

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 8, 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 6:05 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: Co-Curricular Athletics; After School Program; LOA Replacement Teacher; Permanent Substitute Teacher; 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: Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:20 p.m.

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
No: _____ Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting
The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:25 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](#)
 - [Oaksides Presentation](#) – Staci Woodley
6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Personnel Agenda
Certificated
 - I. Resignation
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher resignation to the Board of Education for approval: N/A
 - 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:
 1. Name: Kevin Dwyer
Position: English Teacher
Reason: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2019
 2. Name: Susan Olsen
Position: English Teacher
Reason: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2019
 3. Name: Jean Spooner
Position: Special Education Teacher
Reason: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2019

IV. Appointments

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

1. Name: Tiffany Munson
Position: Elementary teacher; LOA replacement
Certification Status: N, K, Grades 1-6 and Literacy, Permanent
Effective Date: January 2, 2019
End Date: April 3, 2019 (anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits.

2. Name: Danielle Cinquemani
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification Status: Pre K, K, and Grades (1-6), Permanent
Effective Start Date: January 11, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: \$155/day as worked, following the school calendar
Working four days/week (28 hrs/wk). No benefits.

3. Name: Kevin Dwyer
Position: Mentor Teacher
Mentee: Nina Reed
Location: High School
Effective date: 2018-2019 School Year
Stipend: \$1,559 Stipend- Mentor Teacher (Grant Funded)

4. Name: Catherine McCabe
Position: 2018-2019 Track Coach; Winter Season
Action: Appointment as the 2018-2019 Winter Season Track Coach
Effective: December 20, 2018 – February 25, 2019
Stipend: \$5,733 (pro-rated)

5. Name: Lauren Batiste
Position: Teacher
Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: 13 weeks (38 sessions), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm; 30 minute prep time per week will be provided.
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

6. Name: Karin Flores Reininger
Position: Teacher
Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: 13 weeks (38 sessions), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 3:00 m – 4:00 pm; 30 minute prep time per week will be

- provided.
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
7. Name: Emily Esposito
Position: Teacher
Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: 13 weeks (38 sessions), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm; 30 minute prep time per week will be provided.
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
8. Name: Marlix Hernandez
Position: Teacher
Program: 2018-219 Hillcrest After-school program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: 13 weeks (38 sessions), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm; 30 minute prep time per week will be provided.
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
9. Name: Rachele Rice
Position: Teacher
Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: 13 weeks (38 sessions), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm; 30 minute prep time per week will be provided.
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
10. Name: Jennifer Badurski
Position: Teacher
Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: 13 weeks (38 sessions), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm; 30 minute prep time per week will be provided.
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
11. Name: Peggy Owens
Position: Teacher

Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: 13 weeks (38 sessions), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm; 30 minute prep time per week will be provided.
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

12. Name: Heydi Rodriguez Bronfield
Position: Teacher
Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: 13 weeks (38 sessions), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm; 30 minute prep time per week will be provided.
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

13. Name: Laura Pena
Position: Teacher
Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: 13 weeks (38 sessions), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm; 30 minute prep time per week will be provided.
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

14. Name: Shannon Connor
Position: Teacher
Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school Program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: 13 weeks (38 sessions), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm; 30 minute prep time per week will be provided.
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

15. Name: Jamie Rossi
Position: Teacher Substitute; Per Diem
Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school Program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as needed.
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

16. Name: Julie Levy
 Position: Teacher Substitute; Per Diem
 Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school Program
 Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
 Duration: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as needed.
 Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
17. Name: Melissa Perlowitz
 Position: Teacher substitute; per Diem
 Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school program
 Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
 Duration: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as needed.
 Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
18. Name: Marisa Anzovino
 Position: Teacher Substitute; Per Diem
 Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school Program
 Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
 Duration: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as needed.
 Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
19. Name: Tara Kling
 Position: Teacher Substitute; Per Diem
 Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school program
 Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
 Duration: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as needed.
 Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

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: Ashley Lape
 Position: Teacher Aide; After-School Program at Hillcrest
 Start Date: January 9, 2019
 End Date: June 26, 2019

- Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTAO) contract.
2. Name: Regina Camacho
Position: Teacher Aide; After-School Aide
Start Date: January 9, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2019
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTAO) contract.
3. Name: Karen Leggio
Position: Teacher Aide; After-School Aide
Location: Middle School
Start Date: January 9, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2019
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTAO) contract.
4. Name: Chemay Venero
Position: Security Aide
Program: 2018-2019 Hillcrest After-school program
Effective: January 9, 2019 through April 25, 2019
Duration: 13 weeks (38 sessions), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
Time: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Security Aide Association (PSSAA) Contract
5. Name: Emely Fernandez
Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom
Probationary Start Date: January 2, 2019
Probationary End Date: January 1, 2020
Salary: \$13,392.00 (Pro-Rated)
6. Name: Judith Tello-Espinoza
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Probationary Start date: January 14, 2019
Probationary End date: January 13, 2020
Salary: \$13,392 (Pro-Rated)
7. Name: Nicole Cugliandro
Position: Teacher Aide; After-School Aide
Location: Middle School
Start Date: January 9, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2019

Stipend:

Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTAO) contract.

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Judith Tello-Espinoza
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Reason: Resignation for the purpose of accepting a position as Teacher Aide
Effective Date: January 12, 2019 (Last day worked 01/11/2019)
2. Name: Morgan Morabito
Position: Teacher Aide
Reason: Job Abandonment from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: September 15, 2018 (Last day worked 09/14/2018)

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: Emma Halpern
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Assigned to: Kelly Kadin
College: Manhattanville College
Effective Dates: January 22, 2019 through May 30, 2019
2. Name: Laura Esposito
Request: Student Teaching, 1st placement
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Assigned to: Tracy Budney
College: SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: January 28, 2019 through March 24, 2019
Request: Student Teaching, 2nd placement
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to: Peggy Owens
Effective Dates: March 25, 2019 through May 30, 2019
3. Name: Rachel Kerner
Request: Student Teaching, 1st placement
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Assigned to: Gabrielle Curry
College: SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: January 28, 2019 through March 24, 2019
Request: Student Teaching, 2nd placement
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to: Valeria Valenzuela
Effective Dates: March 25, 2019 through May 30, 2019

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.

B. Grant- Entergy/PHS Robotics Team

That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that, in accordance with Education Law 1718(2), to accept from Entergy Charitable Foundation a donation of \$8,000 for the Peekskill High School Robotics Team.

C. Grant - Entergy/Science Program

That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that, in accordance with Education Law 1718(2), to accept a grant from Entergy in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the Science Program.

D. Change Board of Education Meeting Date

That the Board of Education approve the meeting date of January 15 be changed to January 22, 2019.

E. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 6.D.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

The Board of Education thanked Entergy for their donations.

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

Victoria Kravitz wanted to know what is the District using for the math module? Dr. Foster commented the District is following the math module from NY State assessments. It's a methodology and not a new program. The District is steering the course with the NYS curriculum. Ms. Kravitz also wanted to know how is the District tracking data and collecting data since we are using a new system. Dr. Foster replied the teachers are collecting the data.

Sage North - PHS sophomore student questioned the collecting of data and how does the District evaluate ESL data and It should be evaluated closer. The District needs to add more teachers that speak other languages

President Simpkins inquired if there was any update on the lead in the water fountain at Woodside Elementary School. Ms. Zimmerman commented the District has met the regulations under the State requirements.

8. Executive Session – 9:20 p.m.

A. Executive Session

Motion to move to Executive Session

Motion: Maria Pereira

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained:_____

B. Adjourn Executive Session 10:00 p.m.

Motion to move to Public Session

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:_____

9. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Maria Pereira

Second: Samuel North

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

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk