

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Board of Education

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

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Dr. Mary Keenan Foster, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Pereira at 6:05 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

2. Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval 6:00 p.m.

A. Open Meeting

- (Note: 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: Co-Curricular Athletics; LOA Teacher; and PKMS After-School Program. 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: Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
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 7:19 p.m.
4. Superintendent/Board President Report
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 - [Peekskill Pride](#)
The Peekskill Drama Club presented to the Board a scene from their upcoming play," A Christmas Carol". They also sang "Happy Birthday" to Ms. Berry, who will be turning 90 next week.
5. Hearing of Citizens
 - A. Public Participation at Board Meetings
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.
6. Superintendent/President Report Continued
 - A. Superintendent's Report Continued
 - [Parent Communication Survey](#)
 - [2020/2021 Budget Calendar](#) Review – Robin Zimmerman
 - [P-12 Alignment Update \(Tenet 3 and 4\);BOE /DCIP Progress Monitoring Report #1](#) – Dan Callahan/Dr. Foster
7. Old Business
 - A. New Agenda Item
8. New Business
 - A. New Agenda Item
9. Policy Readings
 - A. New Agenda Item
10. Accepting of Minutes
 - A. Business Meeting October 22, 2019
 - B. Business Meeting/Work Session November 5, 2019
 - C. Approval of Minutes
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:
Business Meeting October 22, 2019
Business Meeting/Work Session November 5, 2019

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

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Pamela Hallman-Johnson commented she would like to see a breakdown of ethnicity with the new hires, as pertaining to the diversity policy.

11. 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: Candace H. Chizmadia
Position: Permanent Substitute
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: November 7, 2019 (last day worked 11/6/19)

2. Name: Amy Torres
Position: School Counselor; Guidance
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 3, 2020 (last day worked 01/02/2020)

3. Name: Leyla Gromov
Position: Teaching Assistant substitute; per Diem
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: November 11, 2019

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: Frank Cancro
Position: Teacher
Program: Middle School After School
Effective Dates: Twenty-Two (22) Weeks –Tuesdays
Starting December 3, 2019- May 7, 2020 - 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (1 and 1/2 hours of instruction)
Thirty (30) minute preparation period per week will be provided.
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.

2. Name: Jennifer Telesco
Position: Homebound Tutor
Effective Date: 2019-2020 School Year

- Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (Grant Funded).
3. Name: Kiah Mahy
 Position: Teacher; Literacy (Grade 8)
 Program: Middle School After School
 Effective Dates: Twenty-Two (22) Weeks –per diem
 Starting November 4, 2019- May 7, 2020 - 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (1 and 1/2 hours of instruction)
- Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
4. Name: Deanna Presta
 Position: Elementary Teacher; LOA replacement
 Certification Status: Early Childhood & Childhood Education; Initial
 Effective Date: November 20, 2019
 Effective Date: February 14, 2020 (anticipated)
 Salary: \$244/day, as worked, no benefits.
5. Name: Michael Holliday
 Position: Time Keeper
 Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics
 Effective Dates: Fall, Winter, Spring seasons
 Stipend: \$38/HR on two (2) hour blocks of time
6. Name: Jonathan lasillo
 Position: Time Keeper
 Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics
 Effective Dates: Fall, Winter, Spring seasons
 Stipend: \$38/HR on two (2) hour blocks of time
7. Name: Timothy Murphy
 Position: Time Keeper
 Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics
 Effective Dates: Fall, Winter, Spring seasons
 Stipend: \$38/HR on two (2) hour blocks of time
8. Name: Anthony DiCuio
 Position: Time Keeper
 Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics
 Effective Dates: Fall, Winter, Spring seasons
 Stipend: \$38/HR on two (2) hour blocks of time
9. Name: Anthony Scala
 Position: Time Keeper
 Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics
 Effective Dates: Fall, Winter, Spring seasons
 Stipend: \$38/HR on two (2) hour blocks of time
10. Name: Craig Jacobs

Position: Time Keeper
Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics
Effective Dates: Fall, Winter, Spring seasons
Stipend: \$38/HR on two (2) hour blocks of time

11. Name: Joshian Fernandez
Position: Time Keeper
Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics
Effective Dates: Fall, Winter, Spring seasons
Stipend: \$38/HR on two (2) hour blocks of time

V. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Jill Shanahan **/**
Position: Special Education Teacher
Certification Status: Special Education; Permanent
Tenure Area: Special Education
Probationary Start Date: October 29, 2018
Probationary End Date: October 28, 2021
Length of Probation: Three (3) years
2. Name: Cami Basso
Position: Modified Girls Soccer Coach (Team B)
Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular
Effective Dates: Fall Season- August 19th - Nov. 15th
Stipend: \$2,866.60
3. Name: Briana De George
Position: Modified Volleyball (Team B)
Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics
Effective Dates: Fall season- Aug. 19th - Nov. 15th
Stipend: \$3,379.68

Classified

I. Appointments

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

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Fred Chase
Position: Mail Courier
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: December 21, 2019 (Last day worked 12/20/2019)

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: Rosie Suazo
Request: Volunteer; ENL mentoring
Location: High School
Assigned to: Rodney Arthur, Principal
Effective Dates: November 20, 2019 through June 26, 2020

2. Name: Gina Cantarella
Request: Observation Hours (10)
Location: Woodside
Assigned to: Rebecca Aviles Rodriguez, Principal
Effective Dates: November 12, 2019 through November 27, 2019

3. Name: Sarah Faby
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Woodside
Assigned to: Michele Bass, Teacher
Effective Dates: March 23, 2020 through May 8, 2020

4. Name: Claire McLaughlin
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Woodside
Assigned to: Tracy Budney, Teacher
Effective Dates: January 27, 2020 through March 20, 2020

5. Name: Ann Valente
Request: Volunteer; Literacy
Location: Oakside
Assigned to: Staci Woodley, Assistant Principal
Effective Dates: November 20, 2019 through March 20, 2020

6. Name: Rita Gurkin
Request: Volunteer; classroom
Location: Oakside
Assigned to: Crystal Hernandez, Acting Principal
Effective Dates: November 20, 2019 through March 20, 2020

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.

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 for eighty six (86) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

B. Contracts - Hendrick Hudson Central School District

That the Board of Education approve the six (6) contracts with Hendrick Hudson Central School District to provide 2019-2020 school year educational programs for six students with disabilities. Funding is from the General Fund.

C. Contract - Youth Voices

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Youth Voices to provide two of 2-day workshops for students at the Peekskill Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year. This contract is not to exceed \$5,350

D. Contract - Peekskill Be First Boxing

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Peekskill Be First Boxing to provide sport development program for students and/or staff for the 2019-20 school year. Cost is \$1,400 and will be funded by the General Fund.

Motion to poll Board

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: Michael Simpkins

Abstained: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

13. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

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

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

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

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of October 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 - K12 Insight

That the Board of Education approve the contract with K12 Insight, LLC commencing approximately November 1, 2019, - October 31, 2020. The amount will not exceed \$21,750 and will be funded from Title I SIG 1003.

E. Contract - Courier

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Ferdinand Timpanaro as courier for the Peekskill City School District in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the 2019/2020 school year.

F. Bernard P. Donegan - Municipal Advisor

That the Board of Education designates Bernard P. Donegan as Municipal Advisor for the Peekskill City School District. Compensation for services is in accordance with its letter of service dated October 22, 2019.

14. Other Agenda Items

A. [2020 - 2021 Budget Calendar](#)

That the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Budget Calendar.

15. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 11.A. - 12.C.; 13.A. -14.A.

Motion: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____ Abstained:_____

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. President Pereira congratulated Ms. Berry and Ariana Okoth for their accomplishments. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Michael Simpkins congratulated students of Peekskill for competing on a national level.

Allen Jenkins, Jr. stated the Saturday Academy was amazing. He thanked Dr. Mauricio for the information centers at Bohlmann Towers.

18. Executive Session – 9:07 p.m.

A. Executive Session

Motion to move to Executive Session

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Jillian Villon

No: _____ Abstained:_____

B. Adjourn Executive Session – 10:00 p.m.
Motion to move to Public Session

Motion: Samuel North

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

Second:

No: _____

Abstained:_____

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

Second: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk