

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FEBRUARY 6, 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  
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education  
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Simpkins at 5:33 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

President Aspinall-Kellawon 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 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: Maria Pereira

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

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

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Michael Simpkins

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 7:05 p.m.
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Hearing of Citizens  
A. Public Participation at Board Meetings  
There were no citizens wishing to participate.
5. Superintendent/Board President Report  
The PHS select chorus, "The City Singers," displayed their talents by singing an a capella version of, "Amazing Grace" in honor of Black History Month.

A. [Superintendent's Report](#)

- [Mission Statement/Core Beliefs](#) – Presented by Dr. Licopoli and Jamal Lewis

President Aspinall-Kellawon asked for a motion to accept the following mission statement:  
OUR MISSION:

---IS TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER ALL STUDENTS TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE AS LIFE-LONG LEARNERS WHO EMBRACE DIVERSITY AND ARE CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF A GLOBAL SOCIETY

WE BELIEVE THAT:

- all people can learn, contribute and have value
- embracing and understanding cultural diversity is imperative to strengthening and enriching a school community
- when a school community provides a respectful, safe, supportive, resource-rich environment, people thrive and meet their goals
- a school district excels when strong partnerships exist among families, schools and community.
- educating the whole child will develop life-long learners who are compassionate, confident, critical thinkers
- a school district is responsible for aligning and carrying out the conditions for learning, leadership and commitment

Motion: Michael Simpkins  
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon  
Branwen MacDonald  
Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

Second: Maria Pereira

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

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

- [PHS -School Comprehensive Education Plan](#) – Presented by Rodney Arthur
  - [Educational Plan & Budget](#) – Presented by Robin Zimmerman and Dr. Foster
    - o Plan and Budget: Workshop Two
- B. Contracts Under \$10,000  
Dr. Foster read into the minutes the following contracts under \$10,000:
- Hudson River HealthCare; Provide school based preventive dental services for PCSD students; \$0

- Hudson River HealthCare/CAPP: Promote preventative health care services for PHS students: \$0
- Red House Entertainment/Paramount of the Hudson Valley; Rental for the Middle/High School graduations, rehearsals and awards ceremony (PHS) in June 2018; Assistant Superintendent for Business empowered to enter into said contract; \$8,980.00.

C. Grants/Donations Under \$5,000

Dr. Foster read into the minutes the following grants/donations under \$5,000

- Donor's Choose Project/PKMS; Ten (10) Chromebook Asus; Estimated \$2,009.05

6. Consent Agenda

A. Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education here with approves and authorizes the Board of Education President to sign a Settlement Agreement and General Release with an Employee No. 596, and herewith accepts said Employee No.'s irrevocable letter of resignation for purposes of retirement.

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: Amanda Leggio  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: January 26, 2018, close of business

2. Name: Amador Roman  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Action: Resignation from the Position  
Effective: January 31, 2018, close of business

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: Shannon Conner  
Position: Elementary Teacher, LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Childhood Education and Students w/ Disabilities; Initial  
Start Date: February 7, 2018  
End Date: April 8, 2018 (anticipated)  
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits
2. Name: Amador Ramon  
Position: Spanish teacher, LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Spanish; Permanent

Tenure Area: Spanish teacher  
Start Date: February 1, 2018  
End Date: June 22, 2018  
Salary: \$ 308 per day, no benefits

3. Name: Kyle Christopher  
Position: Per Diem Teacher Substitute; Non-certified  
Certification Status: NONE  
Start Date: February 7, 2018  
End date: June 22, 2018  
Salary: \$100/day, as worked, not to exceed four days/week (28/hrs./week), not to exceed forty (40) work days, no benefits.
4. Name: LisaMarie Herling  
Position: Per Diem Teacher Substitute; Non-certified  
Certification Status: NONE  
Start Date: February 7, 2018  
End date: June 22, 2018  
Salary: \$100/day, as worked, not to exceed four days/week (28/hrs./week), not to exceed forty (40) work days, no benefits.
5. Name: Joshian Fernandez  
Position: Per Diem Teacher Substitute; Non-certified  
Certification Status: NONE  
Start Date: February 7, 2018  
End date: June 22, 2018  
Salary: \$100/day, as worked, not to exceed four days/week (28/hrs./week), not to exceed forty (40) work days, no benefits.
6. Name: Kristen Perez  
Position: Per Diem Teacher Substitute; Non-certified  
Certification Status: NONE  
Start Date: February 7, 2018  
End date: June 22, 2018  
Salary: \$100/day, as worked, not to exceed four days/week (28/hrs./week), not to exceed forty (40) work days, no benefits.
7. Name: Krystal Cerna  
Position: Parent Workshop Teacher Facilitator  
Program Title: Extending Learning At Home - What Can Parents Do To Help?  
Effective Date: February 8, 2018, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract, grant Funded by My Brother's Keeper Grant

8. Name: Matilde Broadbent  
 Position: Parent Workshop Teacher Facilitator  
 Program Title: Extending Learning At Home -  
 What Can Parents Do To Help?  
 Effective Date: February 8, 2018, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
 Location: Woodside Elementary School  
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract, grant Funded by My Brother's Keeper Grant
9. Name: Karen Wallis  
 Position: Parent Workshop Teacher Facilitator  
 Program Title: Extending Learning At Home -  
 What Can Parents Do To Help?  
 Effective Date: February 8, 2018, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
 Location: Woodside Elementary School  
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract, grant Funded by My Brother's Keeper Grant
10. Name: Mercedes Torres  
 Position: Teacher  
 Program Title: Oakeside Afterschool Enrichment Program  
 Effective Date: Ten (10) sessions (Mondays only)  
 February 12, 2018 - May 14, 2018  
 Each session will allow One (1) – Forty (40) Minute prep time per week.  
 The session for students will be from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM.  
 Location: Oakeside  
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract -Grant funded
11. Name: Jennifer Feliz  
 Position: Teacher  
 Program Title: Oakeside Afterschool Enrichment Program  
 Effective Date: Ten (10) sessions (Mondays only)  
 February 12, 2018 - May 14, 2018  
 Each session will allow One (1) – Forty (40) Minute prep time per week.  
 The session for students will be from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM.  
 Location: Oakeside  
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract -Grant funded
12. Name: Alexis Vasquez  
 Position: Teacher  
 Program Title: Oakeside Afterschool Enrichment Program  
 Effective Date: Ten (10) sessions (Mondays only)  
 February 12, 2018 - May 14, 2018

Each session will allow One (1) – Forty (40) Minute prep time per week.  
The session for students will be from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM.  
Location: Oakeside  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract -Grant funded

13. Name: Yesenia Peralta  
Position: Substitute Teacher; per Diem  
Program Title: Oakeside Afterschool Enrichment Program  
Effective Date: Ten (10) sessions (Mondays only)  
February 12, 2018 - May 14, 2018  
Each session will allow One (1) – Forty (40) Minute prep time per week.  
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Location: Oakeside  
Stipend: 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: N/A

Classified

1. Appointments

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

1. Name: Damiao Dossantos  
Position: Laborer (Maintenance Mechanic – Buildings)  
Status: Permanent  
Start date: February 7, 2018  
Salary: \$60,959.00
2. Name: Elpedio Jiminez  
Position: Senior Custodial Worker  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start date: February 7, 2018  
Probationary End date: February 6, 2019  
Salary: \$58,959.00
3. Name: Tai'ana Searight  
Position: Teacher Aide  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start date: January 17, 2018  
Probationary End date: January 16, 2019  
Salary: \$11/hour
4. Name: Nicole Messia  
Position: Teacher Aide; LOA replacement  
Start date: January 29, 2018

End date: June 22, 2018  
Salary: \$12,276 (prorated)

II. Resignations

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations to the board of education for approval:

1. Name: Lynn Riccio  
Position: School Monitor  
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective Date: February 2, 2018, close of business

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 Johnson  
Request: Intern  
Location: Administration Building/District  
Assigned to: Laura Belfiore  
College: PACE University  
Effective Dates: February 7, 2018 through May 30, 2018
2. Name: Rachel Lauture  
Request: Intern  
Location: Administration Building/District  
Assigned to: Ellen Gerace  
Organization: Student Assistance Services  
Effective Dates: February 7, 2018 through June 30, 2018
3. Name: Soraya Teluwo  
Request: Intern  
Location: Administration Building/District  
Assigned to: Ellen Gerace  
Organization: Student Assistance Services  
Effective Dates: February 7, 2018 through June 30, 2018
4. Name: Amy Ashley-Moore  
Request: SDBL Intern  
Location: Administration Building  
Assigned to: Robin Zimmerman  
College: The College of St. Rose  
Effective Dates: February 2018 through December 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.

C. Contract - Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art (HVCCA)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art (HVCCA) to provide in-school programs for the period of January 1, 2018 - December 30, 2018 in the amount of \$10,000.

D. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 6.A. - 6.C.

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

Victoria Kravits commented how wonderful it is the District is increasing the graduation rate.

President Aspinall-Kellawon thanked the Core Planning Team for the work they did on revising the District mission statement.

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 Aspinall-Kellawon asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_



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Meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk