

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 4, 2021**

Board of Education

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

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 Jenkins, Jr. at 6:10 p.m. in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202 relating to the COVID-19 emergency the Board of Education met at PHS auditorium but In-person attendance will NOT be permitted. The District will provide video-conference links online, translated into Spanish, as well as a section for public comments via our BoardDocs website.

A. Recording of Attendance

Virtual Participants:

President Jenkins, Jr. and Michael Simpkins

Pamela Hallman-Johnson arrived late. President Jenkins, Jr. left after Executive Session.

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: Infinite Campus/Technology Support Services; Teaching Assistant; Hillcrest Afterschool Program Substitute Teachers; Head Coach; Track - Varsity (Boys); Track Varsity Assistant Coach (Boys & Girls); Teacher Aides, Lunch Monitor and Office Assistant (Automated Systems) (Spanish Speaking). The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:15 p.m.)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

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

Second: Branwen MacDonald
No: _____ Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:00 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: Jillian Villon
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Vice President Villon conducted the rest of the meeting.

3. Public Hearing on Proposed 2021/2022 Budget - In Person Attendance is Not Permitted (7:00 p.m.)
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. [Proposed 2021/2022 Budget](#) – Robin Zimmerman
 - C. Public Comments
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.
4. Resume Public Meeting – In Person Attendance is Not Permitted
The meeting was reconvened at 7:05 p.m. in the PHS Auditorium
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
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/President Report Continued
 - A. Superintendent's Report Continued
 - [Middle School Presentation](#) – Jamal Lewis
8. Consent Agenda
 - A. Donation - Shenna McKenzie
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 Shenna McKenzie a donation of \$3,000 scholarship for seniors from the Classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024.

B. Appointment of Election Inspectors

That the Board of Education approve the following as Election Inspectors for the Annual School Budget and Vote, May 18, 2021, also giving the District Clerk authority to appoint qualified voters or District Employees to fill any vacancies caused by the inability, refusal or failure of any person to serve at the annual election:

Linda Dipierro - Election Chairperson (Additional \$50 if needed as Chairperson)

Title Last Name, First Name; Address; Hours; Amount

Ms. Cato, Renita; 807 Main Street Apt 7E; 16; \$350.00

Ms. Clark, Ava; 901 Main Street 7K; 16; \$350.00

Ms. Mroz, Alice F; 901 Main Street 3G; 16; \$350.00

C. 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: Claire McLaughlin
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District for the purpose of accepting another position in the District

Effective: May 4, 2021 (Last day worked as current position 5/4/2021)
2. Name: Solia Alvarado-Vidal
Position: Teaching Assistant
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District for the purpose of accepting another position in the District

Effective: May 4, 2021
3. Name: Patricia Girolamo
Position: Substitute Teacher; Per Diem
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District for the purpose of accepting another position in the District

Effective: May 4, 2021 (Last day worked at current position 5/4/2021)

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: Diana Mulderrig
 Position: Infinite Campus/Technology Support Services
 Effective Dates: May 5, 2021 through June 25, 2021
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (not to exceed 4 hours/week)

2. Name: Claire McLaughlin
 Position: Teaching Assistant
 Certification: Childhood Education (1-6) - Initial; Students with Disabilities (1-6) - Initial
 Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
 Probationary Start Date: May 5, 2021
 Probationary End Date: May 4, 2025
 Length of Probation: Four (4) Years
 Salary: \$32,441 (Prorated)

3. Name: Solia Alvarado-Vidal
 Position: Permanent Substitute
 Location: Oakside Elementary School
 Certification: Childhood Education (1-6) - Initial
 Effective Start Date: May 5, 2021
 Effective End Date: June 25, 2025
 Salary: \$155/day (Not to exceed four (4) days/week - As worked, without benefits)

4. Name: Patricia Girolamo
 Position: Permanent Substitute
 Location: Oakside Elementary School
 Certification: Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 1-6 - Permanent; Special Education - Permanent
 Effective Start Date: May 5, 2021
 Effective End Date: June 25, 2025
 Salary: \$155/day (As worked, without benefits)

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
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5.	Ashley Fernandez	Hillcrest Afterschool Program Substitute Teacher	May 5, 2021 - June 25, 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. SIG 1003 Funding
6.	Marlix Hernandez	Hillcrest Afterschool Program Substitute Teacher	May 5, 2021 - June 25, 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. SIG 1003 Funding
7.	Patricia Vernon	Head Coach; Track - Varsity (Boys)	Spring 2021	\$6,122
8.	John Kozloski	Track Varsity Assistant Coach (Boys & Girls)	Spring 2021	\$4,165

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Charitssa Taveras
 Position: Elementary Teacher Leave Replacement
 Location: Woodside Elementary School
 Certification: Childhood Education (1-6) & Students with Disabilities (1-6) - Emergency COVID
 Effective Start Date: March 1, 2021
 Effective End Date: June 25, 2021
 Salary: \$308/day (As worked, without benefits)
 Action: Correct effective end date

2. Name: Bernard Small
 Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Certification: Mathematics - Permanent
 Effective Start Date: January 11, 2021
 Effective End Date: April 27, 2021
 Salary: \$308/day (As worked, without benefits)
 Action: Correct effective end date

3. Name: Solia Alvarado-Vidal
 Position: Teaching Assistant
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
 Certification: Mathematics - Permanent
 Action: Non-Paid Leave of Absence
 Effective: February 1, 2021 through May 4, 2021
 Action: Correct effective end date

4. Name: Malcolm Wright
 Position: Head Coach; Track - Varsity (Boys)
 Effective Dates: Spring 2021
 Stipend: \$6,122
 Action: Rescind Appointment
5. Name: Patricia Vernon
 Position: Track Varsity Assistant Coach (Boys & Girls)
 Effective Dates: Spring 2021
 Stipend: \$4,165
 Action: Rescind Appointment
6. Name: Melissa Cruz
 Position: Assistant Principal
 Location: Oakside Elementary School
 Certification: School Building Leader, Initial
 Probationary Start Date: July 1, 2021
 Probationary End Date: June 30, 2025
 Length of Probation: Four (4) Years
 Salary: \$133,445, Step 15
 Action: Correction to Salary
7. Name: Jaycee DeGroat
 Position: Elementary Science Leave Replacement Teacher
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) - Initial
 Effective Start Date: October 13, 2020
 Effective End Date: May 18, 2021
 Salary: \$69,016 - MA, Step 2 (Prorated)
 Action: Correction to Effective End Date

Classified

- I. Resignation:
- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Maria Arevalo Tenemae
 Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
 Location: Woodside Elementary School
 Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective: May 3, 2021
 Last Day Worked: May 3, 2021

II. Retirement:

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

III. 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

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Hilda Zhinin
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: May 5, 2021
Probationary End Date: May 4, 2022
Salary: \$15,624.00 (Prorated)

2. Name: Jacquelyn Lawrence
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: May 5, 2021
Probationary End Date: May 4, 2022
Salary: \$14.00/hour, as worked, without benefits.

3. Name: Claudia Maldonado Rodriguez
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: May 5, 2021
Probationary End Date: May 4, 2022
Salary: \$15,624.00 (Prorated)

4. Name: Freddy Benitez Roca
Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems) (Spanish Speaking)
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: May 10, 2021
Probationary End Date: May 9, 2022
Salary: \$45,155.00 (Prorated)

V. 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: Jennifer Berlis
Request: Volunteer
Location: Parent Resource Center
Assigned to: Ellen Gerace
Effective Dates: May 5, 2021 through June 25, 2021

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.

D. [Revised 2021/2022 Instructional Calendar](#)

That the Board of Education approve the revised 2021/2022 Instructional Calendar.

E. MOA - PFA Revised 2021/2022 School Calendar

That the Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) pertaining to the revised 2021-2022 School Calendar.

F. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 8.A. - 8.E.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained: _____

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

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

11. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Branwen MacDonald
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Maria Pereira
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk