

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 6, 2014**

Board of Education

Mr. Douglas Glickert, President
Mr. Colin Smith, Vice President
Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Ms. Jillian Clausen
Mrs. Maria Pereira
Mr. Michael Simpkins
Mr. Joseph Urbanowicz

Central Office

Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Greg Sullivan, Asst Supt for Business
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Asst Supt for C&I
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Glickert at 5:30 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon arrived late.

2. Proposed Executive Session 5:30 p.m.

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: Colin Smith

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Jillian Clausen

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

C. Adjourn Executive Session - Time: 7:10 p.m.

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Jillian Clausen
Doug Glickert
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Joe Urbanowicz

No: _____

Abstained: _____

3. Public Hearing on 2014/2015 Budget 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Licopoli and Greg Sullivan provided the Board a brief overview of the 2014/2015 budget.

The District will receive a total of \$33,465,697 which represents an increase of \$2.7M in state aid. With the additional money, the technology budget has been restored which had been removed from the budget. The District did not reduce classroom staff thus providing teachers the necessary tools for effective teaching practices.

4. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas room at 7:35 p.m.

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Richard Sullivan inquired as to the reasoning for moving the Successful Academy to Uriah Hill. Dr. Licopoli commented the District was able to identify over age and under credited students. This is a unique approach and a pathway to student success. The environment would be purely dedicated to learning and the District examined all aspects. There will be a second report presented to the Board before they vote on it. Parents have not been informed as of yet of the plans to open an alternative school at Uriah Hill

George Ondek of 31 Winchester Avenue felt the \$120,000 the District has paid in legal fees for the Risoli matter is outrageous. He also didn't like the separation package that was given to former Superintendent Willis.

Kirsten Berger of 1133 Elm Street finds that the modules for Engage NY are time consuming and ineffective. NYSED put together modules to align with the common core. Dr. Licopoli stated the staff needs to vet out what is important in Engage NY. The cure for the Common Core is that we have to be in charge of students learning. The standards aren't bad. It is the journey to get us there that is in question.

Arne Pagila of N. Division Street wanted to know who specifically updated the Board and how well the Board members were informed concerning the litigations the District is facing. He asked if the Board's legal counsel if the transcripts are available to them. He also asked how other districts handled similar litigations.

Gabriel Berger, student, commented if high school kids curse, pre-school kids might pick up the bad language. (This is pertaining to high school students attending Uriah Hill School as proposed by the alternative learning center.)

6. Superintendent/President Report/Work Session

A. ELA Update

Sherri Goffman presented a PowerPoint on the ELA update.

B. Enrichment Program

Mary Foster stated in the enrichment program they plan to use current staff and talent. They will not be relying on additional staff.

C. Grant Update

Dr. Mosey updated the Board on the status of the District's grants.

Dr. Licopoli commented the high school had their first Arbor Day and he acknowledged Josephine Williams and her part in helping the students.

7. New Business

A. Teacher Appreciation Day

President Glickert read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the teachers of the Peekskill City School District believe that student learning is the core mission of their work with a focus on the whole child; and

WHEREAS, the teachers of the Peekskill City School District have high expectations and aspirations for student learning, which are rooted in excellence and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the teachers of the Peekskill City School District strive to provide a high-quality educational program that is rich in real world cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, the teachers of the Peekskill City School District are focused on empowering students to be self-directed lifelong learners and critical thinkers; and

WHEREAS, the teachers of the Peekskill City School District foster a culture of learning, collegiality, and mutual respect that values creativity; and

WHEREAS, the teachers of the Peekskill City School District take individual and collective responsibility for the success of our students and of the entire school district; and

WHEREAS, the teachers of the Peekskill City School District prepare

students to meet or exceed state standards; and
WHEREAS, the teachers of the Peekskill City School District prepare students to pursue adult lives as contributing citizens of our local and global community;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Peekskill City School District Board of Education proclaims May 6, 2014 to be Teacher Appreciation Day; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Peekskill City School District Board of Education strongly encourages all members of our community to join in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to our students and our school district.

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Joe Urbanowicz

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

B. Nurse Appreciation Day

Vice President Smith read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District play a significant role each day in our schools, creating a healthy, safe and secure learning environment for every child; and

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District are dedicated professionals, committed to their profession; and

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District realize that today's children face more chronic health illness than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District are, for many children, the only healthcare professional they have access to; and

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District provide care for chronic health conditions some of our students face, such as diabetes and asthma; and

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District develop, implement and monitor individual healthcare plans for many of our students; and

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District know that healthy students are better learners, and they assist students in becoming

the best learners possible; and

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District monitor plans for students with food allergies; and

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District control and dispense medications students take; and

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District endeavor to reduce health-related student absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District provide care for students and staff members with medical emergencies, illnesses and injuries; and

WHEREAS, the school nurses of the Peekskill City School District assist in student physicals; and

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District Board of Education wishes to raise awareness of the contributions and commitment of our school nurses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Peekskill City School District Board of Education proclaims May 7, 2014 to be School Nurse Appreciation Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Peekskill City School District Board of Education strongly encourages all members of our community to join in personally expressing appreciation to our school nurses for their dedication and devotion to our students and our school district.

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

C. Appointment of High School Principal

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following probationary appointment in accordance to the Peekskill Administrators Association work agreement:

Name: Cassandra Hyacinthe

Position: Principal

Tenure Area: Secondary Principal

Location: Peekskill High School

Effective Date: July 1, 2014
Probationary Period Starts: July 1, 2014
Probationary Period Ends: June 30, 2017
Salary: \$149,480

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Jillian Clausen
Doug Glickert
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Joe Urbanowicz

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Dr. Licopoli welcomed Cassandra Hyacinthe
Dr. Hyacinthe commented that it is with great pleasure and enthusiasm
that she accepts and eagerly anticipates serving as the District's next
principal of Peekskill High School.

D. Appointment of Middle School Principal

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following
probationary appointment in accordance to the Peekskill Administrators
Association work agreement:

Name: Jamal Lewis

Position: Principal

Tenure Area: Secondary Principal

Location: Peekskill Middle School

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

Probationary Period Starts: July 1, 2014

Probationary Period Ends: June 30, 2017

Salary: \$139,247

Motion: Joe Urbanowicz

Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Jillian Clausen
Doug Glickert
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Joe Urbanowicz

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Dr. Licopoli welcomed Jamal Lewis

Mr. Lewis stated that he accepts his appointment with great honor and privilege. He also gives his complete dedication not just at the middle school, but also through connecting with the high school and elementary schools as well as with the parents.

E. Appointment of Elementary Principal

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following probationary appointment in accordance to the Peekskill Administrators Association work agreement:

Name: Rolando Briceno

Position: Principal

Tenure Area: Elementary Principal

Location: Uriah Hill/Woodside School

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

Probationary Period Starts: July 1, 2014

Probationary Period Ends: June 30, 2017

Salary: \$140,071

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

Dr. Licopoli welcomed Rolando Briceno

Mr. Briceno stated he is humbled and excited to have been selected as the principal at Uriah Hill and Woodside.

F. Recognition of 2013 - 2014 Girls Varsity Basketball Team State Championship

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, recognizes the extraordinary achievement of the 2013 - 2014 Girls Varsity Basketball Team on winning the New York State Section 1 Class A Basketball Championship as acknowledged on this day, Tuesday, May 6th, 2014.

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Joe Urbanowicz

8. Consent Agenda

A. Contract - Madison-Oneida BOCES

That the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Madison-Oneida BOCES to provide SACI Base services. This contract will commence July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$3,515.

B. Consent and Assignment of Payment

That the Board of Education approves the consent and assignment of payment with Fourmen Construction Inc (Assignor) and Buffalo Hotel Supply Co, Inc. (Assignee) not to exceed \$123,225.05.

C. Appointment of Library Media Specialist

That the Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointment to the Board of Education for approval:

Name: Kaitlin Torp

Position: Library Media Specialist

Location: Peekskill High School

Certification Status: NYS Library Media Specialist

Tenure Area: Library Media Specialist

Start Date: September 1, 2014

Probationary period begins: September 1, 2014

Probationary period ends: August 31, 2017

Salary: \$63,758 MA, Step 2

D. Approval of Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda Items 8.A. - 8.C.

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Joe Urbanowicz

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

9. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

10. Executive Session (if necessary)

A.Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

11. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk