

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

Board of Education

Mr. Douglas Glickert, President
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
Ms. 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 President Glickert at 5:31 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Maria Pereira and Michael Simpkins arrived late.

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

Second: Richard Sullivan

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Jillian Clausen
Doug Glickert
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Richard Sullivan

No: _____

Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas Room at 7:10 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

George Ondek of 31 Winchester Avenue was glad that the District kept the tax increase under 1.5 % and adopted the Veterans Tax Exemption. Mr. Ondek would like to see the academic scores raised, look at how the District spends money, and reduce the tax burden by combining services and purchases with the City of Peekskill. There should be a time limit on how long a lawsuit should take. Also maybe changes need to be made on how a teacher is kept in the District.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Opening Day Activities

Dr. Licopoli commented it was a positive opening day with staff. A lot of pertinent points were addressed. The Superintendent showed a revised PowerPoint, including Literacy Initiatives and the 2014/2015 School Initiatives, that was shown during opening day with staff. The opportunities for the District will be sustainable for the students.

Dr. Licopoli is trying to organize a book-fair for next week. The District's commitment is to excellence and the addressing of literacy to all students. There will be opportunities for more choices for high school students. Dr. Licopoli also wants PCSD to be known as a school with a performing arts program.

B. Security Update

Dr. Mosey stated the District has stepped up a notch with security. They are vetting visitors before entering a building. There will be a door greeter at each building. Protocols have been set up and the District is in the process of putting signs up in each building. The long term goal for security is that all visitors have an appointment upon entering a building. The visitor will have to sign in with the greeter and will be given a lanyard. At the secondary level, a photo ID will be given to all visitors. All District staff will be wearing a black lanyard and will need an ID card to get into any building. The District staff must also sign in and sign out. Outside organizations will have gray lanyards. All doors will be locked. The District is encouraging teachers to make sure doors are locked at all times. Practice drills will be held during the school year. The push will be if you see something, say something.

C. Literacy Initiatives

D. 2014/2015 School Initiatives

E. Contracts Under \$10,000

Dr. Licopoli read into the minutes the following contracts under \$10,000:

1. Peekskill Youth Bureau/Boatwork Project(Build a Boat); 2014/2015 School Year; Not to exceed \$5,000; Funded by LEA
2. Paul Kwame Johnson/Drama Workshop (Decroix/Marceau Technique); 2014/2015 School Year; Not to exceed \$9,000; Funded by LEAP
3. Lakeland School District - Special Education services for six (6) parentally placed students; 2013/2014 School Year:
 - a. Not to exceed \$8,843.29
 - b. Not to exceed \$1,168.34
 - c. Not to exceed \$520.00
 - d. Not to exceed \$2,400.04
 - e. Not to exceed \$2,400.04
 - f. Not to exceed \$7,145.88
4. Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson//It's Your Life! Live it, Love it!; 2014/2015 School Year; Not to exceed \$6,000; Funded by LEAP

6. Old Business

A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Board Committees and Representatives:

PTO - Colin Smith/Richard Sullivan

Common Council - Michael Simpkins

Facilities - Colin Smith/Richard Sullivan

Budget - Maria Pereira/Colin Smith

Audit - Doug Glickert

Special Education reading of IEP's - Jillian Clausen/Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Education Planning - Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Board Policy - Michael Simpkins

Health and Wellness - Richard Sullivan/Michael Simpkins

Code of Conduct - Doug Glickert

Youth Bureau Liaison - Maria Pereira

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glikert

Maria Pereicra

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

7. New Business

A. President Glickert read into the minutes the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith adopts and immediately

implements the Opinion and Award dated September 2, 2014, of Hearing Officer Jeffrey R. Cassidy in an Education Law Section 3020-a hearing, regarding Anthony Jackson.

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Jillian Clausen
Doug Glikert
Maria Pereicra
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Richard Sullivan

No: _____

Abstained: _____

8. Accepting of Minutes

A. Amended Reorganization Meeting July 2, 2014

B. Business Meeting August 19, 2014

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Amended Reorganization Meeting July 2, 2014

Business Meeting August 19, 2014

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Jillian Clausen
Doug Glikert
Maria Pereicra
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Richard Sullivan

No: _____

Abstained: _____

9. 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. Jay Kuritzky .2FTE Math Teacher/ .8FTE Teaching Assistant, Teacher PHS

Effective: September 2, 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:

1. Rita Gurkin Oakside - Medical Leave Duration: TBD

2. Donald Shropshire Special Education – HS
Effective: Sept. 2, 2014 – June 30, 2015

III. Appointments

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

1. Name: Geselle Garcia
Position: Living Environment (Science) Teacher
Certification Status: Biology (7-12) & Students w/Disabilities (7-12)
Biology; Initial
Tenure Area: Science
Effective Date: September 2, 2014
Probationary period begins: September 2, 2014
Probationary period ends: September 1, 2016
Salary: \$61,900
2. Name: Bonnie Agosta
Position: School Nurse (RN), High School
Certification Status: RN
Tenure Area: School Nurse (RN)
Effective Date: September 2, 2014
Probationary period begins: September 2, 2014
Probationary period ends: September 1, 2015
Salary: \$43,255
3. Name: Cynthia Reynolds
Position: .5 FTE Music Teacher
Certification Status: Theatre, Music & Childhood (1-6); all Professional
Effective Date: September 2, 2014
Position begins: September 2, 2014
Position ends: June 26, 2015
Salary: \$67,078 (MA+15, Step 1) – prorated (\$33,539)
4. Name: Shona Rowland
Position: PACE TEACHER
Certification Status: special Education Teacher -PACE
Location: High School
Tenure Area: Special Education
Effective Date: September 2, 2014
Probationary period begins: September 2, 2014
Probationary period ends: September 1, 2017
Salary: \$ \$61,900 (MA, Step 1)
5. Name: Donald Shropshire
Position: Social Studies – Leave Replacement
Location: High School

Certification Status: Social Studies (7-12)
Effective Date: September 2, 2014
Start Date: September 2, 2014
End Date: June 30, 2015
Salary: \$63,758

6. Name: Rebecca Miller
Position: Special Education – Leave Replacement
Location: High School
Certification Status: Special Education
Effective Date: September 2, 2014
Start Date: September 2, 2014
End Date: June 30, 2015
Salary: \$63,758

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. Emily Geider Certification: Childhood Education; Initial
Hillcrest- Tuesdays through Friday- not to exceed 28 hours per week
Effective: September 3, 2014 – June 30, 2015
2. Thomas Wharton Certification: Early Childhood & Childhood
Education; Initial
Hillcrest - Tuesday through Thursday – not to exceed 28 hours per
week Effective: September 3, 2014 – June 30, 2015
3. Abhik Chatterji Certification: Social Studies (7-12); Initial
Middle School - Tuesday through Friday – not to exceed 28 hours per
week Effective: September 3, 2014 – June 30, 2015
4. Jonathan Harrison Certification: Social Studies (7-12); Professional
Middle School- Tuesday through Thursday – not to exceed 28 hours
per week Effective: September 3, 2014 – June 30, 2015
5. Cassandra Miller Certification: Social Studies (7-12) &
Students w/ Disabilities (5-9) (7-12); Initial
Middle School- Tuesday through Friday – not to exceed 28 hours per
week Effective: September 3, 2014 – June 30, 2015
6. Kyle Marks Certification:
Middle School- Monday through Thursday – not to exceed 28 hours
per week Effective: September 3, 2014 – June 30, 2015

- C. 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. Irina Impellitteri JV Volleyball Coach \$3,521

IV. Correction to Appointment

1. Name: Yvonne Feliciano
Position: School Psychologist, Bilingual
Location: Woodside
Certification Status: School Psychologist
Tenure Area: School Psychologist
Effective Date: September 2, 2014
Probationary period begins: September 2, 2014
Probationary period ends: September 1, 2017
Salary: \$ 79,988 (MA+15, step 7)

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Graciela Fernandez- Recall to appointment
Position: Teacher Aide
Location: Uriah Hill
Start date: September 2, 2014
Salary: \$11,160

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

1. Judith Bromback Teacher Aide, per diem
Effective: September 3, 2014 – June 26, 2015

II. Resignations

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

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| 1. Catherine Iaconis | 1:1 Teacher Aide – Middle School
Effective: September 1, 2014 |
| 2. Scott Gazzigli | Senior Custodial Worker (retirement)
Effective: October 1, 2014 |
| 3. Francisca Melendez | School Monitor (Lunch) - Woodside
Effective: August 26, 2014 |

4. Juana Diaz- Martinez School monitor (Lunch) - Hillcrest
Effective: August 27, 2014
5. Rosa Pacheco-Castro Classroom Teacher Aide- Uriah Hill
Effective: September 1, 2014
6. Marianne DeMarco Custodial worker, per diem
Effective: August 29, 2014

10. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Contracts

That the Board of Education approves the following contracts:

Agency	Start Date	End Date	Services Provided	Contract Amount	District Contract
Angels on Call	9/1/2014	6/30/2015	Provide Licensed Practical Nurse and/or Registered Practical Nurse	\$ 38-48 hr.	Funded through General Funds
Delcourt, Marcia	7/7/2014	6/30/2015	Provide grant proposal preparation services for LEAP	\$43,652.50	Funded through LEAP
HTA of New York	9/1/2014	6/30/2015	Provide related services and evaluations for IEP students	\$72,000.00	IDEA 611 Grant
McGowan, Eileen	7/1/2014	6/30/2015	Provide OT services for IEP students	\$84,240.00	IDEA 611 Grant

11. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glikert

Maria Pereicra

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

12. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

13. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

A. New Agenda Item

14. Executive Session (if necessary)

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

15. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Richard Sullivan

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk