

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Board of Education

Mrs. Jillian Villon, President
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, Vice President
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Mr. Samuel North
Mrs. Maria Pereira
Mr. Michael Simpkins

Student Representative

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
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 5:35 p.m. in Peekskill High School room 222.
 - A. Recording of Attendance
Pamela Hallman-Johnson arrived late.
Virtual Participants:
Pamela Hallman-Johnson/677 Harrison Avenue, Peekskill, NY
Maria Pereira
2. Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval.
 - A. Open Meeting
 - (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular contractor(s) and employment history of particular person(s) for the following positions: Physical Education Teacher; Substitute Teacher. Leave Replacement Teacher; and Custodial Worker. The Board will (or may) take action after the executive session. 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
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained:_____

C. Adjourn Executive Session 7:04 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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Peekskill High School Auditorium at 7:11 p.m.

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)
- [Black History Month Launch](#) – Dr. Margie Daniels

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation:

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

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:

1. Name: Kimberly Khilnani

Position: Speech/Language Teacher
Action: Non-paid leave of absence
Effective: February 28, 2022 through June 30, 2022

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Charles Fardales ***
Position: Physical Education Teacher
Certification: Physical Education, Initial
School: Peekskill High School
Tenure Area: Physical Education
Probationary Start Date: January 24, 2022
Probationary End Date: January 23, 2025
Length of Probation: Three (3) Years
Salary: \$94,746, MA+30, Step 7 (Prorated)

2. Name: Hannah Tiso
Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Effective Start Date: January 25, 2022
Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
Salary: \$120 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)

3. Name: Tricia Schultz
Position: Special Education Teacher (6th Assignment)
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Certification: Students with Disabilities (Grades 5-9),
Generalist, Professional Certificate
Effective Start Date: January 24, 2022
Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

4. Name: Michele Cruz
Position: Special Education Leave Replacement Teacher
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Certification: Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6),
Professional
Effective Start Date: February 7, 2022
Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Stacey Bean
Position: Gardening Advisor
Effective Dates: November 18, 2021 - December 23, 2021
Salary: \$1,118 (Prorated)
Action: Correct effective dates

2. Name: Anne Happel **
Position: School Social Worker
Certification: School Social Worker, Provisional
Tenure Area: School Social Worker
Probationary Start Date: August 31, 2020
Probationary End Date: January 30, 2025
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Action: Correct probationary end date due to non-paid leave of absence

3. Name: Mabel Vasquez **
Position: School Psychologist
Certification: School Psychologist, Permanent
Tenure Area: School Psychologist
Probationary Start Date: September 4, 2018
Probationary End Date: February 10, 2023
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Action: Correct probationary end date due to non-paid leave of absence

4. Name: Kimberly Khilnani **
Position: Speech & Language Teacher
Certification: Speech & Language Disabilities, Professional
Tenure Area: Speech Teacher
Probationary Start Date: April 4, 2019
Probationary End Date: August 2, 2022
Length of Probation: Three (3) years
Action: Correct probationary end date due to non-paid leave of absence

5. Name: Deborah-Ann Feliciano **
Position: Teaching Assistant
Certification: Teaching Assistant, Level II
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Start Date: September 4, 2018
Probationary End Date: March 2, 2023

Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Action: Correct probationary end date due to non-paid leave of absence

6. Name: Carrie Black
Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6, Permanent
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Effective Start Date: October 15, 2021
Effective End Date: May 9, 2022
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
Action: Correct effective end date

7. Name: Lindsay Owens
Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Emergency COVID-19
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Effective Start Date: November 8, 2021
Effective End Date: June 13, 2022
Salary: \$244 per day as worked, without benefits
Action: Correct effective end date

8. Name: Nicole Fry
Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Certification: ESOL, Professional
Effective Start Date: November 29, 2021
Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
Salary: \$120 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)
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: Michael Murphy
Position: Security Aide
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 21, 2022 (Last day worked: 1/21/2022)

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: Frank Vuole
Position: Custodial Worker
Status: Part Time Availability (PTA)
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: January 31, 2022
Probationary End Date: January 30, 2023
Salary: \$16.32/Hour.

2. Name: Anthony Gershkowitz
Position: Custodial Worker
Status: Part Time Availability (PTA)
Location: Parent Resource Center
Probationary Start Date: February 2, 2022
Probationary End Date: February 1, 2023
Salary: \$16.32/Hour.

3. Name: George Rios
Position: Custodial Worker
Status: Part Time Availability (PTA)
Location: Parent Resource Center
Probationary Start Date: February 2, 2022
Probationary End Date: February 1, 2023
Salary: \$16.32/Hour.

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: Tracy Brown
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Reason: Correct Position, Start/End Date, and Salary
Probationary Start Date: January 19, 2022
Probationary End Date: January 18, 2023
Salary: \$18,135.00 Annually (Prorated)

2. Name: Michael Murphy

Position:	Security Aide
Status:	Temporary
Location:	Peekskill High School
Reason:	Update Status
Start Date Effective:	November 1, 2021
Salary:	\$28,685.00 Annually (Prorated)

Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

I. Appointment:

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

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 - Jacqueline Liburd

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Jacqueline Liburd commencing January 3, 2022 - June 24, 2022. Not to exceed \$35,000.

- C. Contract - Eva Manon Sita Brechat

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Eva Manon Sita Brechat as Art Consultant for the District commencing February 7, 2022 - June 30, 2022.

- D. Field Trip in Excess of 100 Miles - Perth High School/Broadalbin, NY
That the Board of Education approve the Field Trip in Excess of 100 Miles for 14 PHS students to attend a Robotics Challenge/Competition at Perth High School, Broadalbin, NY on February 6, 2022.
- E. Approving Consent Agenda
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 6.A. - 6.D.

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

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 in Memory of [Ms. Jill Croft](#) and [Ms. Cathleen DeCrenza](#)

A. Adjournment in Memory of Ms. Jill Croft and Ms. Cathleen DeCrenza

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Villon asked for a motion to adjourn in memory of Ms. Jill Croft (resolution read by Allen Jenkins) and Ms. Cathleen DeCrenza (resolution read by Branwen MacDonald).

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk