

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 16, 2018

Board of Education

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

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
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 Vice President Pereira at 6:03 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Michael Simpkins arrived late.

2. Proposed Executive Session

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) in the following positions: Varsity Basketball Girls Coach; Extra Curricula Advisors; MBK Mentors; Permanent Substitutes; Social Worker; Special Education Teacher and Teacher Aides. 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: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

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Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:25 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Elizabeth Malone expressed her concern that there isn't a bus stop in front of Dunbar Heights. There aren't any crossing guards and it is trying to get the kids safely to school. Ms. Malone is looking for help. She had a petition signed to share with the board requesting a bus stop in front of Dunbar Heights.

Victoria Kravitz was asking about the flow of the City of Peekskill. She thinks the BOE should work with Common Council in coordinating the times of entry into schools,

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. [Superintendent's Report](#)

- Board of Education Recognition – Dr. Mauricio presented to the Board plaques, and pens in appreciation for School Board recognition week which is October 22 – 26. Dr. Mauricio also recognized Maria Gordineer and Hope Dias and presented certificates to them.
- Graduation Data / High School Update

B. Contracts Under \$10,000

Superintendent Mauricio read into the minutes the following contract under \$10,000:

- Elizabeth Maloy; Assist with confidential information in the Business Office; October 15, 2018 - June 30, 2019; Not to exceed \$5,000.

C. Grants/Donations Under \$5,000

Superintendent Mauricio read into the minutes the following donations under \$5,000:

- Fuel Up to Play 60/CustomED - Donation of flag football equipment for Peekskill Middle School Physical Education classes: Value \$395
- Peekskill Juneteenth Committee: Peekskill High School/Middle School District Band: \$250
- Ms. Jean Tsao/PHS - Donation art supplies: Value \$250

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Policy Readings

9. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting September 18, 2018

B. Business Meeting/Work Session October 2, 2018

C. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:
Business Meeting September 18, 2018
Business Meeting/Work Session October 2, 2018

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

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Pamela Hallman-Johnson made a motion to talk about the transportation bid.

Motion: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

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10. Consent Agenda – Personnel

A. Daily Rate of Permanent Substitute Teacher Positions

That the Board of Education herewith approves to raise the daily rate of the Permanent Substitute Teacher position to \$155 per day effective November 7, 2018.

B. Daily Rate of District-Wide Certified Substitute Teacher Positions

That the Board of Education herewith approves to raise the daily rate of the District-wide Certified Substitute Teacher position to \$120 per day effective November 7, 2018.

C. 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:

IV. Appointments

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

1. Name:

Geraldine Then **

Position:

Social Worker

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| Certification Status: | Social Worker; Provisional Certificate |
| Tenure Area: | School Social Worker |
| Probationary period begins: | November 19, 2018 |
| Probationary period ends: | November 18, 2022 |
| Length of Probation: | Four (4) years |
| Salary: | \$65,281 – MA Step 1 |
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2. Name: Christine Buckman **
 Position: Special Education Teacher
 Certification Status: Special Education (Permanent)
 Pre K, K, Grades 1-6 (Permanent)
 Tenure Area: Special Education
 Start Date: November 19, 2018
 End Date: November 18, 2022
 Length of Probation: Four (4) years
 Salary: \$119,290 – MA+45 Step 12

 3. Name: Christine Buckman
 Position: Department Leader; Special Education
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
 Stipend: \$2,000 (prorated)

 4. Name: Jaycee DeGroat
 Position: Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach
 Program: 2018-2019 Winter Season
 Stipend: \$6,759

 5. Name: Jaycee DeGroat
 Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
 Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6); Initial Certificate
 Start date: October 17, 2018
 End Date: June 26, 2019
 Stipend: \$120/day, as worked, not to exceed four (4) days/week (28hrs/wk).

 6. Name: Frank Savage
 Position: Detention Room Advisor
 Location/Days/Time: Peekskill High School
 (Monday- Friday: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
 Program: 2018-2019 school year
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.

 7. Name: Josie Esposito
 Position: Environmental Club Advisor; Middle School
 Program: 2018-2019 school year
 Stipend: \$2,565

 8. Name: Josie Esposito

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| Position: | Garden Club Advisor; Middle School |
| Program: | 2018-2019 school year |
| Stipend: | \$1,026 |
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| 9. Name: | Alison Kramer |
| Position: | Drama Assistant, Musical; Middle School |
| Program: | 2018-2019 school year |
| Stipend: | \$3,078 |
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| 10. Name: | Jonathan Harrison |
| Position: | Student Council/Congress Advisor; Middle School |
| Program: | 2018-2019 school year |
| Stipend: | \$2,565 |
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| 11. Name: | Stephanie Dabbs |
| Position: | Cooking and Crafts Club Advisor; Middle School |
| Program: | 2018-2019 school year |
| Stipend: | \$1,539 |
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| 12. Name: | Joshian Fernandez |
| Program: | My Brother's Keeper |
| Position: | Mentor; Middle School |
| Program: | 2018-2019 school year |
| Stipend: | \$1,500 (Grant Funded) |
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| 13. Name: | Christopher Kness |
| Program: | My Brother's Keeper |
| Position: | Mentor; Middle School |
| Program: | 2018-2019 school year |
| Stipend: | \$1,500 (Grant Funded) |
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| 14. Name: | Nickolas Sakellariou |
| Program: | My Brother's Keeper |
| Position: | Mentor; Middle School |
| Program: | 2018-2019 school year |
| Stipend: | \$1,500 (Grant Funded) |
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| 15. Name: | Subin Thacheril |
| Program: | My Brother's Keeper |
| Position: | Mentor; Middle School |
| Program: | 2018-2019 school year |
| Stipend: | \$1,500 (Grant Funded) |
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| 16. Name: | Chemay Venero |
| Program: | My Brother's Keeper |
| Position: | Mentor; Middle School |
| Program: | 2018-2019 school year |
| Stipend: | \$1,500 (Grant Funded) |
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| 17. Name: | Anita Prentice |
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Program: My Brother's Keeper
Position: Mentor; High School
Program: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,500 (Grant Funded)

18. Name: Maria Gordineer
Program: My Brother's Keeper
Position: Mentor; High School
Program: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,500 (Grant Funded)

19. Name: Fred Howard
Program: My Brother's Keeper
Position: Mentor; High School
Program: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,500 (Grant Funded)

20. Name: Catherine McCabe
Program: My Brother's Keeper
Position: Mentor; High School
Program: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,500 (Grant Funded)

21. Name: Laura Belfiore
Program: My Brother's Keeper
Position: Mentor; High School
Program: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,500 (Grant Funded)

22. Name: Alma Zucco
Program: My Brother's Keeper
Position: Mentor; High School
Program: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,500 (Grant Funded)

23. Name: Reid Olmsted
Program: My Brother's Keeper
Position: Mentor; High School
Program: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,500 (Grant Funded)

24. Name: George Robles
Program: My Brother's Keeper
Position: Mentor; High School
Program: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,500 (Grant Funded)

25. Name: Tawfig Bey
Program: My Brother's Keeper
Position: Mentor; High School

Program: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,500 (Grant Funded)

26. Name: Shenea Brown
Program: My Brother's Keeper
Position: Mentor; High School
Program: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,500 (Grant Funded)

27. Name: Mark Andujar
Program: My Brother's Keeper
Position: High School MBK Grant Teacher Leader
Effective dates: September 2018 through June 30, 2019
Stipend: \$4,000 (Grant Funded)

28. Name: Jamal Lewis
Program: Saturday Academy Program
Position: Community Schools Saturday Academy Administrator
Effective dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$6,000

V. Corrections:

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

Classified

1. Appointments

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

1. Name: Cheryl Williams
Position: Teacher Aide Substitute; Per Diem
Effective: October 17, 2018 through June 26, 2019
Salary: \$12.00/hour, as worked with no benefits.

2. Name: Jill Hodges
Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom
Probationary Start Date: October 17, 2018
Probationary End Date: October 16, 2019
Salary: \$13,392 (pro-rated)

3. Name: Serena Miller
Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom
Probationary Start Date: October 17, 2018
Probationary End Date: October 16, 2019
Salary: \$13,392 (pro-rated)

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Tamikha Sims

Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: October 6, 2018 (Last day worked 10/5/2018)

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 nine (9) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

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

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of July 2018.

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

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

- C. 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:

Haldane Central School District; \$1,806.58 per student; 1 student

- D. Contract - TAS/Transportation Advisory Service

That the Board of Education award the proposal to Transportation Advisory Services for bid process management.

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: Samuel North

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

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15. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

Victoria Kravitz wanted to know what is the District doing to help our seniors graduate and to help them now to prepare for the regents?

The District has programs in place to help the seniors achieve their goals.

16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

A. PTO/Branwen MacDonald reported the first meeting will be tomorrow, 7 p.m. at the Administration Building and there will also be free child care.

PEF/ Dr. Mauricio commented new members and old community members met a few weeks ago rebirthing the organization.

17. Executive Session – 9:15 p.m.

A. Executive Session

Motion to move to Executive Session

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

B. Adjourn Executive Session – 9:50 p.m.

Motion to move to Public Session

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

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18. Adjournment in Memory of [Ms. Lee Croft](#)

- A. Moment of Silence for LilyAnn Cummings, former student
- B. Adjournment in Memory of Ms. Lee Croft

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Simpkins asked for a motion to adjourn in memory of Ms. Lee Croft.

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

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Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk