

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Board of Education

Mrs. Jillian Villon, President
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Mr. Samuel North
Mrs. Maria Pereira
Mr. Michael Simpkins

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Villon at 6:33 p.m. in the Peekskill High School Cafeteria.

A. Recording of Attendance

Pamela Hallman-Johnson and Branwen MacDonald were absent.

2. Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval 6:30 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: Stipend Positions and School Monitor (Lunch). 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: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr
No: _____ Abstained:_____

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Peekskill High School Cafeteria at 7:07 p.m.

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)
- [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) – Dr. Margie Daniels/Madeline Sanchez

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Alanis of 3 Oakwood Drive wrote: No me dej entrar la aplicación (It did not let me enter the application) President Villon commented you have to leave contact information so the District can follow up with any questions/concerns.

Sonia of 1101 Brown Street wrote: Interesante (Interesting).

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Policy Readings

9. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting August 23, 2021

B. Business Meeting August 31, 2021

C. Business Meeting/Work Session September 14, 2021

D. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting August 23, 2021

Business Meeting August 31, 2021

Business Meeting/Work Session September 14, 2021

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained:_____

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

10. Consent Agenda – Personnel

A. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Solia Alvarado-Vidal
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: September 24, 2021 (Last Day Worked 9/24/2021)

II. Retirement:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following retirement resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

III. Leave of Absence:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty non-paid leave of absence(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

IV. Appointment:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
1.	Matthew Adler	CS Club (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
2.	Nicholas Agnello	Irish Culture Club Advisor (HS)(shared)	2021-2022	\$1,956
3.	Jonathan Barone	Hiking Club (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
4.	Laura Belfiore	Drama Producer (HS)	Fall 2021	\$3,353
5.	Laura Belfiore	Drama Producer (HS)	Spring 2021	\$3,353
6.	Laura Belfiore	Newspaper Advisor (HS)(shared)	2021-2022	\$2,235
7.	Heather Brown	Art Club Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
8.	Shenea Brown	Global Girl Alliance (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
9.	Angela Byrne	Interact Club Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$1,397
10.	Carolyn Espinoza	National Honor Society Foreign Language Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$838
11.	Richard Flacinski	Ski Club Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
12.	Whitney Ford	PHS to Teacher Program (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676

13.	Breigh Garulli	Environmental Awareness Club Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$2,794
14.	Breigh Garulli	Gardening Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,118
15.	George Goess	Interact Club Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$1,397
16.	George Goess	National Honor Society Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$838
17.	Yolanda Guardino	Black Culture Club Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$3,912
18.	Erum Hadi	Science Research Competition Teacher Leader (HS)	2021-2022	\$2,179
19.	John Hahn	Band Director (HS)	2021-2022	\$6,147
20.	John Hahn	Orchestra Director (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
21.	Cathleen Hannigan	Gay Straight Alliance (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
22.	Cathleen Hannigan	Newspaper Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$2,235
23.	Cathleen Hannigan	Senior Class Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$1,677
24.	Susan Imhoff	Exchange Club (HS)	2021-2022	\$5,588
25.	April Kellam	GO Treasurer (HS)	2021-2022	\$5,588
26.	April Kellam	Student Council Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$8,103
27.	Ashley Lape	Book Club Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676 (\$500 for startup materials)
28.	Kevin Larsen	A Cappella Group (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
29.	Kevin Larsen	Drama Musical Director (HS)	2021-2022	\$3,353
30.	Alejandro Latorre	Debate Club (HS)	2021-2022	\$2,794
31.	Jaclyn Lennane	Senior Class Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$1,677
32.	Kiah Mahy	National Honor Society Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$838
33.	Lisa Mannion	Junior Class Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$1,397
34.	Lisa Mannion	Yearbook Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$5,588
35.	Michelle McCaffrey	National Honor Society Science Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
36.	Molly McCarthy	Junior Class Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$1,397

37.	Molly McCarthy	National Honor Society Social Studies Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$838
38.	Christen McDonnell	Irish Culture Club Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$1,956
39.	Jennifer Michel	National Honor Society Foreign Language Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$838
40.	Doris Pichardo	Girls Who Code Club (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
41.	Zorielle Rodriguez- Alcazar	Academic Challenge Program Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$2,794
42.	Zorielle Rodriguez- Alcazar	National Honor Society Social Studies Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$838
43.	Rachel Sabatini	Sophomore Class Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$1,118
44.	Jessica Van Galen	Math Competition Club Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
45.	Jessica Van Galen	National Honor Society Mathematics Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
46.	Sonia Veloz	Latin Culture Club Advisor (HS)	2021-2022	\$3,912
47.	Carlo Vidrini	Robotics Club (HS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
48.	Tania Winthal	Sophomore Class Advisor (HS) (shared)	2021-2022	\$1,118
49.	Orit Gately	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Administrator Grant Coordinator	2021-2022	\$4,000 (Challenge Grant funding)
50.	Matthew Evans	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Grant Teacher Leader	2021-2022	\$4,000 (Challenge Grant funding)
51.	Nicholas Agnello	Homebound Tutor	2021-2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
52.	Rachel Sabatini	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2021-2022	\$1,500
53.	Shenea Brown	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2021-2022	\$1,500
54.	Bjorn Bridgewater	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2021-2022	\$1,500
55.	Tawfiq Bey	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2021-2022	\$1,500

56.	Zorielle Rodriguez-Alcazar	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2021-2022	\$1,500
57.	Maria Gordineer	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2021-2022	\$1,500
58.	Laura Belfiore	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2021-2022	\$1,500
59.	Malcolm Wright	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2021-2022	\$1,500
60.	Phillip Stiles	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2021-2022	\$1,500
61.	Michael Diago	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2021-2022	\$1,500
62.	Megan Daniels	Hass' Way Science/Living Environment Teacher	2021-2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
63.	Christen McDonnell	Hass' Way Social Studies Teacher	2021-2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
64.	Kaitlin Torp	Hass' Way English Teacher	2021-2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
65.	Richard Flacinski	Hass' Way Science/Earth Science Teacher	2021-2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
66.	Romina Caceres-Cosme	Hass' Way Substitute Teacher	2021-2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
67.	Erica Keegan	Hass' Way Substitute Teacher	2021-2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract

V. Correction:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following correction(s) of appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: William Toro
Position: PKMS My Brother's Keeper Administrator Grant Coordinator (shared)
Effective Dates: 2021-2022
Salary: \$2,000 (FACES funding)
Action: Correct position
2. Name: Donald Peters
Position: PKMS My Brother's Keeper Administrator Grant Coordinator (shared)
Effective Dates: 2021-2022
Salary: \$2,000 (FACES funding)
Action: Correct position
3. Name: Kaitlin King
Position: PKMS My Brother's Keeper Grant Teacher Leader
Effective Dates: 2021-2022
Salary: \$4,000 (FACES funding)
Action: Correct position
4. Name: Matthew Evans
Position: Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Mentor
Effective Dates: 2021-2022
Salary: \$1,500
Action: Rescind Appointment
5. Name: Lisa Mannion
Position: Summer College Essay Writing Workshop Teacher
Effective Dates: 2021-2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract (Title I Funding)
Action: Rescind Appointment
6. Name: Michael Telesco
Position: Summer College Essay Writing Workshop Teacher
Effective Dates: 2021-2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract (Title I Funding)

Action:

Rescind Appointment

Classified

I. Resignation:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Jasmin Lawrence
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: August 31, 2021 (Last day worked 6/25/2021)
2. Name: Alfreda Wilson
Position: Jr. Administrative Assistant
Location: Administration Building
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: October 1, 2021 (Last day worked 10/1/2021)

II. Retirement:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff retirement resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

III. Leave of Absence:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff non-paid leave of absence(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

IV. Appointment:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Diane Jackson
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: September 20, 2021
Probationary End Date: September 19, 2022
Salary: \$15.00/hour, As worked, without benefits
2. Name: Quintilia Luna
Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems)
(Spanish Speaking)
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: September 17, 2021
Probationary End Date: September 16, 2022
Salary: \$45,155.00 Annually (Prorated)

3. Name: Sheonna Ellis
Position: Security Aide
Program: Haas' Way
Location: Peekskill Youth Bureau
Dates Effective: September 1, 2021 through June 26, 2022
Days/Times: Monday through Thursday, 3:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aide Association (PSSAA).
4. Name: Phillip Stiles
Position: Security Aide Substitute
Program: Haas' Way
Location: Peekskill Youth Bureau
Dates Effective: September 1, 2021 through June 26, 2022
Days/Times: Monday through Thursday, 3:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aide Association (PSSAA).
5. Name: Phillip Stiles
Position: Security Aide
Program: Evening Theater Academy - Fall Session 2021
Location: Peekskill High School
Dates Effective: October 1, 2021 through February 1, 2022 (Tentative)
Days/Times: Monday through Thursday, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aide Association (PSSAA).
6. Name: Chemay Venero
Position: Security Aide
Program: Saturday Academy 2021-2022
Dates Effective: September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
Days/Times: Hours TBD
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aide Association (PSSAA).
7. Name: Phillip Stiles
Position: Security Aide

Program:	Saturday Academy 2021-2022
Dates Effective:	September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
Days/Times:	Hours TBD
Stipend:	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aide Association (PSSAA).

V. Correction:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff correction(s) of appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name:	Randi Alberino
Position:	Classroom Teacher Aide
Location:	Uriah Hill Elementary School
Reason:	Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date:	September 20, 2021 (Last day worked 9/20/2021)
Action:	Correct Effective Date

2. Name:	Faten Gacem
Position:	Classroom Teacher Aide
Location:	Uriah Hill Elementary School
Probationary Start Date:	September 27, 2021
Probationary End Date:	September 26, 2022
Salary:	\$16,740.00 (Prorated)
Action:	Correct Building Assignment

Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

I. Appointment:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name:	Efrain Torres
Request:	ANDRUS
Location:	Peekskill High School & Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to:	Ellen Gerace
Effective Dates:	September 22, 2021 - June 24, 2022

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 (or administrators appointed after June 30, 2020) with prior tenure as a teacher or administrator 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.

B. Contract - June Campolongo

That the Board of Education approve the contract with June Campolongo, commencing on or about October 4, 2021 and ending on April 1, 2022. Not to exceed the amount of \$35,000.

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 seven (7) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of August 2021

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of August 2021.

B. Contract - Westchester Mediation

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Mediation who will provide a counselor to PHS commencing August 28, 0921 - June 30, 2022. Not to exceed \$70,000.

C. Contract - Marcia DelCourt Amendment

That the Board of Education approve the amended contract dated February 1, 2021 with Marica DelCourt increasing the amount by \$20,000. Not to exceed \$40,000.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. Field Trip Over 100 Miles - Albany, NY (Performing Arts Center)

That the Board of Education approve the field trip for 98 high school students to attend the Performing Arts Center, Albany, NY on October 4, 2021.

B. Field Trip Over 100 Miles - Albany, NY (SUNY)

That the Board of Education approve the field trip for 40 high school students to attend the SUNY Albany, NY on October 4, 2021.

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: Maria Pereira

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

No: _____ Abstained: _____

15. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

Samuel North knows Maria Flores and she is perfect to be honored by Congressman Jones. She is an extraordinary person.

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 Villon asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Maria Pereira

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk