

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MAY 7, 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 6:03 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: LOA Replacements; Football Coach; After-school Tutors; and Parent Workshop Facilitator-Teacher Assistant. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:10 p.m.)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session – 7:15 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter 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: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Adjourn Executive Session

## 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: Samuel North  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Public Hearing on Proposed 2019/2020 Budget - 7:00 p.m.
  - A. [Educational Plan & Budget Public Hearing 2019/2020](#) – Presented by Robin Zimmerman District Clerk, Debra McLeod opened and closed the public hearing on the proposed budget.  
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.
4. Resume Public Meeting  
The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:28 p.m.
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Hearing of Citizens
  - A. Public Participation at Board Meetings  
Pamela Hallman-Johnson encouraged those citizens with any concerns to please come to the public meetings so the Board can properly answer any questions they may have. Dr. Mauricio and his staff are also available for anyone with concerns. President Simpkins encouraged students to come and voice any concerns as well.  
Robert Nelson, Zion Sanchez, and Malachi McDonald /students of PHS – commented, during the spring break they toured colleges and there was track practice. They were told if they didn't attend practice they couldn't compete. Policy should make allowances for visiting colleges.  
Zion Sanchez inquired about the hiring a head football coach. Dr. Mauricio stated the hiring of a football coach is on tonight's consent agenda.  
Dr. Mauricio will have a conversation with PCSD Athletic Director Mr. Adam Lodewick and appreciates the students addressing the situation and sharing their concerns.  
President Simpkins commented appropriate and clear communications needs to be expressed, to make sure this doesn't happen again.
6. Superintendent/Board President Report
  - A. [Peekskill Pride](#)  
Mayor Rainey and Dr. Mauricio handed out certificates.  
President Simpkins thanked all honorees tonight.  
Vice President Pereira thanked Mrs. Hadi for her experience, commitment and taking our children to the next level,  
President Simpkins was happy that Regents Judith Johnson (former Superintendent of Peekskill) came to the Saturday Academy and she was able to see all that has been put in place since her tenure in Peekskill.
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: NA

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

IV. Appointments

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

1. Name: Christine Mahoney  
Position: Special Education teacher; leave replacement  
Certification Status: Special Education; Professional  
Start Date: May 9, 2019  
End Date: June 26, 2019  
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits.
2. Name: Ashley Fisher  
Position: Health teacher; leave Replacement  
Certification Status: Physical Education; Initial  
Start Date: May 13, 2019  
End Date: June 26, 2019  
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits.
3. Name: Luz Cardona  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Assistant  
Program Title: Pre-K Orientation workshop and student screening  
Effective Date: May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
4. Name: Anthony Fiorilli  
Position: Varsity Football; Head Coach  
Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics  
Effective Dates: Fall Season  
Stipend: \$7,272
5. Name: Anita Prentice  
Position: After School Tutoring  
Program Title: Summit Academy; Edgenuity  
Effective Date: May 8, 2019 through June 26, 2019  
Location: Uriah Hill School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the PFA (Grant Funded), not to exceed 30 hours (April -June 2019).

V. Corrections:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following corrections of 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  
 Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits.  
 Revise end date: June 26, 2019
  
  2. Name: Jaycee DeGroat  
 Position: Elementary Teacher; LOA replacement (Grade 6)  
 Certification Status: Childhood Education; Initial  
 Start Date: March 18, 2019  
 Salary: \$308/day as worked, no benefits.  
 Revised End Date: May 31, 2019

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I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Priscilla Young  
 Position: Personnel Assistant, Probationary  
 Probationary Start Date: May 8, 2019  
 Probationary End Date: December 7, 2019  
 Salary: \$66,300

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Grace Rivera  
 Position: Teacher Aide  
 Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
 Effective Date: April 13, 2019 (Last day worked 04/12/2019)
  
2. Name: James Hymes  
 Position: Security Aide  
 Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
 Effective Date: May 3, 2019 (Last day worked 05/03/2019)

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: Robert Salisbury  
 Request: Observation Hours (Req. 10 hrs.)  
 Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School  
 Assigned to: Carmen Vargas, Director  
 College: Concordia College  
 Effective Dates: April 24, 2019 through May 24, 2019
  
2. Name: Ashley Volpe

Request:	Observation Hours
Location:	Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to:	Alison Iamiceli
College:	SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates:	May 22, 2019 through June 19, 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. Contract - Paramount of the Hudson Valley  
That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, as per the District's policy, to enter into a contract with Paramount of the Hudson Valley for rental of the Paramount for the Middle and High School graduations in June 2019 and to be compensated in an amount not to exceed \$6,180.00.
- C. Paul Robeson Scholarship  
That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that donations received by donors be held in The Paul Robeson Scholarship, in accordance with Education Law 1718(2),
- D. Contract - Edward Peterson  
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Edward Peterson as Master of Ceremonies for PCSD athletic events at \$50 per hour not to exceed 100 hours.
- E. MOA - Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA)  
That the Board of Education approve the MOA with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) and employee #2154.
- F. MOA- Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA)  
That the Board of Education approve the MOA with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) and employee #51.
- G. Alternate Election Inspectors

That the Board of Education approves the following alternate election inspectors for the Annual Budget and Vote Election on May 21, 2019:

Egol Lew, 1 Lakeview Drive 6M

Kennerly, Regina, 671 Highland Avenue Apt. #2

H. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 7.A. - 7.G.

Motion: Maria Pereira

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

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8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

President Simpkins encourages all to come to the last Saturday Academy this Saturday.

Vice President Pereira wished all mothers a happy Mother's Day.

9. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

10. 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

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

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Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk