Intramurals Coach	Spring 2022	\$1,397
12.	Demetric Gardner	Fitness Center Attendant (Boys & Girls)	Spring 2022	\$2,515
13.	Demetric Gardner	Varsity Football Head Coach	2022 – 2023	\$7,867

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Vera Ramos Rodriguez

- Position: Special Education Leave Replacement Teacher
- Certification: Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6),
Emergency COVID-19
- Location: Oakside Elementary School
- Effective Start Date: January 4, 2022
- Effective End Date: April 5, 2022
- Salary: \$308 per day, as worked without benefits
- Action: Correct effective start date
2. 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 1, 2022
- Salary: \$68,430, MA, Step 1 (Prorated)
- Action: Correct effective start date
3. Name: Marren Smith
- Position: Special Education Teacher
- Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
- Effective: January 21, 2022
- Action: Rescind resignation
4. Name: Matthew Evans
- Position: Modified (Boys) Track Coach
- Effective Dates: Spring 2022
- Stipend: \$3,095
- Action: Rescind appointment
5. Name: Jose Fernandez
- Position: Junior Varsity (Girls) Softball Head Coach
- Effective Dates: Spring 2022
- Stipend: \$4,213
- Action: Rescind appointment
6. Name: Raul Ortiz
- Position: Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)
- Certification: Physical Education, Professional
- Location: Peekskill High School
- Effective Start Date: October 14, 2021

Effective End Date: February 1, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

7. Name: Patricia Vernon
Position: Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Physical Education, Initial
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: October 14, 2021
Effective End Date: February 1, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

8. Name: Jessica Rizzuti
Position: Elementary Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: October 14, 2021
Effective End Date: January 19, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

9. Name: Milagros Guzman
Position: Elementary Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Earth Science, Professional
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: October 14, 2021
Effective End Date: January 19, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

10. Name: Michael Tanzi
Position: Elementary Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Earth Science, Professional
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: October 14, 2021

Effective End Date: January 19, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

11. Name: Scott Tabone
Position: Elementary Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: English 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: October 14, 2021
Effective End Date: January 19, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

12. Name: Michelle Luongo
Position: Elementary Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6, Permanent
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: October 14, 2021
Effective End Date: January 19, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

13. Name: Megan Myones
Position: Elementary Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: ESOL, Professional
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: October 14, 2021
Effective End Date: January 19, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

14. Name: Nicholas Agnello
Position: Performing Arts/Drama Leave Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Students with Disabilities - Grades 7-12 - Generalist, Professional

Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: October 12, 2021
Effective End Date: February 9, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

15. Name: Apryl Sniffen
Position: Performing Arts/Drama Leave Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Students with Disabilities - Grades 7-12 - Generalist, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: October 12, 2021
Effective End Date: February 9, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

16. Name: Doris Cagiao
Position: Mathematics Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Permanent
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021
Effective End Date: January 26, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

17. Name: Sarah Peterson
Position: Mathematics Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021
Effective End Date: January 26, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct effective end date

18. Name: Minus Thelusma
Position: Mathematics Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021
Effective End Date: January 26, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
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: Karen Vogel
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Action: Resignation from Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 15, 2022 (Last day worked: 1/14/2022)

2. Name: Keosha Patterson
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Action: Resignation from Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 6, 2022 (Last day worked: 12/23/2021)

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: Casey O'Connell
Position: Clerical Substitute (Per Diem)
Status: Part-Time Availability (PTA)
Location: District Wide
Dates Effective: January 19, 2022 through June 30, 2022

Salary: \$21.00/Hour. As worked, without benefits. Not to exceed a maximum of four (4) work days per week.

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:

1. Name: Johnnie Broughton
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Assigned to: Teresa Ferreira
College: Grand Canyon University
Effective Dates: January 20, 2022 - May 26, 2022

2. Name: Gino Anelli
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Assigned to: Amelia Silverman
College: SUNY New Paltz
Effective Dates: January 24, 2022 - March 18, 2022

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.

12. 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 seventeen (17) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

13. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of November 2021

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of November 2021.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of December 2021

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of December 2021.

C. Extraclassroom Activities - December 2021

That the Board of Education, accept the December 2021 financial statements for the Peekskill High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Accounts.

D. Change Order

That upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, in accordance with the change in scope of work on capital construction projects policy number 7335, the following change orders are presented to the Board of Education.

Laura Li Industries

- Change Order CO-GC-09 for credit of unused allowance in the amount of \$1,580.00

E. Contract - Healthy Kids Extended Day

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Healthy Kids Extended Day commencing September 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

14. Other Agenda Items

A. New Agenda Item

15. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 11.A. - 14.A.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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

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

16. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

17. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

A. New Agenda Item

18. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

19. Adjournment in Memory of [Mr. Matthew Moore](#)

A. Adjournment in Memory of Mr. Matthew Moore

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Villon asked for a motion to adjourn in the memory of Matthew Moore.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk