

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 9, 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
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Aspinall-Kellawon at 6:01 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 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: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Branwen MacDonald

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 7:35 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

President Aspinall-Kellawon congratulated Peekskill's Common Council for the appointment of a new mayor and council members.

A. [Superintendent's Report](#)

- CIA Updates - Programs and Progress: Presented by Dr. Foster, Dan Callahan and Dr. Rochelle Mitlak

- Filling Board Vacancy – Discussion

The Board has three (3) options on filling the Board vacancy:

1. Hold a special election
2. Appoint someone
3. Leave the seat vacant

President Aspinall-Kellawon asked for a motion to keep the Board of Education remaining at six (6) members until the BOE election in May.

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

6. Consent Agenda

A. Resolution

That the Board of Education authorizes the expenditure of funds for Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon to participate in the Civil Rights Bus Tour, starting in Jackson, MI and ending in Birmingham, AL, January 21- 24, 2018, sponsored by The Institute for Educational Leadership.

President Aspinall polled the Board for Consent Agenda item 6.A.:

Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon Yes

Branwen MacDonald Yes

Samuel North Yes

Maria Pereira Yes

Michael Simpkins Yes

Jillian Villon Yes

B. Donations - Peekskill Education Foundation/Robotics

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 Peekskill Education Foundation a donation of \$3,000 for the Peekskill High School Robotics Team.

C. Donations - Rotary Club

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 Peekskill Rotary Club Foundation Inc. a donation of \$500 for the Peekskill High School Robotics Team.

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

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

D. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

1. Name: Amy Moran
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher; Uriah Hill
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: December 22, 2017 (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: (TABLED)

1. Name: Christine Otero
Position: Special Education Teacher
Action: Leave of absence; non-paid
Effective Dates: January 10, 2018 through April 16, 2018

President Aspinall-Kellawon asked for a motion to table Consent Agenda item 6.D.II.A.

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

III. Retirement

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

1. Name: Christa Offenbacher
Position: ESL teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: June 30, 2018
2. Name: Nina Levine
Position: Librarian
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: June 30, 2018
3. Name: Josephine Williams
Position: Science teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: June 30, 2018
4. Name: Anita Prentice
Position: Social Studies Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: June 30, 2018
5. Name: Orfa Fuentes
Position: Teaching Assistant
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: June 30, 2018
6. Name: Coleen Bravato
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: June 30, 2018

IV. Appointments

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

1. Name: Andrea Perez
Position: School Counselor; Elementary
Certification Status: School Counselor; Provisional
Tenure Area: School Counselor
Probationary Start Date: January 10, 2018
Probationary End Date: January 9, 2022
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Salary: \$64,571 (pro-rated)
2. Name: Ashley Fernandez
Position: Elementary Teacher -LOA replacement
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial Certificate
Start Date: October 25, 2017
End Date: January 16, 2018 (Extended)
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits

3. Name: Shannon Connor
 Position: Elementary teacher; LOA replacement
 Certification Status: Childhood Education, Students w/ Disabilities (1-6); Initial
 Tenure Area: Elementary Teacher
 Start Date: January 2, 2018
 End Date: January 31, 2018
 Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits

4. Name: Michelle Rios
 Position: Great Potential Site Director; PHS
 Effective Date: 2017-2018 school year
 Stipend: \$3,000 (Grant Funded)

5. Name: Celine Vichitlakakran
 Program: 2017-2018 Hillcrest After School Program
 Position: Substitute Teacher; per diem
 Effective Dates: December 6, 2017 to April 6, 2018 (anticipated)
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sessions are 60 minutes with a half hour preparation time per week
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract - Grant funded

6. Name: Jennifer Badurski
 Program: 2017-2018 Hillcrest After School Program
 Position: Substitute Teacher; per diem
 Effective Dates: December 6, 2017 to April 6, 2018 (anticipated)
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sessions are 60 minutes with a half hour preparation time per week
 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:

1. Name: Megan Gilmartin
 Program: 2017-2018 AIS After School Program
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Position: ENL Teacher
 Effective Dates: December 6, 2017 to May 24, 2018 (21 weeks)
 Tuesdays - 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
 Sessions are 90 minutes with a half hour preparation time per week
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract - Grant funded

2. Name: Laura Sullivan
 Position: Time clock / Scoreboard operator

Action: Rescind appointment
Effective Dates: 2017-2018 Winter Season

3. Name: Bridget Holloman
Program: 2017- 2018 Residency Program
Position: Mentor Teacher
Mentees: Willier Haywood - Woodside
Stipend: \$1,559 (Grant Funded)
4. Name: Bridget Holloman
Program: 2017 - 2018 Residency Program
Position: Mentor Teacher
Mentees: Christina Torres - Woodside
Stipend: \$1,559 (Grant Funded)
5. Name: Katrina Lester
Program: 2017 - 2018 Residency Program
Position: Mentor Teacher
Mentee: Alison Kramer- Hillcrest
Stipend: \$1,559 (Grant Funded)

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Kyron Chandler
Position: Custodial Worker; Part time
Location: Peekskill High School
Probationary Start date: January 10, 2018
Probationary End date: January 9, 2019
Salary: \$15.46 per hour/17.5 hours/week
2. Name: Michael Sniffen
Position: Custodial Worker; Part time
Location: Peekskill High School
Probationary Start date: January 10, 2018
Probationary End date: January 9, 2019
Salary: \$15.46 per hour/17.5 hours/week
3. Name: Toni Prodan
Position: Teacher Aide, 1:1
Probationary Start date: January 10, 2018
Probationary End date: January 9, 2019
Salary: \$13,299 (pro-rated)
4. Name: Lizabeta Ndreu
Position: Teacher Aide, 1:1
Probationary Start date: January 10, 2018
Probationary End date: January 9, 2019
Salary: \$13,299 (pro-rated)

5. Name: Albert Higgins
 Position: Security Aide, LOA Replacement
 Start date: January 10, 2018
 End date: June 30, 2018(Anticipated)
 Salary: \$32,663 (pro-rated)

6. Name: Danielle Lydon
 Position: Occupational Therapist, Temporary LOA Replacement
 License: Occupational Therapist
 Start date: January 10, 2018
 End date: April 2018 (Anticipated)
 Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits

7. Name: Tiffany Zippelli
 Position: Teacher Aide
 Probationary Start date: January 10, 2018
 Probationary End date: January 9, 2019
 Salary: \$12,276(pro-rated)

II. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Nicole Messia
 Position: Teacher Aide LOA replacement
 Start date: August 31, 2017
 Correction to end date: January 29, 2018 (extended; anticipated)

2. Name: Te'Ona St. Hillaire
 Position: Physical Therapy Assistant
 License: Physical Therapy Assistant
 Temporary Start date: January 2, 2018
 Temporary End Date: June 22, 2018 (Pending Civil Service requirements)
 Salary: \$45,122 (pro-rated)

III. Resignations

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

1. Name: Vanessa Freeman
 Position: Teacher Aide, Classroom
 Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective Date: January 1, 2018 (Last day worked December 22, 2017)

2. Name: Silvia Crisostomo
 Position: Teacher Aide, Classroom
 Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective Date: December 20, 2017

3. Name: Deborah Adams
 Position: School Nurse (RN)

Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: June 30, 2018

4. Name: Robert Mollo
Position: Custodial Worker
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: January 8, 2018

IV. Leave of Absence

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following non paid-leave of absence to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Alison Iamicelli
Position: Occupational Therapist
Action: Leave of absence; non-paid
Effective Date: April 6, 2018 (0.26 of 4/6 unpaid) –June 22, 2018

V. 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: Susan Soohoo
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Woodside
Assigned to: Krystal Cerna , Teacher
College: New Paltz
Effective Dates: March 26, 2018 through May 17, 2018
2. Name: Karen Mariot
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Hillcrest
Assigned to: Emily Diaz, Teacher
College: New Paltz
Effective Dates: January 22, 2018 through March 23, 2018
3. Name: Rachel Devine
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Hillcrest
Assigned to: Troy Lepore, Teacher
College: New Paltz
Effective Dates: January 22, 2018 through March 23, 2018
4. Name: Maria Vele
Request: Eat Smart NY Program; Oakside School Initiative
Location: Oakside
Assigned to: Jacqueline Liburd, Assistant Principal
Effective Dates: January 10, 2018 through June 22, 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.

E. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

Events in the District:

Youth Bureau: Inspirational Mural Project, January 10, 3:30 p.m.

Westchester Food Pantry truck will be at Hillcrest, January 11

BOE Retreat: January 13, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mount Olivet Church: Dr. Martin Luther Jr., January 15, 3:00 p.m.

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

Second: Michael Simpkins
No: _____

Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk