

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 1, 2018**

Board of Education

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 Vice President Simpkins at 6:00 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon was absent.

2. Proposed Executive Session

A. Open Meeting

- (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular contract(s) and positions of after-school Teacher Aide and rescinding an appointment. 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: Maria Pereira

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:08 p.m.

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

3. Public Hearing on Proposed 2018/2019 Budget
 - A. Educational Plan & Budget Public Hearing 2018/2019 presented by Dr. Foster and Robin Zimmerman

Motion to end Public Hearing

Motion: Samuel North
Yes: Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald
No: _____ Abstained: _____

4. Resume Public Meeting 7:00 p.m.
The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:20 p.m.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Hearing of Citizens
 - A. Public Participation at Board Meetings
Victoria Kravitz stated the policy for curriculum being brought forth to be approved by the Board was commendable. She would also like going forward all reading of motions are read in full at the public meetings and deliverable dates be set in the policy. Ms. Kravitz gave thanks to President Aspinall-Kellawon and Dr. Foster, for working diligently towards the success of all students.
6. Superintendent/Board President Report
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 - Recognition - SRO/Former Police Officer Andre Wright
 - My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Update- Dan Callahan
 - Community Schools Update – Woodside/Oakside/Hillcrest- Crystal Hernandez, Jackie Liburd
7. 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: N/A
 - III. Appointments

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

IV. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Robin Hayward
Position: Gardening Advisor
Location: Middle School
Effective Date: 2017-2018 School year
Action: Rescind appointment
Stipend: \$1,026

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Geraldine Guinquitti
Position: Teacher Aide (1:1; After School Hours)
Start date: May 2, 2018
Salary: 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: Victor Aviles
Position: Security Aide (Full Time)
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: April 27, 2018 (Last day worked 4/26/18)

2. Name: Debra McLeod
Position: Senior Office Assistant
Reason: Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: June 30, 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: 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 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.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

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8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

Victoria Kravitz commented we should have a keen eye to utilizing resources and partnerships that are available such as The Field Library, which offers the opportunity for children to participate in book challenges. Ms. Kravitz also commented on the young students who opt out of the medical, dental, and meal services offered. These services being offered by the schools should not impede instructional time. Nor should children who opt out feel left out of a cohesive school community.

Vice President Simpkins congratulated the Drama department at the high school for the production of "Beauty and the Beast."

College Prep symposium May 19, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Westchester Community College Peekskill site.

Wizards game May 5, 3:30 p.m. at PHS

Juneteenth Gala, May 5, to support Juneteenth Parade

Vice President Simpkins thanked staff and community for welcoming Dr. Mauricio to Peekskill. He is looking forward to working with him and moving our District forward.

Vice President Simpkins also thanked the PTO for the BOE candidates forum.

9. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Maria Pereira

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk