

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 3, 2017**

Board of Education

Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon, President
Mr. Michael Simpkins, Vice President
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald
Mr. Samuel North
Mrs. Maria Pereira
Mrs. Jillian Villon

Central Office

Mrs. 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 President Aspinall-Kellawon at 6:03 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Colin Smith was absent.

2. Proposed Executive Session

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: Maria Pereira

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:24 p.m.

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

President Aspinall-Kellawon asked for a moment of silence for all the tragedies that have occurred in the past few weeks.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Victoria Kravitz commented she would like the District to foster transparency and communications. This could be done by showing the curriculum and what measurements are used for proficiency and growth by making it easily accessible on the website.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. [Superintendent's Report](#)

- Overview of School Comprehensive Educational Plan (SCEP)
- Audit Committee Acceptance

6. Consent Agenda

A. Acceptance of Independent Audit Report - June 30, 2017

That the Board of Education accept the Independent Audit Report of the Peekskill City School District for the year ending June 30, 2017, which was performed by Cooper Arias, LLP in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Section 170.1. Copies of the report are on file in the Business Office.

B. District Wide Safety Plans

That the Board of Education approves the District Wide Safety Plans for the 2017/2018 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Consent Agenda items 6.A. - 6.B. as presented.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

1. Name: Jaymie Lanera
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: September 20, 2017 (Close of business)

2. Name: Kim Cheryl
 Position: LOA replacement teacher & Permanent Substitute Teacher
 Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective: September 27, 2017

3. Name: Michelle Estevez
 Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
 Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective: October 6, 2017 (close of business)

II. Appointments

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

1. Name: Maria Bele
 Position: Teaching Assistant; LOA replacement
 Certification Status: N, K, & Grades (1-6) and Reading; Permanent
 Start Date: October 4, 2017
 End Date: January 31, 2018
 Salary: \$30,994 (pro-rated)

2. Name: Narong Joseph Keolamphu (Michael Simpkins abstained)
 Position: Varsity Basketball Coach (Girls)
 Effective: 2017-2108 Winter Season
 Stipend: \$6,759

3. Name: Amelia Silverman
 Position: Mathematics Teacher (.2FTE); LOA coverage,
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Start Dates: October 2, 2017
 End Date: November 1, 2017
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

4. Name: Anthony Scala
 Position: Mathematics Teacher (.2FTE); LOA coverage,
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Start Dates: October 2, 2017
 End Date: November 1, 2017
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

5. Name: Laura Sullivan
 Position: Algebra Teacher (.2FTE); LOA coverage
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Start Dates: October 2, 2017
 End Date: November 1, 2017
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

6. Name: Amy Marrero
 Position: Algebra Lab Teacher (.2FTE); LOA coverage
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Start Dates: October 2, 2017
 End Date: November 1, 2017
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

7. Name: Daniel Robinson
 Position: Algebra Teacher (.2FTE); LOA coverage
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Start Dates: October 2, 2017
 End Date: November 1, 2017
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract

III. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Christina Del Pilar
 Position: School Guidance Counselor
 Certification Status: School Counselor; Provisional Certificate
 Probationary Start Date: August 31, 2017
 Probationary End Date: August 30, 2021
 Salary: \$64,571 MA Step 1

2. Name: Celine Vichitlakakran
 Position: Reading Teacher
 Certification Status: Literacy (Birth -Grades 6), Initial Certificate
 Probationary Start Date: September 1, 2016
 Probationary End Date: August 31, 2020
 End of Assignment: June 22, 2018 (close of business)
 Salary: \$66,510 MA Step 2

3. Name: Cynthia Reynolds
 Position: Dramatics Coach
 Location: Middle School
 Effective Dates: 2017-2018 school year
 Stipend: \$4,104

Classified

1. Appointments

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

1. Name: Albert Higgins
 Position: Security Aide (Part time)
 Probationary Start Date: October 5, 2017
 Probationary End Date: October 4, 2018
 Salary: \$18,373

2. Name: Jennifer Varella
Position: School Monitor
Location: Woodside
Start date: October 4, 2017
End date: June 22, 2018
Salary: \$11/hour, 17.5 hours/week (3.5 hours/day, 5 days/week), no benefits

3. Name: Karen Enea
Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom
Location: Woodside
Probationary Start date: October 4, 2017
Probationary End date: October 3, 2018
Salary: \$12,276 (has ATAS)

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Henry Chapman
Position: Security Aide; Part time
Location: High School
Reason: Resignation from Peekskill City School District
Effective: September 26, 2017

III. Corrections:

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

1. Name: James Hymes
Position: Security Aide Full time
Probationary Start Date: October 5, 2017
Probationary End Date: October 4, 2018
Salary: \$32,663

IV. 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: Karin Mariot
Request: Fieldwork, observations
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to: Emily Diaz
College: New Paltz
Effective Dates: September 20, 2017 through December , 2017

2. Name: Rachel Devine
Request: Fieldwork, observations
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to: Troy Lepore
College: New Paltz
Effective Dates: September 20, 2017 through December 22, 2017

3. Name: Alexis Santavicca
Request: Social Work; Intern
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to: A. Bueno-DeLeon
College: Hunter College
Effective Dates: September 21, 2017 through June 22, 2018
4. Name: Linda Conte
Program: Spellbinders
Request: Volunteer
Location: Woodside, Oakside
Assigned to: Colleen Hardiman, Staci Woodley, Principals
Effective Dates: October 4, 2017 through June 22, 2018
5. Name: Margaret Boyle
Program: Spellbinders
Request: Volunteer
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to: Randy Lichtenwalner, Principal
Effective Dates: October 4, 2017 through June 22, 2018
6. Name: Deborah Mosley
Program: Spellbinders
Request: Volunteer
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Assigned to: Colleen Hardiman, Principal
Effective Dates: October 4, 2017 through June 22, 2018
7. Name: Jean O'Connor
Program: Spellbinders
Request: Volunteer
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Assigned to: Colleen Hardiman, Principal
Effective Dates: October 4, 2017 through June 22, 2018
8. Name: Madeleine Payamps
Program: Spellbinders
Request: Volunteer
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Assigned to: Staci Woodley
Effective Dates: October 4, 2017 through June 22, 2018
9. Name: Mary Barrett
Program: Spellbinders
Request: Volunteer
Location: Woodside, Oakside
Assigned to: Colleen Hardiman, Staci Woodley, Principals
Effective Dates: October 4, 2017 through June 22, 2018
10. Name: Kathryn White

Program: Spellbinders
Request: Volunteer
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Assigned to: Staci Woodley, Principal
Effective Dates: October 4, 2017 through June 22, 2018

11. Name: Patricia Sanger
Program: Spellbinders
Request: Volunteer
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Assigned to: Colleen Hardiman, Principal
Effective Dates: October 4, 2017 through June 22, 2018

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.

D. Consent Agenda Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Consent Agenda items 6.C. as presented.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained: Michael Simpkins (6.C.II.A.2.)

Branwen MacDonald commented on the Campaign for Fiscal Equity and the foundation aid that was paid out for years. NY State stopped paying PCSD foundation aid. The goal is making sure our legislators know our needs. Call or write your legislators advocating for funds lost which totals \$45 million. Without equitable funding it is difficult to address our students' needs. The District has tried reinstating programs and staff. \$45 million could address the growing population, math, literacy and to produce productive citizens. Participation is vital.

- October 7: NAACP political forum at the Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. Westchester County candidates will be there to answer questions
- October 12: PTO, 7 p.m. at Administration Building
- October 16: Students will be going to the County for a summit pertaining to domestic violence
- October 17: Youth Bureau is turning Peekskill purple regarding domestic violence
- October 20: NAACP Gala

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

Victoria Kravitz wanted to know is there a way to do something currently to guide parents to know what their children are learning.

Christopher Malanson made the suggestion to backpack letters for parents to sign for the legislators writing campaign. Mr. Malanson also wanted to know are there systems in place for students showing up to school but they are disruptive. Interim Superintendent Foster commented there are increasing levels of support throughout the District. Teacher professional development is offered with also a post assessment to check or monitor the teachers' implementation of professional development.

8. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

9. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk