

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MAY 3, 2022

Board of Education

Mrs. Jillian Villon, President  
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, Vice President  
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson  
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Mr. Samuel North  
Mrs. Maria Pereira  
Mr. Michael Simpkins

Student Representative

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent  
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services  
Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education  
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Villon at 6:07 p.m. in Peekskill High School, Room 101.

A. Recording of Attendance

Michael Simpkins arrived late.

2. Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval

A. Open Meeting

(Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular contractor(s) and employment history of particular person(s) for: Leave Replacement Teachers; Teachers; High School Principal; Stipend positions; Teacher Aide Substitute; Teacher Aides;. The Board will (or may) take action after the executive session. 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  
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson  
Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Samuel North  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

Branwen MacDonald  
Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:07 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: Samuel North  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Public Hearing on Proposed 2022/2023 Budget

The meeting was reconvened in the Peekskill High School Cafeteria at 7:07 p.m.  
Vice President MacDonald opened the Public Hearing.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. [Proposed 2022/2023 Budget](#) – Robin Zimmerman

C. Public Comments

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

4. Resume Public Meeting

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)

6. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

7. Superintendent's Report Continued

A. Superintendent's Report Continued

[Peekskill Middle School Presentation](#) - Donald Peters

8. Consent Agenda

A. SEQRA Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvements: reconstruction of various District buildings, site work and the acquisition of original furnishings equipment, machinery or apparatus (the "Flooring Reconstruction Project" (hereinafter the "Project")); and WHEREAS, said capital improvement is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and  
WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and  
WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in

kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2); and  
WHEREAS, construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, nonresidential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area is classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(9)); and  
WHEREAS, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SERQ Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(10); and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2), (9) and (1) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after a review of the proposed action and the opinion provided by John A. Grillo Architect, P.C., hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which requires no further review under SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed project from the New York State Education Department.

B. Corrective Action Plan - Technology Audit

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Corrective Action Plan as submitted in response to the New York State Office of the State Comptroller Technology Audit - Network User Accounts (OSC Audit #2021M-195)

C. Election inspectors

That the Board of Education approves the following Election Inspectors for the Annual School Budget Vote and Election on May 17, 2022:

Ms. Cato, Renita; 807 Main Street Apt 7E; 20; \$437.50

Mr. Dipierro, Dominick; 901 Reynolds Street; 16; \$350.00

Ms. Draper, Shonna L; 807 Main Street 8F; 16; \$350.00

Mr. Fisher, Byron R; 919 Garfield Street; 16; \$350.00

Ms. Jones, Elizabeth J; 901 Main Street 6N; 16; \$350.00

Ms. Martin, Ida M; 807 Main Street 3H; 16; \$350.00

Mr. Seideman, Anthony D; 320 Nelson Avenue; 16; \$350.00

Mr. Wallis Jr., William K; 1112 Constant Avenue; 16; \$350.00

Ms. Woods, Ruth O; 4 Wiberly Avenue 4A; 16; \$350.00

Ms. Maria Santana; District Employee

Alternate Inspectors:

Ms. Holcombe, Margaret; 807 Main Street 6G; 16; \$300.00

Ms. Leach, Dana; 807 Main Street 5B; 16; \$300.00

#### D. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

##### I. Resignation:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name:	Daphne Ciallela
Position:	Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Action:	Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective:	May 5, 2022 (Last Day Worked 5/5/2022)

##### II. Retirement:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following retirement resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

##### III. Leave of Absence:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty non-paid leave of absence(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

##### IV. Appointment:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name:	Maria Clegg
Position:	ENL Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification:	ESOL, Emergency COVID-19
Location:	Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date:	May 2, 2022
Effective End Date:	June 24, 2022
Salary:	\$70,486 (MA, Step 2) (Pro-rated)
2. Name:	Stephen Witter
Position:	Special Education Leave Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification:	Students with Disabilities Generalist 7-12, Emergency COVID-19
Location:	Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date:	April 18, 2022
Effective End Date:	June 24, 2022
Salary:	Terms of employment are in accordance with

the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract.

3. Name: Sharon Leon \*\*  
 Position: Mathematics Teacher  
 Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional  
 Location: Peekskill High School  
 Tenure Area: Mathematics  
 Probationary Start Date: September 1, 2022 (Anticipated)  
 Probationary End Date: August 31, 2026  
 Length of Probation: Four (4) Years  
 Salary: \$83,559 (MA, Step 7)
  
4. Name: Luz Camacho-Castillo \*\*\*  
 Position: Elementary Dual Language Teacher  
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional & Bilingual Education Extension, Professional  
 Location: Oakside Elementary School  
 Tenure Area: Elementary  
 Probationary Start Date: September 1, 2022 (Anticipated)  
 Probationary End Date: August 31, 2025  
 Length of Probation: Three (3) Years  
 Salary: \$93,105 (MA+15, Step 8)
  
5. Name: Dr. Jenna Ferris \*\*\*  
 Position: High School Principal  
 Certification: School Building Leader, Initial Extension  
 Tenure Area: Principal  
 Probationary Start Date: July 1, 2022  
 Probationary End Date: June 30, 2025  
 Length of Probation: Three (3) Years  
 Salary: \$182,640 (HS Princ, Step 13)

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
6.	Jaime Farez	PHS Regents Prep English Teacher	April 18, 2022 - May 31, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
7.	Molly McCarthy	PHS Regents Prep Social Studies Teacher	April 18, 2022 - May 31, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

8.	John Kozloski	Hillcrest Intramurals Sports Coach	Spring 2022	\$1,397
9.	Shaina Campbell	Empire Program Substitute Teacher	April 21, 2022 - June 24, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (Empire Grant Funding)

V. Correction:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following correction(s) of appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Timothy Turner  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)  
Action: Correct effective end date
2. Name: Alexis Betancourt-Vazquez  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)  
Action: Correct effective end date
3. Name: Andrea Moffett  
Position: Music Teacher  
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)  
Action: Correct effective end date
4. Name: Janice Briganti  
Position: Special Education Teacher  
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)  
Action: Correct effective end date
5. Name: Eileen Alvarez  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)  
Action: Correct effective end date
6. Name: Jonathan Sicherman  
Position: ENL Teacher  
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)

- Action: Correct effective end date
7. Name: Janet O'Donovan  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)  
Action: Correct effective end date
8. Name: Kelly Kadin  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)  
Action: Correct effective end date
9. Name: Charitssa Taveras  
Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher  
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial  
Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Effective Start Date: January 13, 2022  
Effective End Date: June 24, 2022  
Salary: \$68,430, MA, Step 1 (Prorated)  
Action: Correct effective end date
10. Name: Donald Peters  
Position: Interim Middle School Principal  
Certification: School Building Leader, Initial  
Effective Start Date: April 18, 2022  
Effective End Date: June 30, 2023  
Salary: \$170,137 (MS Principal, Step 10) (Prorated)  
Action: Correct effective end date

#### Classified

##### I. Resignation:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

##### II. Termination

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

1. Name: Nafia Lawrence  
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
Effective: May 4, 2022

##### III. Retirement:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff retirement resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

IV. Leave of Absence:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff non-paid leave of absence(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

V. Appointment:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Brian Cureton  
Position: Teacher Aide Substitute (Per Diem)  
Status: Part-Time Availability (PTA)  
Start Date Effective: April 20, 2022  
End Date Effective: June 24, 2022  
Salary: \$15.00/Hour. As worked, without benefits. Not to exceed 4 days/week.as worked, without benefits.
2. Name: Sebastiana Vaz  
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide  
Location: Peekskill Middle School  
Probationary Start Date: April 25, 2022  
Probationary End Date: April 24, 2023  
Salary: \$18,135.00 (Prorated)
3. Name: Mercedes DeJesus Criollo Sarmiento  
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Probationary Start Date: May 4, 2022  
Probationary End Date: May 3, 2023  
Salary: \$16,740.00 (Prorated)

VI. Correction:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff correction(s) of appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

I. Appointment:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Kassidy Rosario  
Request: Field Work Hours  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Assigned to: Noel Cabassa  
College: Mercy College



Effective Dates:

June 1, 2022 - August 9, 2022

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 (or administrators appointed after June 30, 2020) with prior tenure as a teacher or administrator 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 items 7.A. - 7.D.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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

Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

9. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

10. Executive Session

11. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

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Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk