

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 5, 2019

Board of Education

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

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 Vice President Pereira at 6:08 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

President Simpkins arrived late. Pamela Hallman-Johnson left at 8 p.m.

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 of particular person(s) for the following positions: Athletics; LOA; Parent Workshops and Permanent Substitutes; The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:15 p.m.

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Branwen MacDonald

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

No: _____

Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:19 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Melody Brown, a new resident to Peekskill, expressed her concern there is no transportation for middle or high school students. She inquired if there is car-pooling or any other resources that are available since it is quite a distance for her children to walk to school. Mrs. Brown also suggested if the District could team up with the Bee Line Bus Company and figure out a way to get kids to school in a more safe condition.

Dr. Mauricio commented that he will be getting together with the PTO and will discuss Mrs. Brown's concern. President Simpkins stated for financial reasons, the District does not bus all children. Her concerns will be addressed.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)
- [Middle School Presentation](#) – Jamal Lewis
- [Operations & Maintenance](#) – Carmine Crisci
- [Budget Overview](#) – Dr. Mauricio/Robin Zimmerman

6. Consent Agenda

A. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

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| 1. Name: | Robyn Pearl |
| Position: | Reading Teacher |
| Action: | Retirement from the Peekskill City School District |
| Effective: | June 30, 2019 |

II. Leave of Absence

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

III. Retirement

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: Jaycee DeGroat
Position: Elementary Teacher; LOA replacement (Grade 6)
Certification Status: Childhood Education; Initial
Start Date: March 25, 2019
End Date: May 6, 2019
Salary: \$308/day as worked, no benefits.
2. Name: Lisa Alexander
Position: Elementary Teacher; LOA replacement
Certification Status: Childhood Education; Initial
Start Date: February 26, 2019
End Date: May 12, 2019 (anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day as worked, no benefits.
3. Name: Jade Rousseau
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification Status: Childhood Education (1-6) and Students w/Disabilities (1-6); Initial
Effective Start Date: March 6, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2019
Salary: \$155/day as worked, not to exceed four days a week (28hrs/week). No benefits.
4. Name: Amanda Zaccardi
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Math Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: February 27, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
5. Name: Karen Wallis
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Math Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: February 27, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
6. Name: Kelly Kadin
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Math Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: February 27, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

7. Name: Maria Duftler
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Math Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: February 27, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
8. Name: Therese Wood Chang
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Math Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: February 27, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
9. Name: Rita Rosa
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Math Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: February 27, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
10. Name: Gloria Cordova
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Math Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: February 27, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
11. Name: Laurinda Carvalho
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Math Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: February 27, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
12. Name: Jessica Rondon
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teaching Assistant
Program Title: Family Math Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: February 27, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School

- Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
13. Name: Gloria Cordova
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator - Teacher
Program Title: Nurturing Resilience In Our Children; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 20, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
14. Name: Kelly Kadin
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator - Teacher
Program Title: Nurturing Resilience In Our Children; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 20, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
15. Name: Jessica Rondon
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator - Teaching Assistant
Program Title: Nurturing Resilience In Our Children; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 20, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
16. Name: Amanda Zaccardi
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
17. Name: Karen Wallis
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
18. Name: Kelly Kadin

- Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
19. Name: Maria Duftler
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
20. Name: Therese Wood Chang
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
21. Name: Rita Rosa
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
22. Name: Gloria Cordova
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
23. Name: Donna Marzella
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill

Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

24. Name: Jessica Rondon
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator - Teaching Assistant
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
25. Name: Gloria Cordova
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Summer Learning Opportunities and Community Fair Teacher ; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: April 25, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
26. Name: Therese Wood Chang
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Summer Learning Opportunities and Community Fair Teacher ; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: April 25, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
27. Name: Jamie Rossi
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Motivating Your Child To Read
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
28. Name: Jamie Rossi
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Creating Math Wizards at Home in the Home
Effective Date: April 30, 2019
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

29. Name: Jamie Rossi
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Happy Hawks at Home: Fostering Positive Behavior
Effective Date: May 15, 2019
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
30. Name: Heydi Rodriguez
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Motivating Your Child To Read
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
31. Name: Heydi Rodriguez
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Creating Math Wizards at Home in the Home
Effective Date: April 30, 2019
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
32. Name: Heydi Rodriguez
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Happy Hawks at Home: Fostering Positive Behavior
Effective Date: May 15, 2019
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
33. Name: Marlax Hernandez
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Motivating Your Child To Read
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
34. Name: Marlax Hernandez
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Creating Math Wizards at Home in the Home
Effective Date: April 30, 2019
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School

- Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
35. Name: Marlix Hernandez
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Happy Hawks at Home: Fostering Positive Behavior
Effective Date: May 15, 2019
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.
36. Name: Charlie Rice
Position: Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach
Program: 2018-2019 Co-curricular athletics
Effective Dates: Spring Season- March 4th- June 7th
Stipend: \$5,733
37. Name: Catherine McCabe
Position: Varsity Track and Field Coach
Program: 2018-2019 Co-curricular athletics
Effective Dates: Spring Season- March 4th- June 7th
Stipend: \$5,733
38. Name: Vernon Merriweather
Position: Modified Baseball Coach
Program: 2018-2019 Co-curricular athletics
Effective Dates: Spring Season- March 18th- June 7th
Stipend: \$2,866
39. Name: Keren Larkin
Position: Modified Softball Coach
Program: 2018-2019 Co-curricular athletics
Effective Dates: Spring Season- March 18th- June 7th
Stipend: \$2,866
40. Name: Kimberly Khilnani
Position: Speech & Language Teacher
Certification Status: Speech & Language Disabilities; Professional
Tenure Area: Elementary Teacher
Probationary Start Date: April 4, 2019
Probationary End Date: April 3, 2023
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Salary: \$75,596; MA, Step 6
41. Name: Anna Del Monaco
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 28, 2019

Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

42. Name: Anna Del Monaco
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher
Program Title: Summer Learning Opportunities and Community Fair; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: April 25, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

43. Name: Jessica Rondon
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator - Teacher Aide
Program Title: Summer Learning Opportunities and Community Fair Teacher; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: April 25, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: \$12.00/hr

44. Name: April Kellam
Position: Mentor Teacher
Mentee: Bjorn Bridgewater
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: 2018-2019 School Year
Stipend: \$1,559 Stipend - Mentor Teacher (Grant Funded)

V. Corrections:

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

Classified

1. Appointments

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

1. Name: Astrid Bizoni
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide
Program Title: Family Math Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: February 27, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTOA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

2. Name: Astrid Bizoni
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator – Teacher Aide
Program Title: Nurturing Resilience In Our Children; 2.5 hours

Effective Date: March 20, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTOA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

3. Name: Astrid Bizoni
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator – Teacher Aide
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: March 28, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTOA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

4. Name: Astrid Bizoni
Position: Summer Learning Opportunities and Community Fair Teacher Aide
Program Title: Family Literacy Night; 2.5 hours
Effective Date: April 25, 2019
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aide Organization (PTOA) Contract. Grant Funded by Title I and Title III ELL.

5. Name: Kristen Ruggiero
Position: Custodial Worker (Part Time)
Probationary Start Date: March 6, 2019
Probationary End Date: March 5, 2020
Salary: \$15.65/hr

6. Name: Sheonna Ellis
Position: Security Aide; Per Diem (Substitute)
Effective Dates: March 6, 2019 through June 26, 2019
Salary: \$14.00/hr. as worked, no benefits, not to exceed four (4) days/week.

II. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Joann Concepcion
Position: Teacher Aide; 1:1 Aide
Probationary Start Date: March 1, 2019
Probationary End Date: February 29, 2020
Salary: \$14,508 (Pro-Rated)

III. Resignations

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

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: N/A

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.

B. Contract - Catapult Learning

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Catapult Learning to provide reading and/or math services at St. Patrick, St. Columbanus and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton students. Funding will be provided from Private School Proportionate Share in Title I in the amount of \$28,602.

C. 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 May 21, 2019 for the annual School Budget Vote and Election at \$0 cost to the District.

D. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Second: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____ Abstained:_____

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

- A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

President Pereira thanked the Board members and those who went to Albany to speak to the legislators about funding.

President Simpkins thanked the Bean Runner Café and the Coffee House for hosting PHS art display. He also thanked those who came out for the ribbon cutting on the Lisa Roller Parent Resource Center. President Simpkins was appreciative of the Common Council for attending the Joint Meeting on February 13.

The Saturday Academy will be this Saturday at 10 a.m.; St. Patrick's parade is also Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

8. Executive Session

9. Adjournment in Memory of Mr. John Zee

A. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Simpkins asked for a motion to adjourn in memory of Mr. John Zee. Vice President Pereira read the resolution.

Motion: Maria Pereira

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk