

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Board of Education

Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon, President  
Mr. Michael Simpkins, Vice President  
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald  
Mrs. Maria Pereira  
Mr. Colin Smith  
Mrs. Jillian Villon

Central Office

Mrs. 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 6:02 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Colin Smith arrived late. Samuel North 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 7:00 p.m.)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Branwen MacDonald

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

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

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Maria Pereira

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

Branwen MacDonald  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance  
The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:29 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](#)
    - New York State Data
  - B. Contracts Under \$10,000  
Superintendent Foster read into the minutes the following contract under \$10,000:
    - Spellbinders Peekskill Chapter; Oral Storytelling; September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018; \$0
6. Old Business
  - A. New Agenda Item
7. New Business
  - A. New Agenda Item
8. Policy Readings
  - A. New Agenda Item
9. Accepting of Minutes
  - A. Special Meeting August 23, 2017
  - B. Business Meeting August 28, 2017
  - C. Approval of Minutes  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:  
Special Meeting August 23, 2017  
Business Meeting August 28, 2017  
Business Meeting/Work Session September 5, 2017

Motion: Branwen MacDonald	Second: Michael Simpkins
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon	No: _____ Abstained: _____
Branwen MacDonald	
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: Amanda Smith
        - Position: Teaching Assistant
        - Action: Resignation from Peekskill City School District
        - Effective: September 21, 2017

2. Name: Deborah Hickey  
Position: Music Teacher  
Action: Resignation from Peekskill City School District  
Effective: September 29, 2017

## 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: Nicolle Hernandez  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Action: Leave of Absence  
Effective: September 19, 2017 through June 22, 2018

## 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: Amador Roman  
Position: Spanish Teacher; LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Spanish; Permanent  
Start Date: September 12, 2017  
End Date: September 19, 2017 (anticipated)  
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits
2. Name: Amador Roman  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Certification Status: Spanish; Permanent  
Start Date: September 20, 2017 (anticipated)  
End Date: June 22, 2018  
Salary: \$120/day, as worked; not to exceed four (4) days/week, no benefits
3. Name: Karla Nelson  
Position: Science Teacher (.6 FTE)  
Certification Status: Biology (7-12); Initial  
Start Date: September 20, 2017  
End Date: June 22, 2018  
Salary: \$64,571 MA Step 1 (Pro-rated)
4. Name: Nicolle Hernandez  
Position: TASC teacher (.4 FTE)  
Certification Status: English Language Arts (7-12); Initial  
Effective Dates: September 20, 2017 through June 22, 2018  
Salary: \$50,558 BA Step 1 (prorated)
5. Name: Nicolle Hernandez

- Position: Teaching Assistant (.6 FTE)  
 Certification Status: English Language Arts (7-12); Initial  
 Effective Dates: September 20, 2017 through June 22, 2018  
 Salary: \$30,994 (prorated)
6. Name: Margaret Ellis  
 Position: School Counselor; Guidance  
 Certification Status: School Counselor; Permanent  
 Probationary Start Date: October 2, 2017  
 Probationary End Date: October 1, 2021  
 Length of Probation: Four (4) years  
 Salary: \$75,361 MA+30, Step 1
7. Name: Cynthia Rivera  
 Position: Permanent Substitute  
 Certification Status: Special Education and Bilingual Education (non-elementary); Permanent  
 Start Date: September 20, 2017  
 End Date: June 22, 2018  
 Salary: \$120/day, as worked; not to exceed four (4) days/week, no benefits
8. Name: Beth Horan  
 Position: Elementary Teacher; LOA replacement  
 Certification Status: Early Childhood; Professional  
 Start Date: September 20, 2017  
 End Date: December 6, 2017 (anticipated)  
 Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits
9. Name: Jonathan Barone  
 Position: Science Teacher  
 Certification Status: Chemistry; Initial  
 Probationary Start Date: October 23, 2017  
 Probationary End Date: October 22, 2021  
 Length of Probation: Four (4) years  
 Salary: \$74,773 MA Step 6
10. Name: Solia Alverado-Vidal  
 Position: Teaching Assistant  
 Certification Status: Teaching Assistant; Level III  
 Probationary Start Date: September 20, 2017  
 Probationary End Date: September 19, 2021  
 Length of Probation: Four (4) years  
 Salary: \$30,994
11. Name: Denise Lopez  
 Position: Time Keeper  
 Effective Date: 2017-2018 Fall Season; Swimming  
 Stipend: \$38 per hour in two (2) hour block of time

12. Name: Mya Guardino  
Position: Lifeguard  
Effective Date: 2017-2018 Boys Season; Swimming  
Stipend: \$11/hour
13. Name: Thomas Holman  
Position: Lifeguard  
Effective Date: 2017-2018 Girls Season; Swimming  
Stipend: \$11/hour
14. Name: Jose Fernandez  
Program: 2017 Fall Season  
Position: Modified Boys' Soccer Coach  
Stipend: \$2,565
15. Name: Josie Esposito  
Position: Environmental Club Advisor  
Location: Middle School  
Effective Date: 2017-2018  
Stipend: \$2,565
16. Name: Yolanda Guardino  
Position: Drama Assistant  
Location: Middle School  
Effective Date: 2017-2018  
Stipend: \$3,078
17. Name: Cynthia Reynolds  
Position: Dramatics Coach  
Location: Middle School  
Effective Date: 2017-2018  
Stipend: \$3,078
18. Name: Katrina Lester  
Position: Drama Assistant  
Location: Middle School  
Effective Date: 2017-2018  
Stipend: \$3,078
19. Name: Jacqueline Kilanowski  
Position: Great Potential Site Director  
Location: Middle School  
Effective Date: 2017-2018  
Stipend: \$3,000 (Grant Funded)
20. Name: Doris Pichardo  
Position: 2017-2018 Homebound Tutor  
Certification Status: Mathematics (7-12); Permanent  
Effective Date: September 20, 2017 through June 30, 2018

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: Marisa Nessier  
Position: Speech Therapist  
Certification Status: Speech/Language Pathologist  
Tenure Area: Speech  
Probationary period begins: September 5, 2017  
Probationary period ends: September 4, 2021  
Length of Probation: Four (4) years  
Salary: \$64,571 MA, STEP 1

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Tiffany Zippelli  
Position: Teacher Aide (LOA)  
Start date: September 20, 2017  
End date: January 31, 2018  
Salary: \$12,276(prorated)
2. Name: James Hymes  
Position: Security Aide Full time  
Probationary Start Date: September 20, 2017  
Probationary End Date: September 19, 2018  
Salary: \$32,663
3. Name: Ricky Gillison  
Position: Security Aide; Full time  
Probationary Start Date: September 20, 2017  
Probationary End Date: June 20, 2018  
Salary: \$32,663
4. Name: Henry Chapman  
Position: Security Aide; Part time  
Location: High School  
Probationary Start Date: September 20, 2017  
Probationary End Date: September 19, 2018  
Salary: \$18,373
5. Name: Travis Hutchinson  
Position: School Monitor  
Location: Oakside  
Start date: September 20, 2017  
End date: June 22, 2018  
Salary: \$11/hour, 17.5 hours/week (3.5 hours/day,5

days/week), no benefits

6. Name: Chemay Venero  
Program: Hass' Way Program  
Position: Security Aide; per diem  
Effective Dates: September 8, 2017 through June 7, 2018  
Monday through Thursday 3:45 PM – 5:45 PM.  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill School Security Aides Association (PSSAA) Contract
7. Name: Terri Edmead  
Position: Clerical, Per diem sub  
Start date: September 20, 2017  
End date: June 30, 2018  
Salary: \$12.50/hour; (days 1 – 24), \$13.50/hr. (days 25 and beyond), not to exceed 4 days/week (28 hr/wk)
8. Name: Cheryl Williams  
Position: Teacher Aide, Per diem sub  
Start date: September 20, 2017  
End date: June 22, 2018  
Salary: \$11.00/hour; not to exceed 4 days/week (28 hr/wk)

## II. Resignations

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Lamyaa Ebraheim  
Position: Teacher Aide  
Reason: Resignation from Peekskill City School District  
Effective: August 29, 2017

## III. Corrections:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following corrections of appointments to the Board of Education:
1. Name: Alyssa Moseley  
Position: Teacher Aide (1:1)  
Reason: Rescind Appointment

## 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: Carla Kalvin  
Request: Volunteer; WJCS-SCOPES  
Location: Oakside  
Assigned to: S. Woodley  
College: N/A  
Effective Dates: September 6, 2017 through June 30, 2018

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 five (5) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

##### B. Contract - Devereux Foundation

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Devereux Foundation, to provide 2017-18 educational services for Hi Cost Residential student with disabilities. Tuition is set by New York State and will be funded by the General Fund and is state aidable.

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

##### A. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of August 2017

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of August 2017.

##### B. Contract - Healthy Kids Extended Day Program

That the Board of Education accepts the agreement with Healthy Kids Extended Day Program for the 2017/2018 school year.

#### 13. Other Agenda Items

##### A. Overnight Field Trip

That the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for the PHS 11th and 12th grade students to attend an overnight field trip to Washington D.C. on October 25 - 27, 2017.

##### B. Purpose Statement

The Board of Education approves the following Extra-classroom Activities:  
PHS Varsity & JV Girls Soccer



14. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 10.A. - 13.B.

Motion: Michael Simpkins  
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon  
Branwen MacDonald  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins  
Colin Smith  
Jillian Villon

Second: Jillian Villon  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

15. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

Victoria Kravitz wants everyone to know the importance of filling out the survey for the Superintendent's search. Everyone's opinion counts. Let your voice be heard. Please participate.

16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

A. Maria Pereira stated the Director of the Youth Bureau is looking for 10 computers to teach graphic design to our students.

Branwen MacDonald commented the PTO is doing great work such as fundraising and trunk or treat for the students. There were a lot of back to school nights.

President Aspinall-Kellawon would like for the residents of Peekskill to contact their legislators and advocate to receiving monies in retaining programs we have in the District. Also, the Superintendent search forum for the community, your input on the superintendent and their characteristics, will go on website where you would be a part of the whole search process.

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: Branwen MacDonald  
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon  
Branwen MacDonald  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins  
Colin Smith  
Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk