

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 17, 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
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 Simpkins at 6:03 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office.

A. Recording of Attendance

Allen Jenkins, Jr. arrived late.

2. Proposed Executive Session

A. Open Meeting

- (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular contractor(s) and employment history of the following positions: Grade 6 Teacher; Security Aide; Special Education Support; Teacher Aides; Teaching Assistants (PHS). 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: Maria Pereira

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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: Branwen MacDonald

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 George Birdas Room at 7:35 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- [School Opening Summary](#)

B. Contracts Under \$10,000

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

- Generation Ready Inc./ Hillcrest Elementary School; Provide educational consultants, trainers, and service providers for five (5) grade 4 and 5 teachers; July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019; \$8,000; Paid from Title I SIG grant

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Policy Readings

9. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting August 27, 2018

B. Business Meeting/Work Session September 4, 2018

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting August 27, 2018

Business Meeting/Work Session September 4, 2018

Motion: Maria Pereira

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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

No: _____ Abstained:_____

10. Consent Agenda – Personnel

Motion to move personnel agenda to discuss

Motion: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

No: _____ Abstained:_____

Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Pamela Hallman-Johnson appreciates diversity, but the District needs equity as well. Students of color should see teachers the same as they are.

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: Christine Otero
Position: Special Education Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: October 3, 2018

2. Name: Rachel Proud
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: September 5, 2018

3. Name: Diana Mulderrig
Position: Speech and Language Teacher
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Action: Leave of Absence; Non-paid
Original Effective Date: September 4, 2018 through January 31, 2019
Action: To extend non-paid LOA through June 30, 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: Kaitlyn King**
Position: Elementary Teacher
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6); Initial
Probationary Start Date: September 18, 2018
Probationary End Date: September 17, 2022
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Salary: \$65,281 MA, Step 1

2. Name: Shannon Connor

- Position: Permanent Substitute teacher
 Certification Status: Childhood Education and Students w/Disabilities; Initial
 Start Date: September 5, 2018
 End Date: June 26, 2019
 Salary: \$120/day as worked following the school calendar. Not to exceed four (4) days/week (28 hrs/wk). No benefits.
3. Name: DeShaun Dennis
 Position: Substitute Teacher; Per Diem
 Location: District-wide
 Certification Status: Childhood Education; Initial
 Effective Start Date: September 18, 2018
 End Date: June 26, 2019
 Salary: \$100/day as worked, following the school calendar Working four days/week (28 hrs./wk). No benefits.
4. Name: Dalem Arsa Artha
 Position: Permanent Substitute
 Certification Status: Technology Education; Initial
 Start Date: September 18, 2018
 End Date: June 26, 2019
 Salary: \$120/day as worked, not to exceed four (4) days/week (28 hrs./wk.), no benefits.
5. Name: Cynthia Sancho-Aiello
 Position: Permanent Substitute
 Certification Status: Special Education, Reading Teacher, Pre-K, K and Grades 1-6, Bilingual Education; Permanent. ESOL; Internship
 Start Date: September 18, 2018
 End Date: June 26, 2019
 Salary: \$120/day as worked, not to exceed four (4) days/week (28 hrs./wk.), no benefits.
6. Name: Barbara Volpe
 Position: Special Education teacher w/ABA training; after school
 Certification Status: Special Education; Permanent
 Start Date: September 20, 2018
 End Date: June 26, 2019
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded (611), not to exceed ten (10) hours/week.
7. Name: Dawn Meyer
 Position: Teaching Assistant w/ABA training; after school
 Certification Status: Teaching Assistant; Level III
 Start Date: September 20, 2018

End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract- Grant Funded (611), not to exceed ten (10) hours/week.

8. Name: Lisa Mannion
Position: TRICA Teacher Leader
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,000

9. Name: Ellen Jones
Position: TRICA Teacher Leader
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,000

10. Name: Michael Telesco
Position: TRICA Teacher Leader
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,000

11. Name: Jaclyn Schuck
Position: TRICA Teacher Leader
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,000

12. Name: Lisa Manion
Position: Framework Coach
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,000 Grant Funded

13. Name: Ellen Jones
Position: Framework Coach
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,000 Grant Funded

14. Name: Breigh Garulli
Position: Framework Coach
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,000 Grant Funded

15. Name: Jaclyn Schuck
Position: Framework Coach
Location: Peekskill High School

- Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,000 Grant Funded
16. Name: Lisa Mannion
Position: Co-curricular; Yearbook Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,565
17. Name: Molly McCarthy
Position: Co-curricular; Yearbook Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,565
18. Name: Breigh Garulli
Position: Co-curricular; Gardening Club Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,026
19. Name: Kaitlin Torp
Position: Co-curricular; Senior Class Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,539
20. Name: Christen McDonnell
Position: Co-curricular; Senior Class Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,539
21. Name: Yolanda Guardino
Position: Co-curricular; Junior Class Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,282
22. Name: Renee Kearse
Position: Co-curricular; Junior Class Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,282
23. Name: Mark Andujar
Position: Co-curricular; Sophomore Class Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,026

24. Name: Alejandro Latorre
Position: Co-curricular; Sophomore Class Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,026
25. Name: Jaclyn Schuck
Position: Co-curricular; Freshman Class Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$769
26. Name: Cathleen Hannigan
Position: Co-curricular; Freshman Class Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$769
27. Name: Alejandro Latorre
Position: Co-curricular; Debate Club Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,565
28. Name: Arben Cukaj
Position: Co-curricular; Environmental Awareness Club
Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,565
29. Name: Jessica VanGalen
Position: Co-curricular; Math Competition Club Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$769
30. Name: Kristen Bies
Position: Co-curricular; Math Competition Club Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$769
31. Name: Christen McDonnell
Position: Co-curricular; Irish Club Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,539

32. Name: Nicholas Agnello
Position: Co-curricular; Irish Club Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,539
33. Name: Myrna Santos
Position: Co-curricular; Latin Culture Club Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,539
34. Name: Sonia Veloz
Position: Co-curricular; Latin Culture Club Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,539
35. Name: George Goess
Position: Co-curricular; Interact Club Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,282
36. Name: Angela Byrne
Position: Co-curricular; Interact Club Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,282
37. Name: Shawna Robinson
Position: Co-curricular; Black Culture Club Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$5,130
38. Name: Heather Brown
Position: Co-curricular; Art Club Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$1,539
39. Name: April Kellam
Position: Co-curricular; Student Council Club Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$7,439
40. Name: Laura Belfiore
Position: Co-curricular; Mercury Club Co-Advisor

- Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,502
41. Name: Cathleen Hannigan
Position: Co-curricular; Mercury Club Co-Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,502
42. Name: Susan Imhof
Position: Co-curricular; Exchange Club Advisors
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,565
43. Name: Richard Senning
Position: Co-curricular; Exchange Club Advisors
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$2,565
44. Name: Sharon Courtney
Position: Co-curricular; Yearbook Business Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: \$6,156
45. Name: Rita Hobby Barrett Pleasant
Position: After School Detention Advisor
Location: Peekskill High School;
(Monday- Friday: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
46. Name: Jequinna McLeod
Position: After School Detention Advisor; Per Diem
Location: Peekskill High School;
(Monday- Friday: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the
Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
47. Name: Christa Offenbacher
Position: ESL Teacher; LOA/Vacancy replacement
Certification Status: TESOL; Permanent
Start Date: September 26, 2018
End Date: December 1, 2018 (anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day as worked following the school calendar

48. Name: Jodi Fernandez
 Position: English Teacher (Tuesdays)
 Program: Hass' Way
 Certification Status: English (7-12); Professional
 Effective Dates: 2018-2109 School Year, 3:15pm- 5:45pm
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
49. Name: Deanna Presta
 Position: Substitute Teacher; Permanent
 Certification Status: Early Childhood and Childhood Education; Initial
 Effective Start Date: September 18, 2018
 Effective End Date: June 26, 2019
 Salary: \$120/day as worked, not to exceed four (4) days/week, no benefits.
50. Name: Thomas Holman
 Position: Lifeguard
 Effective Date: 2018-2019 Girls Season; Swimming
 Stipend: \$12/hour
51. Name: Nicholas Agnello
 Position: Home-bound tutor
 Effective Dates: September 18, 2018 through June 26, 2019
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
52. Name: Doris Pichardo
 Position: Home-bound tutor
 Effective Dates: September 18, 2018 through June 26, 2019
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
53. Name: Kathleen Barthelmes
 Position: Home-bound tutor
 Effective Dates: September 18, 2018 through June 26, 2019
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
54. Name: Elizabeth Boyle
 Position: Home-bound tutor
 Effective Dates: September 18, 2018 through June 26, 2019
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.

V. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Flor Denise Ruiz

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| Position: | Teaching Assistant |
| Certification Status: | Teaching Assistant; Level 1 |
| Probationary Start Date: | September 7, 2018 |
| Probationary End Date: | September 6, 2022 |
| Length of Probation: | Four (4) years |
| Salary: | \$31,335 |
2. Name: Stephanie Galiano**
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|-----------------------------|---|
| Position: | Elementary Teacher |
| Certification Status: | Childhood Education (Grade 1-6), Professional Certificate |
| Tenure Area: | Elementary Teacher |
| Probationary period begins: | August 31, 2017 |
| Probationary period ends: | August 30, 2020 |
| Length of Probation: | Three (3) years |
3. Name: Kristen Lynch **
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|--------------------------------|---|
| Position: | Special Education Teacher |
| Certification Status: | Students w/ Disabilities (1-6) and Childhood Education; Initial Special |
| Tenure Area: | Special Education |
| Probationary Start Date: | September 4, 2018 |
| Revised Probationary End Date: | January 1, 2022 |
| Length of Probation: | Three and half years (3 ½)Jarema credit for LOA 2017-2018) |
| Salary: | \$65,281 MA, Step 1 |

Classified

A. Appointments

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

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| 1. Name: | Phillip Stiles |
| Position: | Security Aide, FT |
| Status: | Provisional |
| Start date: | September 18, 2018 |
| Salary: | \$28,120 (pro-rated) |
2. Name: Winter Henderson
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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Position: | 1:1 Teacher Aide |
| Probationary Start date: | September 18, 2018 |
| Probationary End date: | September 17, 2019 |
| Salary: | \$14,508 (pro-rated) |
3. Name: Jenilsa Lopez
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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Position: | Classroom Teacher Aide |
| Probationary Start date: | September 27, 2018 |
| Probationary End date: | September 26, 2019 |
| Salary: | \$13,392 (pro-rated) |
4. Name: Blanca Zhinin-Joyasaca

Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Effective Dates: September 18, 2018 through June 26, 2019
Salary: \$12.00/hour as worked no benefits.

5. Name: Maria Rivera-Martinez
Position: Teacher Aide; (1:1, After School Bus Aide)
Start Date: September 6, 2018
End Date: June 26, 2019
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTAO) contract.

II. Resignations

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

III. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Ashley Spooner
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Probationary Start Date: September 6, 2018
Probationary End Date: September 5, 2019
Salary: \$13,392 (pro-rated)
2. Name: Jenilsa Lopez
Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom
Probationary Period Starts: October 1, 2018
Probationary End Date: September 30, 2019
Salary: \$13,392 (Pro-Rated)

IV. 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: Madeleine Payamps
Request: Volunteer
Location: Oakside, Woodside
Assigned to: Staci Woodley, Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez
Organization: Spellbinders
Effective Dates: September 18, 2018 through June 26, 2019
2. Name: Jenna Nardi
Request: Internship
Location: Peekskill High School
Assigned to: Patricia Bishop
College/University: NYU Steinhardt
Effective Dates: September 2018 through June 2019

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

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of August 2018

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

B. Contract - Manya Bouteneff

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Manya Bouteneff commencing on 9/1/18 and terminating on 6/30/19 to work with staff. \$1,200 a DAY FOR 14 DAYS paid out of the Title 3 grant. Not to exceed \$16,800.

C. Contract - New York Presbyterian Medical Group/Hudson Valley

That the Board of Education approve the contract with New York Presbyterian Medical Group / Hudson Valley to provide services as a physician within the school district from July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. This contract is not to exceed \$34,000.

13. Other Agenda Items

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: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

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
16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections
 - A. Maria Pereira reported the Youth Bureau received a \$50,000 grant from Senator Murphy. Robin Zimmerman commented all Peekskill students receive free breakfast and lunch. It is a four (4) year grant and we are in year three (3).
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 Simpkins asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Maria Pereira

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk