

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 6, 2018

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

Dr. 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 6:07 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Jillian Villon left at 9:00 p.m.

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 7:00PM)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Maria Pereira

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

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Resume Public Meeting

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:15 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

George Ondek of 31 Winchester Avenue commented on the assault weapons in our schools. Mr. Ondek made the suggestions of tightening up security, metal detectors, more security guards and that they are armed. He cares about the children of PCSD and America.

Gloria Cordova representing Woodside spoke about the resignation of Colleen Hardiman. Ms. Hardiman is dedicated, devoted and provided a vision to Woodside. She works effectively with people. The staff at Woodside would like for the Board to reconsider letting Ms. Hardiman stay.

President Aspinall-Kellawon commented the Board is doing everything in their power to keep everyone safe.

Sam North stated we need to develop good relationships with students.

Vice President Simpkins reported the Common Council got together elaborating on emergency responses.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. [Superintendent's Report](#)

- Lisa Davis/Westchester Putnam School Boards Association (WPSBA) Opportunities to the BOE  
Mrs. Davis commented Board members are elected officials and volunteers. They set the standards for achievement in the district. They make sure taxpayers get the most out of their tax dollars.
- [Peekskill Athletic Legacy](#) - Lou Panzanaro
- [Oakside/Hillcrest - School Comprehensive Education Plans](#) (SCEP's) – Presented by Staci Woodley and Randi Licthenwalner
- [Technology](#) – Janice Reid

6. Consent Agenda

A. Nomination for BOCES Board of Education

That the Peekskill Board of Education nominate Michael Simpkins to serve three-year terms (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2021) on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

B. Contract - Joselito Formoso

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Joselito Formoso, from March 6, 2018 thru June 30, 2018, to provide project work for the purchasing department, relative to tasks and training for the senior account clerk. Not to exceed \$1,000.

C. Contract - Manhattanville College

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Manhattanville College at Woodside School to provide a Professional Development liaison commencing March 1, 2018 - February 28, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.

D. Donation – Pfizer Inc.

That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that, in accordance with Education Law 1718(2), to accept twenty (20) Laptop computers from Pfizer Inc. valued per estimate in the amount of \$5,180, for the Peekskill High School Robotics and Science Program.

E. Donation - St. Peter's Church of Cortlandt

That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that, in accordance with Education Law 1718(2), to accept from St. Peter's Church of Cortlandt a donation of \$1,200 for the Peekskill High School Robotics Team.

F. JUUL Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith authorizes and approves a certain Letter Agreement and General Release between a certain probationary employee (#2549) and the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith extends the probationary period for the above-referenced probationary employee from August 31, 2018, to June 30, 2019, in accordance with the above-referenced Letter Agreement and General Release.

G. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

1. Name: Jessica Marrone  
Position: Permanent Substitute teacher  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: February 16, 2018; close of business day
2. Name: Erica Massimi  
Position: Permanent Substitute teacher  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: February 16, 2018 (last day worked)
3. Name: Colleen Hardiman  
Position: Elementary Principal  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 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: N/A

IV. Appointments

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

1. Name: Catherine McCabe  
Position: Modified Head Coach  
Co-curricular; athletic: Softball  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$2,866
2. Name: Peter Capozzelli  
Position: Varsity Assistant Coach  
Co-curricular; athletic: Softball  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$3,892
3. Name: Joseph Tama  
Position: Modified Coach  
Co-curricular; athletic: Track & Field  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$2,866
4. Name: Paul Piliero  
Position: Varsity Coach - Girls  
Co-curricular; athletic: Track & Field  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$5,733
5. Name: Frederick Howard  
Position: Varsity Coach - Boys  
Co-curricular; athletic: Track & Field  
Effective Date: 2018 Spring Season  
Stipend: \$5,733
6. Name: Pat Salvatorelli  
Position: Substitute Teacher  
Program: AIS Afterschool program; Middle School  
Effective Date: 2017-2018, per Diem  
Stipend: \$ Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract -Grant funded
7. Name: Christina DelPilar  
Position: Substitute Teacher  
Program: AIS Afterschool Program; Middle School  
Effective Date: 2017-2018, Per Diem  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract -Grant Funded
8. Name: Patricia Dundon  
Position: IEP Specialist  
Effective: February 14, 2018 – June 30, 2018 (anticipated)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the

Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract; not to exceed \$15,000 (Grant Funded)

9. Name: Leslie Detres  
Position: Bilingual Evaluator  
Effective: February 14, 2018 – June 30, 2018 (anticipated)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (Grant Funded) not to exceed 4 hours per evaluation
10. Name: Rita Figueria  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator; Nurse (RN)  
Program Title: Family ID Registration  
Effective Date: February 28, 2018 & March 1, 2018  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, grant Funded
11. Name: Krystal Cerna  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
12. Name: Teresa Rivera  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator –Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
13. Name: Gloria Cordova  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
14. Name: Jessica Montoya  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
15. Name: Melina Cronin

- Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
16. Name: Karin Wallis  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
17. Name: Dilenia Martinez  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
18. Name: Louise Oteiza  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
19. Name: Mayra Sollazzo  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
20. Name: Stephanie Garcia-Antonio  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
21. Name: Julie Cappuccilli  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night

- Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
22. Name: Erin Kovacs  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
23. Name: Heather Norman  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract, Grant Funded
24. Name: Maria Martinez Rivera  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: \$38/hour, Grant Funded
25. Name: Jessica Rondon  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: \$38/hour, Grant Funded
26. Name: Astrid Bizoni  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Teacher Aide  
Program Title: Family Literacy Night  
Effective Date: March 15, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Stipend: \$38/hour, Grant Funded
27. Name: Ana Budds  
Position: Parent Workshop Facilitator- Presenter  
Program Title: First Steps in Writing for Pre-K  
Effective Date: April 12, 2018, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract, 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

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Maria Walsh  
Position: Teacher Aide  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start date: March 8, 2018  
Probationary End date: March 7, 2019  
Salary: \$12,276 (pro-rated)
2. Name: Amy Ashley-Moore  
Position: Funding Coordinator  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start date: March 7, 2018  
Probationary End date: March 6, 2019  
Salary: \$64,229 (pro-rated)
3. Name: Kevin Buckiewicz  
Position: Senior Account Clerk  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start date: March 7, 2018  
Probationary End date: March 6, 2019  
Salary: \$60,379 (pro-rated)

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Danielle Lydon  
Position: Occupational Therapist (Leave Replacement)  
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School  
Effective Date: March 23, 2018

III. 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: Katherine Leonard  
Request: Student Teaching  
Location: Woodside  
Assigned to: MaryAnn Cupo  
College: New Paltz  
Effective Dates: March 26, 2018 through May 17, 2018
2. Name: Farah Elsamra-Gewida  
Request: Internship  
Location: Middle School



Assigned to: Jacqueline Kilanowski  
College: Lehman College  
Effective Dates: March 7, 2018 through June 22, 2018

3. Name: Diane Johnson \*  
Request: Volunteer  
Location: Oakside School  
Assigned to: Staci Woodley, Principal  
Effective Dates: February 14, 2018 through June 22, 2018

4. Name: Kara Berardi  
Request: Volunteer  
Location: Oakside School  
Assigned to: Staci Woodley, Principal  
Effective Dates: March 7, 2018 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.

#### H. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 6.A. – 6.G.

Motion: Michael Simpkins  
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon  
Branwen MacDonald  
Samuel North  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins

Second: Samuel North  
No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Martin McDonald feels coaches should be included in the Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. McDonald expressed concern about those students who are not growing. He would like to see per building the disaggregated data on those students.

Pamela Johnson inquired on the status of Superintendent's search. President Aspinall-Kellawon stated the Board is approaching the final phase of the process. They are down to one candidate and the Board is grateful for the participation of all.

Sam North said we are on the timeline.

Victoria Kravitz commented the District doesn't have technology as music and art in kindergarten. Also, teachers and students should visit other buildings to create a seamless experience.

8. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

A. Agenda Topics for Common Council Meeting on March 21, 2018

The topics to be discussed at the Common Council meeting are as follows:

- My Brother's Keeper (MBK)
- Security Resource Officer (SRO)
- Shared Services

Maria Pereira reported the Youth Bureau's mural project is still going on. March is Women's history month and the Youth Bureau will have a ceremony on March 27 at 6 p.m. to recognize women who have contributed to the City of Peekskill.

President Aspinall-Kellawon congratulated the schools for the black history presentations and congratulations to women for what they are doing.

9. Executive Session (if necessary)

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

10. Adjournment in Memory of [Robert Mollo](#)

- A. There being no further business to come before the Board, President Aspinall-Kellawon asked for a motion to adjourn in memory of Robert Mollo (Resolution read by President Aspinall-Kellawon).

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk