

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 20, 2018

Board of Education

Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon, President  
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 President Aspinall-Kellawon at 6:08 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

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 7:00 p.m.)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon  
Branwen MacDonald  
Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

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

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

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:20 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Richard Sullivan commented on the advertising for the K-1 principal position. He stated there were items missing, wrong pages on the job description and no job description on OLAS. Dr. Foster will check into making sure the information is correct.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Student Council Report](#) – Presenter/Kaylyn Vazquez

Kaylyn asked the Board what is the status on the new Superintendent? President Aspinall-Kellawon commented they have interviewed all viable candidates and due to the weather, the process timeline was delayed. The Board is now waiting for contracts to be signed. An appointment should come early April.

Sam North stated on March 24, there will be a March for our Lives Walk in Ossining, NY. Students' voices do matter and he is excited about their activism.

- [Uriah Hill](#) - Presenter Carmen Vargas/[Woodside](#) – Presenter Colleen Hardiman; Schools Comprehensive Education Plans (SCEP's)
- [Special Services](#) – Presenter/Ellen Gerace
- [Curriculum Instruction Education Plan and Budget Workshop #4](#) – Presenters/Dan Callahan and Dr. Foster

B. Superintendent Foster read into the minutes the following contract under \$10,000:

- Westchester County Board of Elections/PHS - Use of voting machines for 5/15/18; \$0

C. Superintendent Foster read into the minutes the following Donations/Grants under \$5,000:

- Michael Springer at Cascade Maverik Lacrosse/Peekskill High School Lacrosse Program: Twenty (20) Cascade Lacrosse Helmets; Estimated value \$4,600

6. Old Business

A. [Civil Rights Bus Tour Presentation](#) – President Aspinall-Kellawon

7. New Business

A. New Agenda Item

8. Policy Readings

A. First Reading: Policy #[4770 Graduation Requirements](#)

B. First Reading: Policy #[4771 Early Graduation](#)

C. First Reading: Policy #[4772 Graduation Ceremonies and Regulation](#)

D. First Reading: Policy #[4773 Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities](#)

President Aspinall asked for a motion to waive the second reading of Policies #4770, 4771, 4772 and 4773

Motion: Michael Simpkins  
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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- E. First Reading: Policy # [6700 Purchasing and Regulation](#)
- F. First Reading: Policy # [8414.5 Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers and Regulation](#)
- G. Second Reading: Policy # [2330 Executive Sessions](#)
- H. Second Reading: Policy # [5300.60 Student Searches and Interrogations](#)
- I. Second Reading: Policy # [6240 Investments](#)
- J. Adoption of Policies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following policies:

#2330 Executive Sessions  
#4770 Graduation Requirements  
#4771 Early Graduation  
#4772 Graduation Ceremonies and Regulation  
#4773 Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities  
#5300.60 Student Searches and Interrogations  
#6240 Investments

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

9. Accepting of Minutes

- A. Business Meeting/Work Session February 6, 2018
- B. Business Meeting February 13, 2018
- C. Special Meeting February 15, 2018
- D. Business Meeting/Work Session March 6, 2018
- E. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting/Work Session February 6, 2018  
Business Meeting February 13, 2018  
Special Meeting February 15, 2018  
Business Meeting/Work Session March 6, 2018

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

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:

1. Name: Karen Flynn  
Position: Special Education Teacher  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 22, 2018 (Close of business)
2. Name: Glenetta Kinard Philips  
Position: Substitute Teacher; Per Diem  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: March 15, 2018

II. Leave of Absence

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

1. Name: Ashley Fernandez  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Action: Leave of Absence; non-paid  
Effective: March 24, 2018 through June 22, 2018 (anticipated)

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: Shannon Fraher  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Certification: Early Childhood & Childhood Education; Initial  
Start Date: March 21, 2018  
End Date: June 22, 2018  
Stipend: \$120./day, as worked, not to exceed (4) four days /week (28 hrs/week), no benefits
2. Name: Pamela Cartelli  
Position: Elementary Teacher; LOA replacement  
Certification: Mathematics (5-9) and Students w/Disabilities (5-9); Professional  
Start Date: March 21, 2018  
End Date: June 22, 2018 (anticipated)  
Stipend: \$64,571 pro-rated
3. Name: Cindy Greenberg  
Position: English Teacher; LOA replacement  
Certification: English Language Arts (7-12); Initial  
Start Date: April 9, 2018

- End Date: June 15, 2018 (anticipated)  
Stipend: \$308 per day, as worked, no benefits
4. Name: Justin Wingenroth  
Position: Choreographer  
Effective Date: 2017-2018 PHS Spring Drama Production  
Location: High School  
Stipend: \$1,282
5. Name: Ashley Fernandez  
Position: Elementary Teacher, LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Childhood Education; Initial  
Start Date: March 24, 2018  
End Date: June 22, 2018 (anticipated)  
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits
6. Name: Naima Smith Moore  
Position: My Brother's Keeper Administrator Grant Coordinator  
Effective Date: 2017-2018 school year; ends 8/31/18  
Salary: \$7,600 - Grant Funded
7. Name: Amy Yannarelli  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded
8. Name: Tracy Budney  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded
9. Name: Lauren Dykstra  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded
10. Name: Michelle Van Riper  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter

Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

11. Name: Alexis Vazquez  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

12. Name: Jennifer Feliz  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

13. Name: Nancy Castro  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

14. Name: Michele Bass  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

15. Name: Deanna Pelaccio  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the

Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded

16. Name: Kimberly Pomerantz  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded
17. Name: Michelle Hernandez  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded
18. Name: Lauren Cox  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded
19. Name: Laura Dahl  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teaching Assistant  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded
20. Name: Melanie Fisher  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: \$38/hour- Grant Funded
21. Name: Tai'Ana Searight  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: March 22, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: \$38/hour- Grant Funded

22. Name: Jaime Baumann  
Position: Detention Room Advisor  
Effective Dates: March 21, 2018 through June 22, 2018 (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and per diem as needed)  
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
23. Name: Rita Hobby Barrett Pleasant  
Position: Detention Room Advisor  
Effective Dates: March 21, 2018 through June 22, 2018 (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and per diem as needed)  
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
24. Name: Jequinna McLeod  
Position: Detention Room Substitute Advisor; Per Diem  
Effective Dates: March 21, 2018 through June 22, 2018 (as needed)  
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
25. Name: Tina Delvino  
Position: Advisor  
Program Title: Gardening Club  
Effective Date: 2017 -2018 school year  
Location: Oakeside Elementary School  
Stipend: \$1,026
26. Name: Zorielle Rodrigues-Alcazar  
Position: Academic Challenge Program Advisor  
Location: High School  
Effective Dates: 2017-2018 School Year  
Stipend: \$2,564
27. Name: Karen Wallis  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded
28. Name: Julie Cappuccilli  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter



Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

29. Name: Willier Heyward  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

30. Name: Gloria Cordova  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

31. Name: Anna DelMonaco  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

32. Name: Jennifer Fowler  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded

33. Name: Stephanie Garcia  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the

Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded

34. Name: Heather Norman  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded

35. Name: Maria Martinez Rivera  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: \$38/hour - Grant Funded

36. Name: Astrid Bizoni  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: \$38/hour

37. Name: Jessica Rondon  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded

38. Name: Karen Wallis  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: What Does Your Child's Behavior Mean?  
Effective Date: April 26, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded

39. Name: Desirae Ciaffone  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: What Does Your Child's Behavior Mean?  
Effective Date: April 26, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the

Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded

40. Name: Marya Sollazzo  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: What Does Your Child's Behavior Mean?  
Effective Date: April 26, 2018; 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded

41. Name: Maria Martinez Rivera  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: \$38/hour - Grant Funded

42. Name: Astrid Bizoni  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: \$38/hour - Grant Funded

43. Name: Jessica Rondon  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Assistant  
Program Title: Family Math Night  
Effective Date: April 3, 2018; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the  
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant  
Funded

44. Name: Jonathan lasillo  
Program: 2017- 2018 My Brother's Keeper  
Location: Middle School  
Position: Mentor  
Stipend: \$1,500 - Grant Funded

V. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Zorielle Rodrigues-Alcazar  
Position: Academic Challenge Program Co-advisor  
Location: High School  
Effective Dates: 2017-2018 School Year  
Stipend: \$1,282  
Action: Revised appointment

2. Name: Sharon Courtney  
Position: Academic Challenge Program Co-advisor  
Location: High School  
Effective Dates: 2017-2018 School Year  
Stipend: \$1,282  
Action: Rescind appointment

#### Classified

##### I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Emily Sanchez  
Position: Lunch Monitor  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start date: March 21, 2018  
Probationary End date: March 20, 2019  
Salary: \$11/hour
2. Name: Jose Barbosa-Garcia  
Position: Custodial Worker; Part Time  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start date: March 21, 2018  
Probationary End date: March 20, 2019  
Salary: \$15.46/hour/17.5 hours/week
3. Name: Kaylyn Campbell  
Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start date: March 21, 2018  
Probationary End date: March 20, 2019  
Salary: \$12,276 (pro-rated) (needs ATAS)

##### II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Deborah White  
Position: Teacher Aide  
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective Date: March 12, 2018 (Last day worked 3/9/18)
2. Name: Andrew Fauntleroy  
Position: Teacher Aide  
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective Date: February 9, 2018 (Last day worked 2/7/18)

##### 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:

\*For Volunteers- As per Volunteer Board Policy 4532 - the following volunteers are approved for 10 or less events for current school year

\*For Volunteers- As per Volunteer Board Policy 4532 - the following volunteers are approved for 10 or less events for current school year

\*\*\* 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.

B. Contract Extension - Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education  
That the Board of Education herewith extends the contractual terms of DANIEL CALLAHAN, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the employee is directed to produce at said medical examination any and all medical records related to the present state of his/her health for the past three (3) years.

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 twenty-five (25) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 10.A. – 11A.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

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12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of January 2018

That the Board of Education accepts the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of January 2018.

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

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

C. Budget Appropriation Transfers - January 2018

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of January 2018.

D. Contracts - 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:

Mamaroneck Union Free School District; \$1037.23 per student; 1 student

Harrison Central School District; \$1,081.91 per student; 1 student

Greenburgh Central School District; \$1,046.32 per student; 2 students

E. Contract - Shared Services

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District previously executed an agreement with the City of Peekskill, dated July 1, 2012, for shared service agreement, and now desires to extend such agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District hereby approves and adopts the annexed amendment to said agreement and authorizes the school district's Assistant Superintendent for Business to execute such amendment, through to June 30, 2018.

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

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

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13. Other Agenda Items

A. Annual Budget Vote and Election

PEEKSKILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Election and Budget Vote by County of Westchester, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at and in the election districts established by the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District, in the Peekskill High School, between the hours of 7:00AM and 9:00PM, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items: for the purpose of (1) voting upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the school year 2018 - 2019, (2) electing two members of the Board of Education, each for three-year terms. Upon taking the oath of office at the Annual Reorganization meeting, the terms will run through June 30, 2021, (3) voting upon such propositions as may be properly placed upon the ballot.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Education has prepared a detailed statement of the amount of money which will be required for the year 2018 - 2019 for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount of each, and that copies of this statement may be obtained at a cost, by a qualified voter of the District at the office of the District Clerk, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York and at each other school building in the district beginning May 1, 2018, except Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. D.S.T.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing for the purpose of the discussion of the expenditure of funds, the budgeting thereof and presentation of the budget for the 2018 - 2019 school year will be held in the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York on Tuesday evening, May 1, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. D.S.T.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that nomination for Board of Education Members shall be made by petition which shall be directed to the Clerk of the Board of Education and shall be signed by at least 100 qualified electors of the District. Effective March 21, 2018, petition blanks may be secured at the Board of Education Office, 1031 Elm Street. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated. The petition shall state the name and residence of the candidate and the signer and shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 2608 of the Education Law. Each petition shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Education on or before the twentieth day preceding the day of the Annual School District Election. The last date for filing said petition is: 5:00 p.m., April 25, 2018.

The voting will be by ballot on voting machines as provided by the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. until 9:00 o'clock p.m. (D.S.T.) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

Pursuant to Section 2604 of the Education Law, the Board of Education adopted a resolution on March 1, 1955, dividing the Peekskill City School District into six school election districts. An accurate description of the boundaries of each district is on file at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Education at the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street, and may

be inspected during office hours. Voters in each election district should vote at the polling place therein as follows:

PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL

ELECTION DISTRICT A (City Districts 1 & 2)

ELECTION DISTRICT B (City Districts 3, 4, 14, 15 & 21)

ELECTION DISTRICT C (City Districts 5, 6, 17, 18 & 23)

ELECTION DISTRICT D (City Districts 7, 8, 16, 19 & 22)

ELECTION DISTRICT E (City Districts 9, 10 & 11)

ELECTION DISTRICT F (City Districts 12 & 13)

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to §2016 of the Education law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to §2016 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he/she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. For the preparation of such a register of the qualified voters, the Board of Registration of said school district will meet at the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York, on April 25, 2018, from 3:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m. (D.S.T.) to add to the registers the names of the qualified voters of the school district who shall present themselves personally for registration.

A person shall be entitled to register and vote in said Annual School District Election who is:

(A) A citizen of the United States

(B) At least 18 years of age

(C) A resident of the State and of the City School District of Peekskill for thirty days next preceding the election.

Any person who has not currently registered under permanent personal registration on or before this date and has not voted at a school district election this school year, must, in order to be entitled to vote in the upcoming annual school district election, present himself/herself personally for registration at the time and place stated above, or must make arrangements directly with the Board of Elections in White Plains, either by personally presenting himself/herself, or by mail, to permanently register himself/herself with the Board of Elections in White Plains within such time frame as will allow his/her name to appear on the Board of Elections Registration List for verification on or before Election Day, Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

If a qualified voter is a resident of a school district and his name appears on a register as a resident of another district, a written sworn statement may be filed by such voter with the clerk of the district showing his correct residence and the name of such voter shall thereupon be stricken from such register and placed upon the proper register.

The register so prepared pursuant to §2606 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District at 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on May 1, 2018, between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00PM, prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Education provides for absentee ballots for the election of Members of the Board of Education, the adoption of the annual budget,



and referenda. Applications for absentee ballots are available in the office of the District Clerk, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. Completed applications must be received by the District clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 15, 2018.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after April 27, 2018, between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00PM on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Administration Building, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY, on or before April 16, 2018, at 4:00 PM prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 100 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the power of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditures of monies is required by the proposition.

By order of the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District.

Dated: March 20, 2018

Debra McLeod District Clerk

1. The persons listed on the attached, who are qualified voters of the School District, are hereby appointed to act at such annual meeting as Inspectors of Election and Board of Registration as indicated. [\(Att. #1\)](#)

2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to give written notice of Registration.

3. The Clerk of the District is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for voting machines, to have the necessary ballot labels printed, and to make such other arrangements for the Annual Election and Budget Vote as are necessary and appropriate.

4. The Clerk of the District is further authorized to appoint qualified voters to fill any vacancies caused by the inability, refusal or failure of any person to serve at the annual election.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

B. Safe School Measures Needed Now

Whereas, the safety of all children in our schools is of paramount importance; and  
Whereas the proposed 5% reduction to the current Federal education budget would include \$425 million in cuts to mental health and school safety programs, such as the School Emergency Response to Violence Program and Project Prevention Grants; and  
Whereas seventeen students and staff members were killed and many others were injured as a result of a school shooting in Parkland, Florida on February 14, 2018; and  
Whereas in the past five years, 439 students and staff members have been shot in more than 239 school shootings across our Country ; and  
Whereas a need for greater access to mental health services for students and families in our

schools and communities was ranked as a top funding priority by the majority of Superintendents in New York State ; and

Whereas we believe that every child has the right to a safe school environment that has an appropriate level of security as determined by our community; and

Whereas a reasoned and rational approach to gun control and increased access to mental health services for students and families in our schools and communities are essential elements of a safe school environment; and

Whereas the Peekskill City School District fosters civic discourse and promotes student understanding of government and current issues; and

Whereas a coordinated effort at the Federal and State levels, boosted by law enforcement and community engagement, is needed to change the paradigm and protect our communities and our schools;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District calls upon the New York State Assembly and New York State Senate to implement a reasoned and rational approach to address gun control and background checks, and prioritize funding and resources for increased access to mental health services for students and families in our schools and communities; and

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District implores Federal and State leaders to take immediate action to:

- Provide additional funding to schools and communities for adequate mental health, social, and guidance services and resources for the purpose of prevention, support, and response;
- Provide funds for districts to upgrade their facilities if internal safety audits find there is a need for improvements;
- Provide funding for essential security personnel and related professional development for all staff, as determined by the local school district
- Enact rational and reasonable gun control measures; and

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District affirms that the civic engagement of students in Parkland, Florida and beyond, who are speaking out for school safety, support for mental health services, and legislation to address gun violence needs to be heard.

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District opposes any reductions in federal or state funding for education that would cut mental health or school safety programs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District calls upon the Governor, NYS Assembly and NYS Senate to address gun violence and provide support for local school districts to promote school safety.

#### 14. Approving Consent Agenda

##### A. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Branwen MacDonald

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

Sam North reported there will be a group going to Senator Terrance Murphy's office on March 23, at 11 a.m., 691 E. Main St., Shrub Oak, NY. This rally is to put pressure and advocate on behalf of Peekskill and other districts that are not getting foundation aid.

President Aspinall-Kellawon congratulated all those who participated and won a competition. They are predicting snow tomorrow. Stay safe.

Dr. Foster commented, if there is snow tomorrow school will be open on Monday, March 26 for students and staff.

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: Sam North

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk