

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Board of Education

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

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Villon at 6:07 p.m. in the Peekskill Middle School Cafeteria.
 - A. Recording of Attendance
Samuel North arrived late (6:38 p.m.). Maria Pereira was absent.
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: Social Worker; Leave Replacement and Permanent Substitute Teachers; Stipend Positions; Substitute School Nurses; District Messenger; School Monitor (Lunch) Teacher Aides and Office Assistant (Spanish Speaking). 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: Branwen MacDonald
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
No: _____ Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 6:58 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald
No: _____ Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Peekskill Middle School Cafeteria at 7:02 p.m.

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)
- [Opening of School](#)
- [Testing and Vaccination Update](#)

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Consent Agenda

A. 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:	Toni Prestia
Position:	CPSE Special Education Specialist
Action:	Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective:	September 3, 2021 (Last Day Worked 9/2/2021)

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: Samara Sanchez-Arredondo **
Position: School Social Worker
Certification: School Social Worker, Provisional
Tenure Area: School Social Worker
Probationary Start Date: September 13, 2021
Probationary End Date: September 12, 2025
Length of Probation: Four (4) Years
Salary: \$85,591, MA+45, Step 1
2. Name: Doris Pichardo
Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher (0.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Permanent
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021
Effective End Date: October 7, 2021
3. Name: Sarah Peterson
Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher (0.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021
Effective End Date: October 7, 2021
4. Name: Minuse Thelusma
Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher (0.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021
Effective End Date: October 7, 2021
5. Name: Ann Hoskins
Position: Spanish Leave Replacement Teacher (0.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: ESOL, Professional
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021
Effective End Date: October 5, 2021
6. Name: Gloria Cordova
Position: Spanish Leave Replacement Teacher (0.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-6, Permanent
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2021
Effective End Date: October 5, 2021

7. Name: Sarah Galante
 Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
 Certification: Childhood (Grades 1-6), Initial; Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Initial
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: September 15, 2021
 Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
 Salary: \$155 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)
8. Name: Deborah Carr
 Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
 Certification: Art, Permanent
 Effective Start Date: September 13, 2021
 Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
 Salary: \$120 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)
9. Name: Paula Castro
 Position: Spanish Teacher (0.4 FTE)
 Certification: Spanish 7-12, Initial
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Effective Start Date: September 20, 2021
 Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
 Salary: \$54,250, BA, Step 1 (Pro-rated)
10. Name: Paula Castro
 Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Certification: Spanish 7-12, Initial
 Effective Start Date: September 20, 2021
 Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
 Salary: \$120 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
11.	Todd Newby	Summer College Essay Writing Workshop Teacher	2021-2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract (Title I funding)

12.	Joseph Tama	Hillcrest School Leadership Team Member	2021-2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
13.	Brandon Juby	Hillcrest School Leadership Team Member	2021-2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
14.	Maurice Sydnor	Junior Varsity (Boys) Football Assistant Coach	Fall 2021	\$4,772
15.	Lila Feder	Lifeguard	2021-2022	\$14.00 per hour

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Gina Romero
 Position: Art Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: Art, Permanent
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Start Date: September 9, 2021
 Effective End Date: January 5, 2022
 Salary: \$308/day as worked, without benefits
 Action: Correct effective start and end date

2. Name: John Carlson
 Position: Earth Science Leave Replacement Teacher
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Certification: Earth Science and General Science 7-12,
 Permanent
 Effective Start Date: September 15, 2021
 Effective End Date: October 29, 2021
 Salary: \$308/day as worked, without benefits
 Action: Correct 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: Randi Alberino
 Position: Teacher Aide
 Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
 Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective:

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: Deborah Adams
Position: Professional Registered School Nurse (RN)
Substitute (Per Diem)
Location: District Wide
Dates Effective: September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
Salary: \$308.00/day. As worked, without benefits.
2. Name: Marissa Gordon
Position: Professional Registered School Nurse (RN)
Substitute (Per Diem)
Location: District Wide
Dates Effective: September 9, 2021 through June 30, 2022
Salary: \$308.00/day. As worked, without benefits.
3. Name: Leslie Ann Chiamonte
Position: Professional Registered School Nurse (RN)
Substitute (Per Diem)
Location: District Wide
Dates Effective: September 10, 2021 through June 30, 2022
Salary: \$308.00/day. As worked, without benefits.
4. Name: Wesley Mojica
Position: District Messenger
Probationary Start Date: September 8, 2021
Probationary End Date: September 7, 2022
Hours: Monday through Friday (When District buildings are open) From approximately 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM (2.5 to 3 hours/day, Anticipated)
Salary: \$23.00/hour. As worked, without benefits.
5. Name: Keosha Patterson
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Probationary Start Date: September 1, 2021
Probationary End Date: August 31, 2022
Salary: \$15.00/hour, As worked, without benefits

6. Name: Sharon Green
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: September 22, 2021
Probationary End Date: September 21, 2022
Salary: \$15.00/hour, As worked, without benefits
7. Name: Leslye Duarte
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: September 9, 2021
Probationary End Date: September 8, 2022
Salary: \$16,740.00 (Prorated)
8. Name: Digna Fernandez
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Probationary Start Date: September 14, 2021
Probationary End Date: September 13, 2022
Salary: \$18,135.00 (Prorated)
9. Name: Suellen Davis
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: September 15, 2021
Probationary End Date: September 14, 2022
Salary: \$18,135.00 (Prorated)
10. Name: Beverly Strang
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Peekskill High School
Probationary Start Date: September 20, 2021
Probationary End Date: September 19, 2022
Salary: \$16,740.00 (Prorated)
11. Name: Faten Gacem
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: September 27, 2021
Probationary End Date: September 26, 2022
Salary: \$16,740.00 (Prorated)
12. Name: Quintilia Luna
Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems) (Spanish Speaking)

Location: Woodside Elementary School
 Probationary Start Date: September 17, 2021
 Probationary End Date: September 16, 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:

	Name of Volunteer	Location	Organization/ Program	Effective Dates
1.	Nicolette Loaiza	Peekskill High School & Peekskill Middle School	Student Assistance Services (Ellen Gerace)	2021-2022
2.	Rachel Lauture	Peekskill High School & Peekskill Middle School	Student Assistance Services (Ellen Gerace)	2021-2022
3.	Heather Amabile	Uriah Hill Elementary School	Guidance Center of Westchester (Ellen Gerace)	2021-2022
4.	Meaghan Zerrle	Peekskill High School & Peekskill Middle School	ANDRUS (Ellen Gerace)	2021-2022
5.	Domenica South	Peekskill High School & Peekskill Middle School	ANDRUS (Ellen Gerace)	2021-2022

6. Name: Olivia Vales
 Request: Student Teacher
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
 Assigned to: Emily Esposito
 College: SUNY New Paltz
 Effective Dates: September 15, 2021 - October 22, 2021

7. Name: Daphne Ciallela
 Request: Student Teacher
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Assigned to: Benjamin Bloom
 College: SUNY New Paltz
 Effective Dates: September 15, 2021 - October 22, 2021

8. Name: Anthony Sardo
 Request: Volunteer for Sports Games
 Location: District-wide
 Assigned to: Austin Goldberg
 Effective Dates: September 15, 2021 - June 30, 2022
9. Name: Roman Fiscella
 Request: Fieldwork
 College: PACE University
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Assigned to: Rachel Sabtini
 Effective Dates: September 15, 2021 - December 20, 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.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of July 2021

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of July 2021.

C. Change Orders

That the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, in accordance with the change in scope of work on capital construction projects policy number 7335, the following change orders are presented to the Board of Education:

Fanshawe, Inc.

- Change Order CO-EC-002 for installing (2) 30A 2P contactors to the existing Musco control cabinet, (2) switches for 2 new lighting zones and a wiring harness to the Musco control link in the amount of \$7,620.48
- Change Order CO-EC-003 for credit of unused allowance in the amount of \$5,108.28

D. Contract - Inner Being Yoga (Empire Grant)

That the Board of Education approve the Contract with Inner Being Yoga for the Peekskill Middle School Empire Grant after school program. Commencing October 2021 - May 30, 2022. Not to exceed \$8,400.

E. Contract - Kids Create LLC dba Abrakadoodle (Empire Grant)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Kids Create LLC dba Abrakadoodle for the Peekskill Middle School Empire Grant after school program. Commencing October 1, 2021 - June 1, 2022. Not to exceed \$16,800.

F. Contract - New Era Creative Space (NECS) (Empire Grant)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with New Era Creative Space (NECS) for the Peekskill Middle School Empire Grant after school program. Commencing September 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. Not to exceed \$19,200.

G. Contract - Lakeland Central School District

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Lakeland Central School District to provide special education programs and services for student(s) with disabilities for the 2021-2022 school year. Rate is set by New York State.

H. Contract - Edward (Pete) Peterson

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Edward (Pete) Peterson, commencing August 30, 2021 - June 30, 2022. Compensation \$50 hourly, not to exceed 100 hours.

I. Stipulation of Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith approves the terms of the settlement of litigation commenced by an individual and approves the Settlement Agreement and General Release signed by the parties in this matter. Said Settlement Agreement and General Release was reviewed by the Board of Education in Executive Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith authorizes the Board President to execute said Settlement Agreement on behalf of the District.

J. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

No: _____

Abstained:

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only
 - A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

Vice President MacDonald reported Dr. Mauricio and herself attended the PTO executive meeting and the PTO is up, running and ready to go. They will be hosting the Trunk or Treat this year. Although they did fund raising last year, they would appreciate any donations and you can contact them at peekskillpto.org. President Villon thanked the parents knowing it is tough getting kids to school. She also thanked everyone for their patience.

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 Villon asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

No: _____ Abstained:

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk