

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 10, 2018**

Board of Education

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

Central Office

Dr. 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 6:10 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

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 item. 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: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 6:55 p.m.

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:20 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Victoria Kravitz invited the Board and the Peekskill Community to the PTO's Family Literacy Night, Stories by the Campfire on April 13 at PKMS. It will be a fun evening for all. You will be able to meet and greet the authors. Free refreshments will be available.

Mia Shervington from the PTO, announced the Harlem Wizards will be at PHS on May 5. All students will receive free admission.

5. New Business

A. Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

President Aspinall-Kellawon introduced Dr. David Mauricio to the District and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Education herewith appoints Dr. David Mauricio, as Superintendent of Schools for a three year term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is herewith authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Education an employment agreement between the Board of Education and Dr. David Mauricio that includes compensation, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment, which agreement was previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education.

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

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Dr. Mauricio commented he is excited to come to Peekskill. He visited all the schools and such great talent. He thanked President Aspinall-Kellawon for making him feel welcomed. Peekskill has an amazing team that works together with high visions. He also thanked the BOE and Dr. Licopoli for supporting him in the process. He looks forward to working with Mayor Rainey. Excited to work with PCSD, Dr. Mauricio commented we are one mission, one team, one Peekskill and together we will bring it together. He thanked Dr. Foster and spoke with cabinet as they discussed the work ahead of them. His role is to support the school, children, staff and principals.

President Aspinall-Kellawon stated on April 30, 5 p.m., at PKMS there will be a reception for Dr. Mauricio.

The Board took a short break at 7:33 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

6. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Educational Plan and Budget

[Plan and Budget Workshop #5](#) - Adopt Budget – Presented by Dr. Foster and Robin Zimmerman

7. Consent Agenda

A. Adoption of 2018/2019 Proposed Budget and [Property Tax Report Card](#)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education hereby adopts the budget for the 2018/2019 school year in the amount of \$92,988,282; and directs the District Clerk to present the adopted budget as a proposition on the ballot to be presented to the residents of the school district at the annual budget vote and election to be held on May 15, 2018; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education also adopts the attached Property Tax Report Card and directs the Superintendent of Schools to submit the Property Tax Report Card to the State Education Department by the end of the business day immediately following the Board's adoption, but no later than twenty-four (24) days prior to the date of the annual budget vote and election, as required by Education Law Section 1716(7).

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

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B. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

1. Name: Willier Heyward
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2018

2. Name: Christina Torres
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2018

3. Name: Isabel Bradlin
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2018

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: Christopher Brunelle
Position: Substitute Teacher; Per Diem
Certification Status: Non-certified
Start Date: April 11, 2018
End Date: June 22, 2018
Salary: \$100/day, as worked, not to exceed (4) four days/week (28hrs/wk.), not to exceed forty (40) working days, no benefits

2. Name: Ryan Jarvis
Position: Social Studies Teacher; LOA replacement
Certification Status: Social Studies (7-12); Initial
Start Date: April 11, 2018
End Date: June 22, 2018
Salary: \$244/day, as worked, no benefits

3. Name: Briana Soss
Position: Substitute Teacher; Per Diem
Certification Status: Mathematics (7-12); Initial
Start Date: April 11, 2018
End Date: June 22, 2018
Salary: \$100/day, as worked, no benefits, not to exceed four (4) days/week (28 hrs/wk)

4. Name: Demetric Gardner
Position: Modified Coach
Co-curricular; athletic: Lacrosse (Boys)
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season
Stipend: \$2,866

5. Name: Colleen Bravato
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator - Presenter
Program Title: Family Carnival Night
Effective Date: April 20, 2018, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract - Grant Funded

6. Name: Maria Stratigeas
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator – Presenter
Program Title: Family Carnival Night
Effective Date: April 20, 2018, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School

- Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract - Grant Funded
7. Name: Elizabeth Boyle
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator – Presenter
Program Title: Family Carnival Night
Effective Date: April 20, 2018, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract - Grant Funded
8. Name: Brianna Stephens
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator – Presenter
Program Title: Family Carnival Night
Effective Date: April 20, 2018, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract - Grant Funded
9. Name: Melissa Gualtiere
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator – Presenter
Program Title: Family Carnival Night
Effective Date: April 20, 2018, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract - Grant Funded
10. Name: Ana Budds
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator –Presenter
Program Title: Family Carnival Night
Effective Date: April 20, 2018, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract - Grant Funded
11. Name: Denise Lopez
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator – Teacher Aide
Program Title: Family Carnival Night
Effective Date: April 20, 2018, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: \$38/hour - Grant Funded
12. Name: Transito Sanchez
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator – Teacher Aide
Program Title: Family Carnival Night

Effective Date: April 20, 2018, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: \$38/hour - Grant Funded

13. Name: Stephanie Dabbs
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator – Teacher Aide
Program Title: Family Carnival Night
Effective Date: April 20, 2018, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: \$38/hour - Grant Funded

14. Name: Tiffany Zippelli
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator – Teacher Aide
Program Title: Family Carnival Night
Effective Date: April 20, 2018, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: \$38/hour - Grant Funded

V. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Aimee Arreguin
Position: Elementary Teacher; LOA replacement
Certification Status: Childhood Education; Professional
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Start Date: February 14, 2018
End Date: May 18, 2018 (anticipated)
Salary: \$308 per day, no benefits

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Te'ona St. Hilaire
Position: Physical Therapy Assistant
License: Physical Therapy Assistant
Probationary Start date: April 11, 2018
Probationary End date: April 10, 2019
Salary: \$45,122.00 (pro-rated)

2. Name: Alyssa Quartuccio
Position: Occupational Therapist Leave Replacement
License: Occupational Therapist
Status: Temporary (Leave Replacement)
Start date: April 18, 2018
End date: June 22, 2018 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Michael Sniffen
Position: Custodial Worker, Part Time
Reason: Resignation from Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: March 16, 2018 (Last day worked 3/16/2018)

2. Name: Albert Higgins
Position: Security Aide, Leave Replacement
Reason: Resignation from Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: March 19, 2018 (Last day worked 3/16/2018)

III. 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: Ashley Volpe *
Request: Observation; Occupational Therapy
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to: Tara Guerrero, Diana Mulderig
College: SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: May 2018 - June 2018

2. Name: Julian Johnson *
Request: Observation; Classroom (not to exceed 10 hrs.)
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Assigned to: Alicia Smith, Julie Cappuccilli -Teachers
College: Lehman College
Effective Dates: May 2018 - June 2018

3. Name: Tyler Kroll
Request: Observation; Classroom (not to exceed 10 hrs.)
Location: Peekskill High School
Assigned to: Enid Nieves Lopez, Teacher
College: Mercy College
Effective Dates: April 11, 2018 through May 31, 2018

4. Name: Michele DiGeso *
Request: Field work Observation; Classroom
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Assigned to: Megan Gilmartin, Teacher
College: Mercy College
Effective Dates: April 11, 2018 through May 31, 2018

5. Name: Robert Brownell
Request: Volunteer
Location: Peekskill High School; Fridays
Assigned to: Rodney Arthur, Principal
Effective Dates: April 11, 2018 through June 22, 2018

6. Name: Robert Brownell

Request: Volunteer
Location: Oakside; Wednesdays
Assigned to: Rodney Arthur, Principal
Effective Dates: April 11, 2018 through June 22, 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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 7.B.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

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President Aspinall-Kellawon feels the District needs to be more stringent and pro-active in seeking diverse personnel. She is also concerned with not enough security coverage at PHS.

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

Pam Johnson congratulated Dr. Mauricio on his appointment as Superintendent.

Michael Simpkins reported the athletic department has a survey online requesting parents' to express any concerns about the athletic department. To date, only 27 people have

participated. He is asking all parents to please respond to the survey so the District can get an idea how you feel about our athletic department and make plans around your concerns.

The Diagnostic Tool for School and District Effectiveness (DTSDE) Survey just opened up for all parents.

The NAACP held a concert/celebration for Paul Robeson and PHS senior Majaci'd Alexander was announced as the precipitant of the Paul Robeson Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000.

Upcoming events in the District

April 13, 6 – 8 p.m.; PKSM/Literacy Night

April 18, 7 p.m.; Administration Building/Joint meeting with Common Council

April 20, 7 p.m.; Mt. Olivet Baptist Church/Jazz Café

April 21, 8 a.m.; Special Olympics/Torpy Field. They are still looking for volunteers.

April 26 - 28; PHS Drama Club presents Beauty and the Beast.

President Aspinall-Kellawon gave thanks to the following people/organizations for their contributions in the search for the Superintendent of Schools:

Community members for the mission statement and planning meetings, Interview Committee, BOCES staff, Ingerman Smith, BOE colleagues, Dr. Licopoli, District team who traveled to Buffalo for a site visit and Dr. Mauricio.

9. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

10. 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

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk