

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 4, 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. Joseph Urbanowicz

Central Office

Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Greg Sullivan, Asst Supt for Business
Dr. Joe Mosey, Asst Supt for C&I
Mrs. Mary Sculnick, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Glickert at 5:35 p.m. in the Peekskill Middle School Computer Lab.

A. Recording of Attendance

Maria Pereira 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 7:00PM)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Joe Urbanowicz

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

C. Adjourn Executive Session (7:10 p.m.)

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Maria Pereira

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

No: _____ Abstained: _____

3) Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Peekskill Middle School library at 7:14 p.m.

4) Hearing of Citizens

Ken Martin commended the teachers are outstanding at Woodside and administrators are terrific but his concern is over Engage NY (created by NYSED) and the competency of it.

Darryl Davis of 101 Ellwood Avenue stated he would like a private conversation regarding disturbing information on specific cases of retaliation, bullying and unethical behavior.

Jim Edler of Cortlandt Manor is a member of CPARC (Cortlandt/Peekskill Anti-Racism Collaborative) an organization that has invested in learning about racism, and learning about abuse of power. The organization looks at important elements that are destructive not only to education but the city and communities as well. Awareness needs to translate into action. CPARC welcomes the opportunity to be supportive for the Committee for Justice.

Arnie Paylia of 28 N. Division Street inquired about school taxes, what is happening with the transcript scandal, where is the District at regarding the legal fees on the transcript scandal. It seems like the District is in situation they can't get out of.

George Ondek of 31 Winchester Avenue commented the District is doing a great job. He also mentioned the Governor of NY and NY State legislature is giving veterans a tax break. Mr. Ondek expected a public hearing would be heard tonight on the veterans' tax exemption of real property tax. He wants to know where the Board stands on this issue.

Interim Superintendent Licopoli stated the Board should have a vote by the 1st or 2nd meeting in March regarding the veterans' exemption for real property tax. The Board is still gathering information on this issue.

Vinny Wallace of 17 Maple Road commented on Engage NY and the Common Core encouraging those on the Board to get in contact with Sandy Galef (PCSD Assemblywoman) to support new candidates on the State Board of Regents.

5) Superintendent/Board President Report

A. PKMS Overview

Interim Superintendent Licopoli stated the District is facing deeply complicated issues and they are working hard to resolve them. Sometimes it takes time to get over certain things. The District is focusing on what's best for our students. Closing school is a difficult decision to make. Dr. Licopoli announced during the meeting he is canceling school for tomorrow, February 5 due to the impending weather.

Dr. David Fine along with his staff shared a PowerPoint with the Board on the overview of Peekskill Middle School.

There was a brief recess and the meeting resumed at 8:40p.m.

6) New Business

A. External Auditor

Greg Sullivan – The District participated in a cooperative Request for Proposal (RFP) for an External Claims Auditor put out by PNW/BOCES. The Audit Committee interviewed three out of five firms. The bid is for 5 years but the Board may exit beforehand with proper notice.

The following resolution was read into the minutes by Greg Sullivan:
BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Education agrees to engage Cooper Arias, LLP of Mongaup Valley, NY for external audit services under the terms they submitted pursuant to the Request for Proposals issued on the District's behalf by Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES.

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

B. Work Agreements

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2013-2014 work agreements, letters of benefit and salaries and authorizes the Interim

Superintendent to execute such work agreements for the following confidential personnel effective July 1, 2013:

Michelle Braganza - \$51,026 (Base Salary)

Doug Brown - \$54,974 (Base Salary) \$2,283 (Longevity) \$57,257 (Total Salary)

Maureen LaFountain - \$60,729 (Base Salary)

Elizabeth Maloy - \$63,959 (Base Salary) \$2,572 (Longevity) \$66,531 (Total Salary)

Felecia Mighty - \$83,214 (Base Salary)

Amalfis Zucco - \$67,661 (Base Salary) \$2,572 (Longevity) \$70,233 (Total Salary)

Paul Guglielmo - \$126,875 (Base Salary)

Joy Myke - \$96,683 (Base Salary)

Janice Reid - \$114,114 (Base Salary) \$1,125 (Longevity) \$115,239 (Total Salary)

David Santiago - \$97,910 (Base Salary)

Mary Sculnick - \$142,100 (Base Salary)

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon No: _____ Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

7) Policy Readings

A. First Reading: #1120 School District Records

B. First Reading: #5500 Student Records

8) Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting/Work Session January 3, 2014

B. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Business Meeting/Work Session January 3, 2014 minutes:

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon No: _____ Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

9) Consent Agenda - Personnel

A. Personnel Agenda
Certificated

I. Retirements

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations for the purpose of retirement to the Board of Education for acceptance:

1. Toniann Day Special Education Teacher, High School
Effective: June 30, 2014
2. Edward Benvenga Special Education Teacher, High School
Effective: June 30, 2014

II. Resignations

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

1. Alison Nasta, per diem Substitute Teacher Effective: January 7, 2014
2. Margaret Clarke, ESL Teacher, Middle School
Effective: February 7, 2014

III. Appointments

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

1. Name: Elyse Morse
Position: Special Education Teacher
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Certification Status: Professional certificate, Students with Disabilities (Birth – Grade 6)
Tenure Area: Special Education
Effective Date: February 3, 2014
Probationary period begins: February 3, 2014
Probationary period ends: February 2, 2017
Salary: \$61,592 (pro-rated) MA, Step 1
2. Name: Nicholas Nastasi
Position: Elementary Education Teacher Leave Replacement
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Certification Status: Childhood Education (1-6) and Students w/Disabilities (1-6), both Initial
Effective Start Date: January 13, 2014
End Date: June 30, 2014
Salary: \$49,073 (pro-rated) BA, Step 1

B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2013-2014 mentor teachers to the Board of Education for approval:

Mentor	Probationary Teacher	Location	Rate
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1. Heydi Rodriguez	Jacqueline Batista	Hillcrest	\$1,559
2. Lisa Mannion	Anita Prentice	High School	\$1,559
3. Kelly LeFevre	Leslie Detres	Oakside	\$1,559

C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2013-2014 per diem substitute teachers, at the rate of \$100/day for days worked to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Yesenia Peralta Certified: Childhood Education; Initial, Bilingual Extension; Initial Effective: January 6, 2014 – June 30, 2014
2. Laura Appelbaum Certified: Music; Permanent Effective: January 6, 2014 – June 30, 2014

D. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following for appointment for the 2013-2014 Oakside ESL Afterschool Program, at the rate of \$48/hour, to the Board of Education for approval:

January 27, 2014 through May 6, 2014, 30 sessions in total from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM (1.5 hour sessions)

1. Tara Platt
2. Amy Yanarelli
3. Nancy Castro
4. Barbara Volpe
5. Amy Yannarelli
6. Alexis Vazquez (Mondays)
7. Janice Stewart (Tuesdays)
8. Nancy Castro, Substitute

E. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following extra co-curricular, non-athletic appointments for the 2013-2014 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Yolanda Guardino Newsletter Club – Middle School \$2,515

F. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following extra co-curricular, athletic appointments for the 2013-2014 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

Spring Season

1. Christopher Salumn Boys Varsity Baseball Head Coach \$5,030
2. Sean Dwyer Boys Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach \$3,521
3. Vernon Merriweather Boys Modified Baseball Coach \$2,515
4. Peter Capozzelli Equipment Manager \$2,500
5. Anthony Turner Fitness Center Attendant \$2,263
6. Sean Mulholland Boys Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach \$5,030
7. Heather Franchino Boys Varsity Lacrosse Assistant Coach \$3,772
8. John Pappas Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach \$5,030
9. Anthony DiCuio Girls Junior Varsity Softball Head Coach \$3,521

10. Carolyne Hall	Boys Varsity Tennis Head Coach	\$3,018
11. Paul Piliero	Boys Varsity Track (Outdoor) Head Coach	\$5,030
12. William Moran	Girls Varsity Track (Outdoor) Head Coach	\$5,030
13. Anthony DiCuio	Boys Intramurals Soccer Coach	\$1,257
14. Cami Basso	Girls Intramurals Soccer Coach	\$1,257

Classified

IV. Retirements

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations for the purpose of retirement to the Board of Education for acceptance:
1. Mary Jane Decker Registered Nurse, High School
Effective: June 30, 2014

V. Appointments

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following per diem teacher aide appointment for the 2013-2014 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$8.00 per hour (days 1-24), and \$9.00 per hour (days 25 and beyond):
1. Cheryl Williams Effective: January 22, 2014 – June 30, 2014

Student Teachers

VI. Student Teachers/Volunteers

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following candidates for student teaching and volunteering to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Jasmine Erskine
Request: Student Teaching, Elementary Education
Location/Teacher: Oakside with Michele Laura
Effective Dates: January 27, 2014 – March 15, 2014
College: Mercy College
 2. Name: Josephine Calderon (Soto)
Request: Volunteer
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Effective Dates: January 22, 2014 – June 30, 2014
- B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Board agenda corrections to the Board of Education for approval:
From BOE meeting November 19, 2013, the description of volunteer work should have read as follows:
1. Abby Plotka SCOPES Volunteer – Woodside Elementary School
 2. Ana DeLeon SCOPES Volunteer – Woodside Elementary School

3. Catherine Kunin SCOPES Volunteer – Woodside Elementary School
4. Maria Bergamin SCOPES Volunteer – Woodside Elementary School
5. Melanie Sussman SCOPES Volunteer – Woodside Elementary School
6. Maria Velez-Green SCOPES Volunteer – Woodside Elementary School
7. Daisy Jimenez SCOPES Volunteer – Woodside Elementary School

10) Consent Agenda - Special Services

A. Special Services/Committee on Special Education

That the Board of Education approve the Recommendation of the District's Committee on Special Education for the following eleven (11) students for declassification/ classification and/or placement:

Student ID# Meeting Type Determination

- 40826 Program Review Classified
- 22442 Program Review Declassified
- 44741 Program Review Classified
- 44331 Program Review Declassified
- Support Services
- 43708 Program Review Classified
- 44674 Initial Ineligible
- 44563 Program Review Classified
- 45417 Program Review Classified
- 41729 Transfer Classified
- 24208 Initial Classified
- 44457 Transfer Classified

11) Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Months of November and December 2013

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the months of November and December 2013.

B. Budget Appropriation Transfers

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers.

C. Special Aid Grants

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools that the following grants be accepted:

Grant	Amount	Program
Full Day Expanded Pre-K	\$ 171,154	1214
ARRA Race To The Top	\$ 94,558	1414

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above mentioned amounts be appropriated into the above programs in the Special Aid Fund.

D. HMB Consultants

That the Board of Education approves HMB Consultants to construct the bid for the District's Child Nutrition Program and to conduct the annual self-review.

E. Ski and Wrestling Extraclassroom Activities Accounts

That the Board of Education approves the Ski and Wrestling Extraclassroom Activities accounts be re-established at the high school.

F. Emergency Declaration - PHS

That the Board of Education declares an emergency at PHS due to extreme temperatures causing coils to freeze and the flooding of three rooms. The area must be abated due to asbestos containing tiles are coming loose.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, NYSIR will ensure the repair project.

Mr. Sullivan commented the District has a quote from the asbestos contractor and we are covered by NYSIR except for the \$5,000 deductible. The District will file with the State for building aid on the unreimbursed part. Now we need to get the work done. The work can be done while school is in session but it has to be contained. The work can be done during the school year with proper containment.

G. Disposal of Assets

That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administrative Services, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District declares the attached list of AV equipment which are no longer being utilized, authorizes their disposal in conformity with state law and District policy.

H. Amended Retirement Incentive

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2014, the Board of Education approved a retirement incentive program with the Peekskill Faculty Association ("PFA") and the Peekskill Administrator Association ("PAA") in accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement, dated January 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, said Memorandum of Agreement included a minimum number of employees needed to participate in the retirement incentive in order for the incentive to become effective; and

WHEREAS, based upon projected financial savings, the Board of Education would like to amend the minimum number of employees required for the incentive to become effective;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith amends the minimum number of total employees (PFA and PAA) required to participate in the incentive from fifteen (15) to eleven (11); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreements, dated January 7, 2014 shall remain in full force and effect.

12) Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 9.A. - 11.H.

Motion: Colin Smith Second: Joe Urbanowicz

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

No: _____

Abstained: _____

13) Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

Debbie Adams commented Assumption School is going ahead with their proposal for a charter school.

The Board meeting will be on Thursday February 13 instead of Tuesday February 11.

14) Executive Session - Time: 9:15 p.m.

A. Executive Session

Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel issue

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Colin Smith

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

No: _____

Abstained: _____

B. Adjourn Executive Session (10:00)

Motion to move to Public Session

Motion: Joe Urbanowicz

Second: Maria Pereira

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

No: _____

Abstained: _____

15) Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Maria Pereira

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk