

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

Board of Education

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

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
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 Simpkins at 6:08 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office.

A. Recording of Attendance

Pamela Hallman-Johnson was absent.

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 for the following positions: August Proctors; Elementary Teacher; ENL-LOA, Social Studies LOA; Family Community Liaison; Home Bound Tutors; MS Reflection Room; PE Teacher; Permanent Substitutes; School Lunch Monitors; Psychologist; Substitute Teachers and Teacher Aides). 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

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____ Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas Room at 7:08 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Malachi McDonald/PHS student and football player – spoke on behalf of his teammates stating the team needs a new football field and new practice equipment. With a new field and equipment it will bring good energy for the football players.

Martin McDonald - Thanked the young men for coming to the meeting and expressing their views. He is hoping for Peekskill to do amazing things, and to be a world class school district. He would like to see Peekskill take off.

The BOE members commented they appreciated the students coming to the BOE meeting. They should also make their demands heard to their elected officials.

President Simpkins stated athletics is an important piece of the school district. There is a lot of talent in PCSD that has to be nurtured with a good coaching staff and a good football arena. He asked the football players to continue to do their best and the BOE will do their part on working on those areas that they spoke of. Coach Lodewick is working on those issues.

The BOE members also stated a system should be in place where students' voices are always heard. They need to prioritize so they can get the things they need now and plan for the future for bigger items. This evening there was a lot of energy. They should harness the energy and use it for positive things.

Other comments from the football team were in regards to the \$14 million dollars owed to the District from State Aid. A lot can be done with the money owed such as purchasing laptops, athletic equipment, etc. They also wanted to know, what vision the District has to put in place for robotics to do better.

President Simpkins commented the BOE is totally impressed by what the robotics team has done so far. He will make sure the Board looks into what is needed for the team. And they will continue to support them. Their voice was heard today (football team).

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. [Superintendent's Report](#)

- Superintendent's Conference Day Update
- District Comprehensive Improvement Plan: Tenet 5/Student Social and Emotional Developmental Health

6. Consent Agenda

A. Creation of New Positions

That the Board of Education approves the creating of the following new positions:
One (1.0) Full time FTE in the title of Parent/Family/Community Liaison

One (1.0) Full time FTE in the title of Elementary Assistant Principal
One (1.0) Full time FTE in the title of Coordinator for Student Support Services

B. Contract - Westchester Mediation Center

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Mediation Center will provide the Peekskill City School District with a Westchester Mediation Counselor to work at Peekskill High School on a full time basis. Not to exceed \$65,000 for the 2018-19 school year.

C. Contract - Bedford Central School District

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Bedford Central School District to provide 2018-19 educational program for student with disabilities. Rate is set by New York State and will be funded by the General Fund.

D. Contract - Ossining Union Free School District Extended School Year

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Ossining Union Free School District to provide Extended School Year (ESY) 2018 special educational program for student with disabilities. Funding is from the Summer School Tuition.

E. Contract - Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS/Scopes)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS). WJCS Mental Health Practitioner is to staff the SCOPES service at Woodside and Oakside Schools. Not to exceed \$41,102. Grant funded.

F. Contract - Westchester Jewish Community Services/Better Beginnings program

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Jewish Community Service/Better Beginnings program to provide one social worker one day a week at Uriah Hill Elementary School during the 2018-19 school year. \$0.

G. Contract - Orfa Fuentes

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Orfa Fuentes to assist in the project work for the Office of Registration commencing August 20, 2018 - June 30, 2019, not to exceed \$7,500

H. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

1. Name: Simone LeBlanc
Position: School Psychologist
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: August 27, 2018

2. Name: Susan Ackerman Leibowitz
Position: Library Media Specialist
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: August 30, 2018

II. Leave of Absence

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

III. Retirement

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

IV. Appointments

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

1. Name: Nicholas Ceglio
Position: Physical Education Teacher; .2 FTE
Certification Status: Physical Education; Initial
Start Date: September 7, 2018
End Date: June 21, 2019
Salary: \$65,281 (Pro-Rated .2 FTE)

2. Name: Brandon Juby***/**
Position: School Psychologist
Certification Status: School Psychologist; Permanent
Probationary Start Date: September 5, 2018
Probationary End Date: September 4, 2022
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Salary: \$81,470 MA, Step 8

3. Name: Jennifer Rodriguez
Position: Elementary Teacher
Certification Status: Childhood Education, Students w/Disabilities (1-6); Initial
Probationary Start Date: September 5, 2018
Probationary End Date: September 4, 2022
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Salary: \$65,281 MA, Step 1

4. Name: John Renna
Position: Special Education Teacher
Certification Status: English (7-12), Students w/Disabilities (7-12), Literacy (5-12); Professional
Probationary Start Date: September 5, 2018
Probationary End Date: September 4, 2022
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Salary: \$75,596 MA, Step 6

5. Name: Gina Spina
Position: ENL Teacher; LOA replacement
Certification Status: ESOL; Professional, N, K& Grades 1-6; Permanent
Effective Start Date: September 4, 2018
End date: December 6, 2018
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits.

6. Name: Leslie Kohn
Position: Social Studies; Teacher; LOA replacement
Certification Status: Social Studies (5-9 (7-12); Professional
Effective Start Date: September 5, 2018
End date: November 15, 2018
Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits.

7. Name: Shannon Connor
Position: Permanent Substitute teacher
Certification Status: Childhood Education and Students w/ Disabilities (1-6); Initial
Effective Start Date: September 4, 2018
End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: \$120/day as worked, following the school calendar up to four days/week (28 hrs./wk). No benefits.
8. Name: Maria Olivier Flores
Position: Parent/Family/Community Liaison
Certification Status: SAS & School Social Worker; Permanent
Effective Start Date: September 5, 2018
End Date: June 26 2019
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
9. Name: Rachele Rice
Position: Home-bound tutor
Effective Dates: September 4, 2018 through June 26, 2018
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
10. Name: Matilda Zeoli
Position: Home-bound tutor
Effective Dates: September 4, 2018 through June 26, 2018
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
11. Name: Josephine Williams
Position: Home-bound tutor
Effective Dates: September 4, 2018 through June 26, 2018
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
12. Name: Nicholas Ceglio
Position: Substitute Teacher; Per Diem
Certification Status: Physical Education; Initial
Start Date: September 6, 2018
End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: \$100/day as worked, not to exceed 28 hours/week (four days/week), following the student calendar, no benefits.
13. Name: Ana Aguero
Position: August 2018 Regents Proctoring
Effective Dates: August 16 & 17, 2018
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.

14. Name: Romina Caceres Cosmo
Position: August 2018 Regents Proctoring
Effective Dates: August 16 & 17, 2018
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
15. Name: Jamie Farez
Position: August 2018 Regents Proctoring
Effective Dates: August 16 & 17, 2018
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
16. Name: Nicole Hernandez
Position: August 2018 Regents Proctoring
Effective Dates: August 16, 2018
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
17. Name: Darlene Molina
Position: August 2018 Regents Proctoring
Effective Dates: August 16 & 17, 2018
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
18. Name: Kimberly Saxton
Position: August 2018 Regents Proctoring
Effective Dates: August 16, 2018
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
19. Name: Luz Gonzalez
Position: MS Reflection Room Advisor
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 school year
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract.
20. Name: Karine Agosto
Position: Substitute Teacher; Per Diem
Certification Status: Non-Certified
Start Date: September 5, 2018
End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: \$100/day as worked, following the school calendar, not to exceed forty (40) days total. Not to exceed four days/week (28 hrs/wk). No benefits.
21. Name: Patricia Benjamin
Position: Permanent Substitute teacher
Location: Middle School
Certification Status: Social Studies (7-12); Permanent
Start Date: September 5, 2018

- End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: \$120/day as worked, following the school calendar. Not to exceed four days/week (28 hrs/wk). No benefits.
22. Name: Flor Denise Ruiz
Position: Teaching Assistant
Certification Status: Teaching Assistant; Level 1
Probationary Start Date: September 5, 2018
Probationary End Date: September 4, 2022
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Salary: \$31,335
23. Name: Michele Madiou
Position: Teaching Assistant
Certification Status: Teaching Assistant; Level 1
Probationary Start Date: September 5, 2018
Probationary End Date: September 4, 2022
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Salary: \$31,335
24. Name: Tara Dirks
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification Status: Pre-K, K & grades 1-6, Special Education; Permanent
Start date: September 5, 2018
End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: \$120/day, four (4) days/week, not to exceed 28 hrs/week, following the school calendar. No benefits.
25. Name: Lisa Alexander
Position: Substitute Teacher; Per Diem
Certification Status: Non-certified
Start Date: September 6, 2018
End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: \$100/day as worked, following the school calendar. Not to exceed four (4) days/week (28hrs./week) and not to exceed forty days in total (non-certified). No benefits.
26. Name: Elisha Zeitler
Position: Substitute Teacher; per Diem
Certification Status: Non-certified
Start Date: September 6, 2018
End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: \$100/day as worked, following the school calendar. Not to exceed four (4) days/week (28hrs./week) and not to exceed forty days in total (non-certified). No benefits.

27. Name: Randy Lipton
 Position: Substitute Teacher; Per Diem
 Certification Status: N, K, and Grades 1-6; Permanent
 Start Date: September 6, 2018
 End Date: June 26, 2019
 Salary: \$100/day as worked, following the school calendar. Not to exceed four (4) days/week (28hrs./week) and not to exceed forty days in total (non-certified). No benefits.
28. Name: Michael Williams
 Position: JV Football; Assistant Coach
 Program: 2018-2019 Co-Curricular
 Effective Dates: Fall Season
 Stipend: \$4,405
29. Name: Jaclyn Echeverria
 Position: Elementary Teacher; LOA replacement
 Certification Status: Early Childhood Education (B-Gr.2) & Childhood Education; Initial
 Effective Start Date: September 5, 2018
 End date: October 29, 2018
 Salary: \$308/day, as worked, no benefits.

V. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Mabel Vasquez ***/**
 Position: School Psychologist
 Certification Status: School Psychologist; provisional
 Tenure Area: School Psychologist
 Probationary Start Date: September 4, 2018
 Probationary End Date: September 3, 2022
 Length of Probation: Four (4) years
 Salary: \$70,920 MA, step 4
2. Name: Candida Fernandez
 Position: Office Assistant (Auto Systems) (Spanish Speaking)
 Hire Date: August 23, 2018
 Probationary Period Starts: August 30, 2018
 Probationary End Date: August 29, 2019
 Salary: \$44,487 (Pro-Rated)

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Luisa Spinato
 Position: School Monitor (Lunch)

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| Dates Effective: | September 6, 2018 through June 26, 2019 |
| Salary: | \$12/hour as worked, not to exceed 17.5 hours/week, no benefits. |
2. Name: Lisa Warren
 Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
 Dates Effective: September 6, 2018 through June 26, 2019
 Salary: \$12/hour as worked, not to exceed 17.5 hours/week, no benefits.

 3. Name: Elizabeth Turner
 Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
 Probationary Start Date: September 5, 2018
 Probationary End Date: September 4, 2019
 Annual Salary: \$14,508

 4. Name: Brian Dwyer
 Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
 Probationary Start Date: September 5, 2018
 Probationary End Date: September 4, 2019
 Annual Salary: \$14,508

 5. Name: Terri Edmead
 Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
 Probationary Start Date: September 6, 2018
 Probationary End Date: September 5, 2019
 Annual Salary: \$14,508

 6. Name: Debra McLeod
 Position: Senior Office Assistant; Per Diem
 Effective: August 20, 2018 through June 30, 2019
 Salary: \$14.50/hour, as worked.

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Danielle Slauenwhite
 Position: Occupational Therapy Assistant
 Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective Date: August 22, 2018 (Last day worked 6/22/2018)

2. Name: Toni Prodan
 Position: Teacher Aide: 1:1 Aide
 Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective Date: August 24, 2018 (Last day worked 6/22/2018)

3. Name: Taylor Lyman
 Position: Teacher Aide: 1:1 Aide
 Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective Date: August 27, 2018 (Last day worked 6/22/2018)

4. Name: Lisa Alexander
Position: Teacher Aide: Classroom Aide
Reason: Resignation for the purpose of accepting another position within the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: August 27, 2018 (Last day worked 6/22/2018)
5. Name: Marcella Berry
Position: Sr. Office Assistant (Automated Systems)
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District for the Purpose of Retirement
Effective Date: September 29, 2018 (Last Day Worked: 09/28/2018)
6. Name: Geraldine Ginquitti
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: August 8, 2018 (Last Day Worked: 06/22/2018)
7. Name: Terri Edmead
Position: Teacher Aide: Per Diem
Reason: Resignation for the purpose of accepting another position within the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: August 30, 2018
8. Name: Terri Edmead
Position: Office Assistant: Per Diem
Reason: Resignation for the purpose of accepting another position within the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: August 30, 2018
9. Name: Brian Dwyer
Position: Teacher Aide: Per Diem
Reason: Resignation for the purpose of accepting another position within the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: August 30, 2018
10. Name: Justin Ortiz
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: August 27, 2018 (Last day worked 6/22/2018)

III. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Candida Fernandez
Position: Office Assistant (Auto Systems) (Spanish Speaking)
Probationary Period Starts: August 27, 2018
Probationary End Date: August 26, 2019
Salary: \$44,487 (Pro-Rated)

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: George Coniglio
Request: Volunteer
Location: Uriah Hill, Woodside, Oakside, Hillcrest, Middle School
Assigned to: L. Conte, C. Vargas, R. Aviles Rodriguez, S. Woodley, R. Lichtenwalner, J. Lewis

Organization: Spellbinders
Effective Dates: September 2018 through June 2019
2. Name: Linda Conte
Request: Volunteer
Location: Uriah Hill, Woodside, Oakside, Hillcrest, Middle School
Assigned to: C. Vargas, R. Aviles Rodriguez, S. Woodley, R. Lichtenwalner, J. Lewis

Organization: Spellbinders
Effective Dates: September 2018 through June 2019
3. Name: Mary Barrett
Request: Volunteer
Location: Woodside, Oakside Schools
Assigned to: R. Aviles Rodriguez, S. Woodley
Organization: Spellbinders
Effective Dates: September 2018 through June 2019
4. Name: Pat Sanger
Request: Volunteer
Location: Woodside School
Assigned to: R. Aviles Rodriguez
Organization: Spellbinders
Effective Dates: September 2018 through June 2019
5. Name: Kathryn White
Request: Volunteer
Location: Oakside School
Assigned to: S. Woodley
Organization: Spellbinders
Effective Dates: September 2018 through June 2019
6. Name: Jeanne O'Connor
Request: Volunteer
Location: Woodside School
Assigned to: R. Aviles-Rodriguez
Organization: Spellbinders
Effective Dates: September 2018 through June 2019
7. Name: Debby Gullery
Request: Volunteer

Location: Oakeside & Hillcrest Schools
Assigned to: S. Woodley, R. Lichtenwalner
Organization: Spellbinders
Effective Dates: September 2018 through June 2019

8. Name: Candace Halle Chizmadia
Request: Internship
Location: Peekskill High School
Assigned to: Patricia Bishop
University: Fordham University
Effective Dates: September 5, 2018 through May 31, 2019

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.

I. Date Change to Board of Education Meeting

That the Board of Education approve the date change of the September 18, 2018 BOE meeting, to September 17, 2018.

J. Approval of Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 6.A. - 6.I.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained:_____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only
 - A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

Dr. Mauricio welcomed Maria Flores to her new position.

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 Simpkins asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Maria Pereira

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk