

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

Board of Education

Mr. Colin Smith, Vice President  
Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon  
Ms. Jillian Clausen  
Mrs. Maria Pereira  
Mr. Michael Simpkins  
Mr. Richard Sullivan

Central Office

Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Interim Superintendent  
Robin Zimmerman, Asst Supt for Business  
Dr. Joe Mosey, Asst Supt for Administrative Services  
Dr. David Fine, Asst Supt for Secondary Education  
Mrs. Mary Foster, Asst Supt for Elementary Education  
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Smith at 5:38 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

- A. Recording of Attendance  
Doug Glickert was absent.

2. Proposed Executive Session

A. Open Meeting

- (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular contractual and personnel items. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00PM)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Jillian Clausen

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Second: Michael Simpkins

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

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

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Jillian Clausen

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Second: Maria Pereira

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

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

Colin Smith  
Richard Sullivan

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas Room at 7:05 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

Joe Jankowski, a parent whose child attends St. Colmbanus, found out next year transportation will not be provided to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mr. Jankowski is asking the Board for an amendment or exception to this rule. He read a letter from Mayor Catalina, in favor of changing this rule.

Superintendent Licopoli stated PCSD does not provide transportation to students in grades 6-8, therefore it is not offered to parochial or private schools.

Vice President Smith commented this is not a Board action. Steps need to be taken in order for there to be a change to the transportation. A voter referendum would be necessary to bring about this change.

Dr. Licopoli thanked Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon on behalf of the students for the donations to the book-fair. Dr. Licopoli and Dr. Mosey also donated books. This is part of the English language Arts Program to help balance literacy.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Status Report

- Enrollment
- Staffing Vacancies

Dr. Licopoli and Dr. Mosey shared a PowerPoint with the Board on Enrollment and Staffing Vacancies

B. Update on Curriculum Instruction Assessment (CIA)

Dr. Fine and Mary Foster showed a PowerPoint giving an update on Curriculum and Instruction

C. Board Agenda Topics

Coffee with the Superintendent will be September 20, at PKMS from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. focusing on Peekskill Pride and preserving our schools. There will be a discussion on the impact of a charter school.

There will be a public hearing on the proposed Guardian Academy Charter School at PKMS auditorium, October 1, 7p.m. – 9 p.m. Those wanting to speak are invited to sign up by calling 914-737-3300x342, mailing to 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY or emailing [dmcleod@peekskillcsd.org](mailto:dmcleod@peekskillcsd.org)

Robin Zimmerman said the District saved \$1.9 million dollars or \$100,000 a year, on the sale of bonds.

Dr. Licopoli stated they will review at the next meeting the agenda topics.

The October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Woodside School where they will discuss Woodside's Team Learning Team Plan.

D. Contracts Under \$10,000

Dr. Licopoli read into the minutes the following contract under \$10,000:  
Z Recording Studio; 2014/2015 School Year; Music Recording and Production Workshops; Not to Exceed \$5,000; Funded through LEAP

6. Old Business

A. New Agenda Item

7. New Business

A. New Agenda Item

Maria Pereira commented there are afterschool programs for youths at the Youth Bureau. Contact Darrell Frances at 734-2051 and you must register before September 30. The Boat building program for the fall session will be starting soon.

8. Accepting of Minutes

A. Amended Reorganization Business Meeting July 1, 2014

B. Business Meeting/Work Session September 2, 2014

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Amended Reorganization Business Meeting July 1, 2014

Business Meeting/Work Session September 2, 2014

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Jillian Clausen

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

9. Consent Agenda Approval

A. Increase Hours for Physical Education Position

That the Board of Education approves the increasing of hours for the Physical Education position from .2FTE to .4FTE

B. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher resignation to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Sean Dwyer .2 FTE Physical Education  
Effective: September 16, 2014

II. Leave of Absence

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

III. Appointments

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

1. Name: Melissa Schuberg  
Position: Music Teacher – LOA (anticipated 6-8 weeks)  
Certification Status: Music; Permanent  
Effective Date: September 8, 2014  
Start Date: September 8, 2014  
End Date: October 31, 2014 (anticipated)  
Salary: \$ 308/day
2. Name: Rebecca Miller  
Position: Special Education Teacher – LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Mathematics (7-12), Students w/Disabilities;  
Professional  
Effective Date: September 2, 2014  
Start Date: September 2, 2014  
End Date: June 30, 2015  
Salary: \$63,758
3. Name: Jennifer Cotter  
Position: Teaching Assistant – LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Teaching Assistant, Level 1  
Effective Date: September 8, 2014  
Start date: September 8, 2014  
End Date: October 31, 2014  
Salary: \$75/day, no benefits
4. Name: Sean Dwyer  
Position: Physical Education – LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Health and Physical Education; initial  
Effective Date: September 17, 2014  
Start date: September 17, 2014  
End Date: December 23, 2014  
Salary: \$ 49,073 Pro-rated (BA, Step 1)
5. Name: Nicolas Nastasi

Position: Elementary Teacher - Leave replacement  
Certification Status: Elementary Education and Students w/Disabilities;  
Initial  
Effective Date: September 2, 2014  
Start date: September 17, 2014  
End Date: January 30, 2015 (tentative date)  
Salary: \$61,900 (pro-rated)

6. Name: Bridget Connor  
Position: English Teacher  
Certification Status: English (7-12); Professional  
Effective Date: September 2, 2014  
Probationary start date: September 2, 2014  
Probationary end date: September 1, 2017  
Salary: \$ 61,900 (MA, Step 1)

7. Name: Danielle Ricciardi  
Position: Reading Teacher – LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Hillcrest  
Effective Date: September 18, 2014  
End date: June 30, 2015  
Salary: \$61,900

B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 permanent substitute appointments for the 2014-2015 school year, at the rate of \$120.00 per day (no benefits), to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Alicia Smith  
Certified: Early Childhood Education, Childhood Education, Students w/Disabilities (B-Gr. 2) (1-6); Initial  
Woodside - Monday through Thursday - not to exceed 28 hours per week  
Effective: September 8, 2014 - June 30, 2015
2. Deanna Pelaccio  
Certified: Childhood Education (1-6), Students w/ Disabilities (1-6); Initial  
Woodside – Tuesday through Friday - not to exceed 28 hours per week  
Effective: September 8, 2014 - June 30, 2015
3. Lauryn Carley  
Certified: Early Childhood (Birth – Gr. 2) and Childhood Education; Initial  
Oaksides – Tuesday through Friday - not to exceed 28 hours per week  
Effective: September 9, 2014 - June 30, 2015
4. Annette Soars  
Certified: Spanish; Initial  
High School–Tuesday through Friday – not to exceed 28 hours per week  
Effective: September 15, 2015 - June 30, 2015

5. Danielle Diorio  
Certified: English (7-12) and Students w/ Disabilities 97-12); Initial  
High School- Monday through Thursday – not to exceed 28 hours per week  
Effective: September 15, 2015 - June 30, 2015
6. Shirley Banker  
Certified: English (7-12); Permanent  
High School–Tuesday through Friday – not to exceed 28 hours per week  
Effective: September 15, 2014 – June 30, 2015
- C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following lifeguard appointments for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Alana Donabie Lifeguard – boy's swim season 2014-2015  
\$10/hour
  2. Gregory Clark Lifeguard– girl's swim season 2014-2015  
\$10/hour
- D. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following substitute teaching assistant appointment, at the rate of \$75.00 per day, per diem, for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Jennifer Cotter Teaching Assistant Substitute  
Effective: September 8, 2014- June 30, 2015
- E. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following home-bound tutor appointments on an as-needed basis for the 2014-2015 school year, at the rate of \$48/hour, to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Michelle Horne Certified: Childhood Education, Students w/Disabilities; Professional  
Effective: September 8, 2014 through June 30, 2015
- F. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 Extra Co-curricular; non-athletic appointments for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Natalie Bolden Middle School - Literary Magazine Advisor (split stipend) Stipend: \$ 1,256
  2. Patricia Roldan Middle School - Literary Magazine Advisor (split stipend) Stipend: \$ 1,256
  3. Yolanda Guardino Middle School - Student Govt./Congress Advisor  
Stipend: \$ 2,515
  4. Diane Eckhart Middle School – Treasurer Stipend: \$2,515
  5. Patricia Diaz Middle School – Art Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$754.50
  6. Amanda Smith Middle School – Art Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$754.50

7. Patricia Roldan            Middle School – Yearbook Advisor  
Stipend: \$ 4,024
8. John Cooley                Middle School – Garden Club  
Stipend: \$1,006
9. Kathleen Gargano        Middle School- Craft & Cooking Advisor  
Stipend: \$1,509
10. Elizabeth Damiano      Middle School- Christa McAuliffe Advisor (split  
stipend)            Stipend: \$1,257.50
11. Scott Tabone              Middle School- Christa McAuliffe Advisor (split  
stipend)            Stipend: \$1,257.50
12. Heather Brown           High School – Art Club Advisor Stipend: \$1,509
13. Lawrence DelCasale    High School - Assistant Band Director  
Stipend: \$4,275
14. John Hahn                High School – Band Director     Stipend: \$5,533
15. Shawna Robinson       High School – Black Culture Club Advisor  
Stipend: \$5,030
16. Mark Andujar            High School – Chess Club Advisor  
Stipend: \$1,509
17. Christen McDonnell    High School – Debate Club (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$1,257.50
18. Jodi Fernandez          High School – Debate Club (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$1,257.50
19. Laura Belfiore           High School – Drama Assistant Stipend: \$3,018
20. Bridget Connor         High School - Drama Assistant Stipend: \$3,018
21. Terry Sandler            High School - Dramatics Coach  
Stipend: \$4,024
22. Josephine Williams     High School – Environmental Awareness Club Advisor  
Stipend: \$2,515
23. James Senning          High School – Exchange Club Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$2,515
24. Susan Imhof             High School – Exchange Club Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$2,515
25. Ellen Jones              High School – Freshman Class Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$754.50
26. Lisa Mannion            High School – Freshman Class Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$754.50
27. Josephine Williams     High School – Gardening Advisor  
Stipend: \$1,006
28. April Kellam             High School – GO Treasurer     Stipend: \$5,030
29. Miriam Skrivaneck      High School – Interact Club Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$1,257.50
30. George Goess            High School – Interact Club Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$1,257.50
31. Dorothy Bertram        High School – Irish Culture club  
Stipend: \$3,018
32. John Hahn                High School – Jazz Band Director

- Stipend: \$2,012
33. Michelle Obenauer      High School – Junior class Advisor  
Stipend: \$2,515
  34. Myrna Santos          High School - Latin Culture Club (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$1,509
  35. Sonia Veloz            High School - Latin Culture Club (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$1,509
  36. Greg Erickson          High School – Math competition Club Advisor  
Stipend: \$1,509
  37. Merritt Brown          High School – Mathematics Honor Society Advisor  
Stipend: \$1,509
  38. Jean Spooner          High School – National Honor Society Advisor  
Stipend: \$1,509
  39. David Mueller          High School – Newspaper Advisor  
Stipend: \$4,024
  40. John Hahn              High School – Orchestra Director  
Stipend: \$1,509
  41. Susan Olsen            High School – PIES Coordinator  
Stipend: \$5,030
  42. Amy Honey            High School – Power of Peace Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$754.50
  43. Francine Yeagley-Mountain      High School - Power of Peace Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$754.50
  44. Miriam Skrivaneck      High School – Senior Class Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$1,509
  45. Frank Savage          High School - Senior Class Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$1,509
  46. Mark Andujar          High School - Ski Club Advisor      Stipend: \$1,509
  47. Anthony Turner          High School – Sophomore Class Advisor  
Stipend: \$2,012
  48. Miriam Skrivaneck      High School – Student Council Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$3,772
  49. April Kellam            High School – Student Council Advisor (split stipend)  
Stipend: \$3,772
  50. Donald Shropshire      High School – Yearbook Advisor  
Stipend: \$2,515
  51. Gordon Hubbard          High School – Yearbook Advisor  
Stipend: \$2,515
  52. Sharon Courtney          High School – Yearbook Business Advisor  
Stipend: \$6,036

G. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 Extra Co-curricular; athletic appointment for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Tom Robinson          Modified Soccer (Girls) - Head Coach  
Stipend: \$ 2,515



H. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 CPR/First Aid Trainer appointment for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Susan Callahan                      Effective: July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015

I. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 Sick Bank provision, to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Rita Gurkin                      Oakside - Sick bank    Effective: October 2, 2014

J. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 Hass' Way staffing appointments for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Abhik Chatterji – Mondays - Humanities (ELA/SS and Academic Support)
2. Josephine Williams – Tuesdays - STEM (Math/Science and Academic Support)
3. Christen McDonnell – Wednesdays - Humanities (ELA/SS and Academic Support)
4. Susan Imhof – Thursdays - STEM (Math/Science and Academic Support)

IV. Rescinded appointment

1. Sean Dwyer                      .2 FTE Physical Education Teacher  
Effective: September 16, 2014

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Lauren Strike  
Position: Teacher Aide (1:1) – leave replacement  
Location: Middle School  
Start date: September 18, 2014  
End date: TBD  
Salary: \$12,090 (pro-rated)
2. Name: Damiao Dossantos  
Position: Custodial Worker  
Location: TBD  
Probationary Start date: September 17, 2014  
Probationary End date: September 16, 2015  
Salary: \$47,037, Nights \$1,700 = Total Salary \$48,737
3. Name: Ricardo Griffith  
Position: Custodial Worker  
Location: TBD  
Temporary Start date: September 17, 2014  
Temporary End date: August 19, 2015

Probationary period begins: August 20, 2015  
Probationary period ends: August 19, 2016  
Salary: \$47,037, Nights \$1,700 = Total Salary \$48,737

4. Name: Daniel D. Moran  
Position: Custodial Worker  
Location: TBD  
Temporary Start date: September 17, 2014  
Temporary End date: August 19, 2015  
Probationary period begins: August 20, 2015  
Probationary period ends: August 19, 2016  
Salary: \$47,037, Nights \$1,700 = Total Salary \$48,737

5. Name: Charles Rice  
Position: Teacher Aide (1:1)  
Location: Middle School  
Probationary Start date: September 15, 2014  
Probationary End date: September 14, 2015  
Salary: \$ 12,090

B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher aide substitute appointments for the 2014-2015 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$8.00 per hour (days 1 -24 cumulative, non-consecutive); \$9.00 per hour(days 25 and beyond cumulative, non-consecutive):

C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following school (lunch) monitor appointment for the 2014-2015 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, 17.5 hours per week:

1. Melanie Smith                      Hillcrest - School monitor – Lunch  
Effective: September 10, 2014 – June 30, 2015

## II. Resignations

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

1. Robert Pelaccio      Middle School- Teacher Aide      Effective: September 1, 2014
2. Graciela Fernandez      Uriah Hill- Teacher Aide (recall PELL declined) Effective:  
September 4, 2014
3. Maria Santana      Hillcrest – Teacher Aide      Effective: September 3, 2014
4. Audrey Coleman      Hillcrest – Teacher Aide      Effective: September 2, 2014
5. Sandra Shelley      Woodside – Teacher Aide      Effective: September 2, 2014

## III. Student Teachers

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following candidates for student teaching, volunteering and/or internship to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Melody Walker-Brown  
Request: Student Teaching  
Location: Hillcrest, Emily Diaz  
Effective Dates: September 3, 2014 – October 31, 2014  
College/University: PACE
2. Name: Karin Slatem  
Request: Volunteer, Ms. Woodley  
Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Effective Dates: September 12, 2014 – June 30, 2015
3. Name: Rebecca Canning  
Request: Student Teaching  
Location: Middle School; Daniel Robinson  
Effective Dates: January 20, 2015- March 20, 2015  
College/University: New Platz

#### 10. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of August 2014

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of August 2014.

B. MOA - Peekskill School Security Aides Association

That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District hereby ratifies, effective September 16, 2014, the memorandum of agreement between the Board and the Peekskill School Security Aides Association, dated September 16, 2014; and That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to incorporate said memorandum of agreement into a more formal written agreement and further authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said formal written agreement.

C. J. Cali Inc. - Tax Certiorari

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Ingberman Smith, LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned J. Cali Inc. F/K/A Carjen Fence Corp.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment. The Board of Education approve the following:

Tax Years	Original AV	Eq. Rate	Equalized FMV	Req. AV	Req. FMV	Possible Exposure	Settlement Reduction	Settlement FMV	Tax Rate	Refund
2008	\$51,500	0.03	\$1,716,666.67	\$5,150	\$171,666.67	\$26,071.60	\$15,500	\$1,200,000	0.562494	\$8,718.66
2009	\$51,500	0.03	\$1,716,666.67	\$5,150	\$171,666.67	\$27,039.38	\$15,500	\$1,200,000	0.583374	\$9,042.30

2010	\$51,500	0.035	\$1,471,428.57	\$5,150	\$147,142.86	\$27,039.38	\$9,500	\$1,200,000	0.583374	\$5,542.05
2011	\$51,500	0.0372	\$1,384,408.60	\$5,150	\$138,440.86	\$29,828.18	\$6,900	\$1,198,925	0.637005	\$4,395.33
2012	\$51,500	0.0385	\$1,337,662.34	\$5,150	\$133,766.23	\$30,601.43	\$5,300	\$1,200,000	0.660225	\$3,499.19
2013	\$51,500	0.0385	\$1,337,662.34	\$5,150	\$133,766.23	\$30,604.43	\$200	\$1,332,468	0.660225	\$132.05
						\$170,878.41				\$31,329.58

#### D. Contracts

That the Board of Education approves the following contracts:

Agency Start Date End Date Services Provided Contract Amount Funding

Bases, Joanne; 9/3/2014 - 6/26/2014; Vision services for IEP Students; \$70,000; Special Services Professional Budget

Feminenza North America; 9/3/2014 - 6/26/2014; For at risk youth; \$20,429; Extended School Day Grant

Sanctuary Institute; 9/3/2014 - 6/26/2014; Continuation of Sanctuary Program; \$52,000; Extended School Day Grant

Westchester Jewish Community Services (SCOPES); 9/3/2014 - 6/26/2014; Bilingual mental health practitioner to staff the SCOPES services at Oakside \$42,000; Extended School Day Grant

Westchester Mediation Center; 9/3/2014 -6/26/2014; Moderate and present the online cyber-bullying to groups of students; \$41,500; Extended School Day Grant

#### 11. Approving Consent Agenda

##### A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 9.A. - 10.D.

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Richard Sullivan

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Jillian Clausen

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Dr. Licopoli stated one of topics on the Board agenda is what the District is doing for bullying.

Michael Simpkins commented the new protocol on how visitors enter the buildings he felt the approach was not friendly.

Dr. Licopoli said to improve building security the District needs to be more current with the times. Before entering a building you must state your purpose and show identification. Visitors will have to get use to this. It takes time for people to be prepared for the new protocol.

#### 12. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

13. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

A. New Agenda Item

Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon and Richard Sullivan attended the WPSBA workshop discussing the resolutions on the GAP elimination and how to get together with the freezing of funds. There will be another meeting September 29. Dr. Licopli commented having frozen state aid with increasing students doesn't work.

Vice President Smith said the proposed charter school has taken up a lot of time and he would like for the Board to wait on the Superintendent's lead, but in the meantime he recommends putting the committees on hold.

14. Executive Session (if necessary) - Time: \_\_\_\_

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

15. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Smith asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: \_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_

Jillian Clausen

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk