

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 9, 2019

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
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
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 6:07 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 matters regarding the appointment of a particular contractor(s) and employment history of particular person(s) for the following positions: After-school Teacher Aides; Athletics; Curriculum Writing; Custodial Stipend; LOA; Parent Workshop Facilitators; Permanent Substitute Teachers; and Part Time Teacher Aides. 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: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____

Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:15 p.m.

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained:_____

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

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)
- [High School/Summit Academy Presentation](#)
- [Educational Plan & Budget #5](#)
 - o Budget Adoption

6. Consent Agenda

A. Adoption of 2019/2020 Proposed Budget and [Property Tax Report Card](#)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education hereby adopts the budget for the 2019/2020 school year in the amount of \$96,692,000; 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 21, 2019; 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
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained:_____

B. Appointment - Architect

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Board of Education hereby appoints Mosaic Architects/Hamlin Design as its District Architect in connection with a proposed bond referendum to be submitted to the voters of the school district, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement attached hereto; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President

to execute the necessary documents to effectuate the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

C. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

1. Name: Theolinda Feliciano
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: April 12, 2019 (close of business)

2. Name: Maria Ardila
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: March 21, 2019 (close of business; last day worked)

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: John Carlson
Position: Science Teacher; Leave Replacement
Certification Status: Earth Science & Mathematics (7-12); Permanent
Start Date: April 4, 2019
End Date: May 24, 2019 or June 7, 2019 (6-8 weeks anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day as worked; no benefits.

2. Name: Erica Massimi
Position: Elementary Teacher; Leave Replacement
Certification Status: Literacy & Students w/ Disabilities; Professional and N, K (Grades 1-6); Professional
Effective Start date: April 8, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits

3. Name: Kelsey Sullivan
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification Status: Early childhood Education & Childhood Education; Initial
Effective Start Date: April 22, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: \$155/day as worked, following the school calendar, working four days/week (28 hrs./wk). No benefits.

4. Name: Joseph Tama
 Position: Modified Track and Field Coach
 Program: 2018-2019 Co-Curricular Athletics
 Effective Dates: Spring Season - March 18 2019-June 10, 2019
 Stipend: \$2,866

5. Name: Melissa Lepore
 Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator - Teacher
 Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
 Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
 Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

6. Name: Maria Stratigeas
 Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator - Teacher
 Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
 Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
 Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

7. Name: Elizabeth Boyle
 Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator - Teacher
 Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
 Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
 Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

8. Name: Gianina Wechsler
 Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator - Teacher
 Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
 Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
 Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

9. Name: Ana Budds
 Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher

Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

10. Name: Therese Wood-Chang
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

11. Name: Tina La Belle
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Nurse
Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

12. Name: Lisa Kahn
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Senior Office Assistant
Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Association of Educational Secretaries (PAES) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

13. Name: Stephanie Dabbs
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide
Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTAO) contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

14. Name: Denise Lopez
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide

Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTAO) contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

15. Name: Rocio Roche
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide
Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTAO) contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

16. Name: Jessica Rondon
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teaching Assistant
Program Title: Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Workshop and Student Screening
Effective Date: May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

17. Name: Breigh Garulli
Position: Curriculum Writing
PHS Course: Natural Disasters Course (1/2 year) – One(1)
Effective Dates: February 13, 2019- April 30, 2019
Stipend: Not to exceed 20 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. (Grant Funded).

V. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Kimberly Khilnani***
Position: Speech & Language Teacher
Certification Status: Speech & Language Disabilities; Professional
Tenure Area: Elementary Teacher
Probationary Start Date: April 4, 2019
Probationary End Date: April 3, 2022
Length of Probation: Three (3) years
Salary: \$75,596 (Pro-rated); MA, Step 6

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Classified

1. Appointments

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

1. Name: Joann Concepcion
Position: Teacher Aide (1:1; After School Hours)
Start date: March 21, 2019 - June 20, 2019
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTAO) Contract.

2. Name: Frances Campbell
Position: Teacher Aide; Per Diem (Substitute)
Effective: April 10, 2019 through June 26, 2019
Salary: \$12.00/hour, as worked with no benefits.

3. Name: Mark Bunyavong
Position: Sr. Custodial Worker
Effective: July 1, 2018
Description: 2018-2019 Certified Pool Operator (CPO)
Stipend: \$1,500.00

4. Name: Timothy Khuns
Position: Sr. Custodial Worker
Effective: July 1, 2018
Description: 2018-2019 Certified Pool Operator (CPO)
Stipend: \$1,500.00

5. Name: Edward Adam
Position: Maintenance Mechanic II (Bldgs.)
Effective: February 28, 2019
Description: 2018-2019 Certified Pool Operator (CPO)
Stipend: \$1,500.00 (Pro-Rated)

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Te'ona St. Hilaire
Position: Physical Therapy Assistant
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: March 22, 2019 (Last day worked 03/22/2019)

2. Name: Kelvin Cardona
Position: Custodial Worker (PT)
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: April 12, 2019 (Last day worked 04/12/2019)

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: Aaren Johnson
Request: Observation Hours
Assigned to: Todd Newby, Teacher
College: PACE University
Effective Dates: April 2019 (6 hours)

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.

D. [2019/2020 Instructional Calendar](#)

That the Board of Education approve the 2019/2020 Instructional Calendar.

E. Nomination - Everett R. Dyer Award for Distinguished School Board Service

That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District hereby nominates Michael Simpkins of the Peekskill Board of Education for the Everett R. Dyer Award for Distinguished School Board Service.

F. Superintendent's Hearing Appeal

Be IT RESOLVED, that upon reviewing the appeal of a student discipline matter, the Board of Education affirms the decision of the Superintendent in all respects, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk shall notify the parents in writing, of the Board's determination.

G. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 6.B. - 6.F.

Motion: Maria Pereira

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Second: Samuel North

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

President Simpkins encouraged any resident to join the Board of Education. [Petitions](#) are available in the Superintendent's Office with the District Clerk. Come out May 21 to vote on the school budget and election.

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only
 - A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

8. Executive Session
 - A. Executive Session
 - B. Adjourn Executive Session

9. Adjournment
 - A. Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the Board, President Simpkins asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Second: Jillian Villon
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk