

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Board of Education

Mrs. Maria Pereira, President
Mrs. Jillian Villon, Vice President
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald
Mr. Samuel North
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 Periera at 6:03 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Pamela Hallman-Johnson and Michael Simpkins arrived late.

2. Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval 6:00 p.m.

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: Permanent Substitute Teachers; Special Education LOA. 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: Allen Jenkins, Jr

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____ Abstained: _____

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

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins
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 District Wide Safety Plan – 7:00 p.m.
 - A. Proposed 2019/2020 District Wide Safety Plan
Assistant Superintendent Joseph Mosey opened the Public Hearing on the 2019/2020 District Wide Safety Plan.
Elena Walker of Mallard Way, had questions regarding the Safety Plan.
Dr. Mosey closed the Public Hearing on The District Wide Safety Plan.
4. Resume Public Meeting after Public Hearing
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:15 p.m.
5. Superintendent/President Report
 - A. [Superintendent's Report](#)
School Opening
6. Hearing of Citizens
 - A. Public Participation at Board Meetings
Lisa Crosby of 685 N. Division Street, has been experiencing an ongoing bullying issue. What assurance does she have that her children will be safe? Also if someone could explain why the cafeteria workers at Oakside are not allowed to park in the parking lot?
Superintendent Mauricio has been apprised of the bullying situation. The District is looking at placement and consequences. The District doesn't allow or accept bullying as proper behavior.
Elena Walker of Mallard Way, questioned how is the safety plan going to change the Code of Conduct and what measures will the safety plan be taken to affect the Code of Conduct?
7. Consent Agenda
 - A. Contract - Westchester County Board of Elections
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester County Board of Elections/PHS for the use of voting machines on October 7, 2019 for the Bond Vote at \$0 cost to the District.
 - B. District Code of Conduct
That the Board of Education approve the District Code of Conduct with no revisions made.
 - C. Amended Contract - Family & Community Engagement Services
That the Board of Education approve the amended contract with Family & Community Engagement Services, Inc. for 2018-19 School Year, which has been extended to expire on August 31, 2019.
 - D. Personnel Agenda
Certificated
 - I. Resignations:
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher resignation to the Board of Education for approval:
 1. Name: Jade Rousseau
Position: Substitute teacher

Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: August 29, 2019

2. Name: Patricia Buononato
Position: Elementary teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: August 29, 2019

II. Leave of Absences:

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

III. Retirements:

- 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: Tara Dirks
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Location: Peekskill High School
Certification Status: Special Education (All Grades) and Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6; Permanent
Effective Start Date: August 28, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2020
Salary: \$155 per day as worked, five (5) days/week, eligible for benefits.
2. Name: Molly Nawoichyk
Position: Special Education Teacher; Leave Replacement
Certification Status: Special Education (Grades 1-6), Students w/Disabilities (Grades 1-6), and Literacy (B-Gr. 6); Initial
Effective Start Date: August 28, 2019
End Date: October 22, 2019 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits.
3. Name: Ariana Amin
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification Status: Students w/Disabilities (B-Grades 6), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Literacy (B-Grades 6); Professional
Effective Start Date: September 4, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2020
Salary: \$155 per day as worked, not to exceed four (4) days/week, (28 hrs/week, no benefits)
4. Name: Nelson Villanueva
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification Status: Pre K-Kindergarten and Grades 1-6; Permanent
Effective Start Date: September 4, 2019

- End Date: June 26, 2020
Salary: \$155 per day as worked, not to exceed four (4) days/week, (28 hrs/week, no benefits)
5. Name: Reinaldo Felix
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification Status: Art; Permanent
Effective Start Date: August 29, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2020
Salary: \$155 per day as worked, five (5) days/week, eligible for benefits.
6. Name: Christopher Babcock
Position: Physical Education Teacher; LOA replacement
Certification: Physical Education; Conditional
Effective Start Date: September 4, 2019
Effective End date: October 21, 2019 (anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day as worked, follows the school calendar, no benefits.
7. Name: Craig Jacobs
Position: JV Football Head Coach
Program: 2019-2020 Co-curricular athletics
Effective Dates: Fall Season – August 19th – Nov. 15th
Stipend: \$4,918
8. Name: Jesse Legon
Position: Permanent Substitute teacher
Certification: Early Childhood and Childhood Education; Initial
Effective Start Date: September 3, 2019
Effective End date: June 26, 2020
Salary: \$155/day as worked, not to exceed four (4) days/week (28hrs/week) follows the school calendar, no benefits.
9. Name: Carmen Vargas
Position: Community Schools "Saturday" Academy Administrator
Program: 2019-2020 "Saturday" Academy Program
Stipend: \$6,000
10. Name: Ellen Gerace
Position: Co-Community Schools "Saturday" Academy Administrator
Program: 2019-2020 "Saturday" Academy Program
Stipend: \$6,000

V. Tenure:

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

1. Name: Demetric Gardner
Position: Physical Education Teacher

Action: Tenure in the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: September 14, 2019

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Judith Gonzalez
Position: Teacher Aide Substitute, Per Diem
Effective Start Date: August 28, 2019
Effective End Date: September 17, 2019
Salary: \$13.00/hour, as worked, no benefits.

2. Name: Erica Pereira
Position: Teacher Aide; 1:1 Aide
Probationary Start Date: September 4, 2019
Probationary End Date: September 3, 2020
Salary: \$15,717.00 (Pro-Rated)
President Pereira abstained from Classified I.A. 2.

3. Name: Reyna Soto
Position: Teacher Aide
Probationary Start Date: September 3, 2019
Probationary End Date: September 2, 2020
Salary: \$14,508.00 (Pro-Rated)

4. Name: Elizabeth Ackerman
Position: Teacher Aide
Probationary Start Date: September 5, 2019
Probationary End Date: September 4, 2020
Salary: \$14,508.00 (Pro-Rated)

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Brian Dwyer
Position: Teacher Aide
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: August 27, 2019 (Last day worked 06/26/2019)

2. Name: Ana Chimbo
Position: Teacher Aide
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: August 28, 2019 (Last day worked 08/28/2019)

3. Name: Shania Minard
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: September 2, 2019 (Last day worked 06/26/2019)

- 4. Name: Joann Concepcion
 Position: Teacher Aide
 Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective: August 30, 2019 (Last day worked 06/26/2019)

- 5. Name: Maritza Vinci
 Position: Teacher Aide
 Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective: September 2, 2019 (Last day worked 06/26/2019)

- 6. Name: Phillip Stiles
 Position: Security Aide
 Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective: September 13, 2019 (Last day worked 09/13/2019)

III. Corrections:

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

- 1. Name: Phillip Stiles
 Position: Security Aide
 Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019
 Probationary End Date: August 27, 2020
 Salary: \$30,300.00

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: Veverlyn Morgan - Addo
 Request: Internship; Social Work
 Location: Parent Center
 Assigned to: Ellen Gerace, Director of Special Services
 College: Fordham University
 Effective Dates: September 9, 2019 through June 30, 2020

- 2. Name: Sah'Asia Pollard
 Request: CNA; 1:1
 Location: Special Education
 Assigned to: Ellen Gerace, Director of Special Services
 Effective Dates: September 3, 2019 through June 26, 2020

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.

E. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: Maria Pereira

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

(Classified I.A.2.)

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

9. Executive Session Time: 7:50 p.m.

A. Executive Session (Personnel Discussion)

Motion to move to Executive Session

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

B. Adjourn Executive Session – 10:00 p.m.

Motion to move to Public Session

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

10. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk