

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

Board of Education

Mr. Colin Smith, President
Mr. Douglas Glickert
Mrs. Maria Pereira
Mr. Michael Simpkins
Mr. Richard Sullivan
Mrs. Jillian Villon

Central Office

Dr. David Fine, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Mrs. Mary Foster, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Smith at 6:07 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office.

A. Recording of Attendance

Michael Simpkins arrived late. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon was absent.

2. Proposed Executive Session

A. Open Meeting

- (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing particular contractual and personnel items. 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: Richard Sullivan

Second: Doug Glickert

Yes: Doug Glickert

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Maria Pereira

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Doug Glickert

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas Room at 7:10 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Fine thanked Ms. Juanita Bolton for her generous donation in the amount of \$5,000 for the continuation of Hass's Way Program which was established in memory of her late son, Hassan Bolton. Hass's sister Shaquanna thanked the Board for honoring her brother's memory.
- Recognition of Lynn Riccio – Mayor Catalina read to Ms. Riccio a proclamation on behalf of the City of Peekskill and the Common Council regarding her heroic efforts in saving the life of student Alex Loja by performing the Heimlich maneuver on him. Superintendent Fine read a proclamation from Terrence Murphy, a State Senator from NY. Principal Liburd presented flowers and a certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Riccio.
- Student Council Report - Davonte Woodton - Postponed until January 19, 2016
- Educational Plan and Budget/Budget Framework: Workshop #2
Dr. Fine and Robin Zimmerman presented to the Board a PowerPoint on the Budget Framework.

B. Contracts Under \$10,000

Dr. Fine read into the minutes the following contracts under \$10,000:

- Boy Scouts of America/Woodside, Oakside and Hillcrest Elementary; Provide the Scoutreach education program; 2015-2016 school year; \$0

C. Donations/grants under \$5,000

Dr. Fine read into the minutes the following donations/grants under \$5,000:

- Scholastic, Inc./Peekskill Middle School students; Donation of books; Valued at \$325.00
- Ms. Sheila M. Roane/Summit Academy; Donation of \$500.00

6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Policy Readings
 - A. First Reading: Policy [#1230 - Public Participation at Board Meetings](#)
 - B. First Reading: Policy [#2270 - School Attorney](#)
 - C. First Reading: Policy [#8110 - School Building Safety](#)
 - D. First Reading: Policy [#8112 - Health and Safety Committee](#)
 - E. First Reading: Policy [#8220 - Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection](#)

There was no discussion on the first reading of the above policies.

9. Accepting of Minutes
 - A. Business Meeting November 17, 2015
 - B. Business Meeting/Work Session December 1, 2015
 - C. Approval of Minutes
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:
Business Meeting November 17, 2015
Business Meeting/Work Session December 1, 2015

Motion: Doug Glickert

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Doug Glickert

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Richard Sullivan
Jillian Villon

10. Consent Agenda - Personnel
 - A. Personnel Agenda
 - Certificated
 - I. Resignation
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher resignation to the Board of Education for approval:
 1. Ashley Martinez School counselor (Guidance) – HS
Effective: July 31, 2015
 2. Shirley Banker Permanent Substitute – HS
Effective: December 23, 2015 (Close of business)
 3. Nadia Whiting Permanent substitute - Summit
Effective: December 6, 2015
 - II. Leave of Absence
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following non-paid leave of absence to the Board of Education for approval:
NONE
 - III. Appointments

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointments to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Brianna Stephens
 Position: Elementary Teacher; Leave replacement
 Certification Status: Early Childhood (Birth – Gr. 2) and Childhood Education; Initial
 Effective Date: December 16, 2015
 Start Date: December 16, 2015
 End Date: TBD
 Salary: \$244.00/ day worked
- B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2015-2016 permanent substitute appointments for the 2015-2016 school year, at the rate of \$120.00 per day (no benefits), to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Tasha Buchler
 Certified: Childhood Education (1-6) and Students w/Disabilities (1-6); Initial
 Location: Oakside
 Effective: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
 Salary: \$120.00/day not to exceed four days (128 hours per week); no benefits
- C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Homebound tutoring appointment for the 2015-2016 school year to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Doris Pichardo
 Position: Homebound Tutoring
 Certification: Mathematics (7-12); permanent
 Effective Start Date: December 16, 2015
 End Date: June 30, 2016
 Salary: Earnings: \$48/hour as needed
- B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following department leader appointment for the 2015-2016 school year to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: April Kellam
 Position: Mathematics Department Leader Interim (PHS)
 Certification: Mathematics (7-12); permanent
 Effective Date: December 16, 2015
 End Date: June 30, 2016
- C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Extra Co-curricular; athletic appointments to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Raul Ortiz Varsity Wrestling- Head Coach 2015-2016 Stipend: \$5,281
 2. Nickolas Harris JV Wrestling- Head Coach 2015-2016 Stipend: \$4,024
 3. Sean Jackson Basketball Timekeeper (Modified, JV, Varsity) Stipend:\$38./hour

4. Peter Capozzelli Basketball Timekeeper (Modified, JV, Varsity) (Two hour blocks)
Stipend: \$38./hour
5. Cami Blazejewski Basketball Timekeeper (Modified, JV, Varsity) (Two hour blocks)
Stipend: \$38./hour
(Two hour blocks)

D. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2015-2016 Residency Program (Mentoring) appointment, to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Tara Platt
Program: Residency Program –Oakside
Mentee: Kimberly Pomerantz
Salary: Stipend: \$1,559

E. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2015-2016 teacher substitute appointments, to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Shirley Banker
Position: Substitute Teacher; per diem
Certified: English (7-12); Permanent
Effective: January 4, 2016 through June 24, 2016
Salary: \$100/day worked, not to exceed 28 hours;
(Four days) per week

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Keith Kuttruf
Position: Custodial Worker; part time (3.5 hrs/day)
Location: Middle School
Probationary Start date: December 16, 2015
Probationary End date: December 15, 2016
Salary: \$15.00/HR
2. Name: Mychal Holliday
Position: Custodial Worker; part time (3.5 hrs/day)
Location: Woodside
Probationary Start date: December 16, 2015
Probationary End date: December 15, 2016
Salary: \$15.00/HR
3. Name: Stephen Anstett
Position: Custodial Worker; part time (3.5 hrs/day)
Location: Uriah Hill
Probationary Start date: December 16, 2015
Probationary End date: December 15, 2016

Salary: \$15.00/HR

4. Name: Michael Bunyavong
Position: Custodial Worker; part time (3.5 hrs/day)
Location: Hillcrest
Probationary Start date: December 16, 2015
Probationary End date: December 15, 2016
Salary: \$15.00/HR
5. Name: Sherly Velez
Position: Office Assistant (AS); Spanish speaking
Location: Woodside
Probationary Start date: December 16, 2015
Probationary End date: December 15, 2016
Salary: \$42,544 annualized (pro-rated for 2015-2016)
6. Name: Annette Taino
Position: Secretary (Schools)
Location: Maintenance
Probationary Start date: January 4, 2016
Probationary End date: January 3, 2017
Salary: \$48,217 annualized (pro-rated for 2015-2016)

B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following school (lunch) monitor appointment for the 2015-2016 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, 17.5 hours per week:

1. Name: Juanita Lovett
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: December 16, 2016
End Date: June 24, 2016
Salary: \$10/hr. for days worked; 3.5/hrs. day; M-F, following the school calendar

IV. Resignations

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

1. Yanique Green Teacher Aide – Uriah Hill
Effective: November 13, 2015
2. John Brockhausen Jr. Maintenance Mechanic (Bldgs.)- Retirement
Effective: February 6, 2016
3. Rhonda Barnes School Monitor (lunch)
Effective: December 4, 2015(Close of business)
4. Diane Brown School Monitor (lunch)

Effective: December 4, 2015 (Close of business)

V. Student Teachers

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following candidates for student teaching and internship to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Crystal Salesman*
Request: Volunteer; A. McKinley
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 – June 24, 2016
2. Name: Joann Concepcion*
Request: Volunteer; Boy Scouts of America
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
3. Name: Marisa O'Leary*
Request: Volunteer; L. Carvalho
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
4. Name: Thomas Fields*
Request: Volunteer, LEAP (Boys Group)
Location: Middle School
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
5. Name: Jennifer Cavanaugh*
Request: Volunteer; B. Holloman
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
6. Name: Elizabeth Rivera*
Request: Volunteer; J. Feliz
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
7. Name: Shalini Bhargava*
Request: Volunteer; L. Carvalho, D. Marzella
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
8. Name: Jorge Monge Velasquez*
Request: Volunteer; S. Garcia -Antonio
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016

9. Name: Veronica Loja*
Request: Volunteer; S. Garcia-Antonio
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
10. Name: Ana Cruz*
Request: Volunteer, A. McKinley
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
11. Name: Lucy Lepore*
Request: Volunteer; A. McKinley
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
12. Name: Joseph Narcisse*
Request: Volunteer; J. Liburd
Location: Hillcrest Community School Initiative
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
13. Name: Mia Shervington
Request: Volunteer: L. Carvalho
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
14. Name: Amy Erard*
Request: Volunteer
Location: Hillcrest Community School initiative
Effective Dates: December 16, 2015 through June 24, 2016
15. Name: Sarah Gigliotti
Request: Student teaching
Location: Middle School; M. Tanzi
Effective Dates: March 21, 2016 through May 13, 2016

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.

11. Consent Agenda - Special Services

A. Special Services/Committee on Special Education

That the Board of Education approve the Recommendation of the District's Committee on Special Education for the following forty-five (45) students for declassification/ classification and/or placement:

STUDENT ID #	MEETING TYPE	DETERMINATION
42460	504 Annual Review	Continue Eligibility
45414	Amendment	Continue Classification
44249	504 Annual Review	Continue Eligibility
41200	504 Annual Review	Continue Eligibility
43671	Amendment	Continue Classification
42928	504 Annual Review	Continue Eligibility
42728	Amendment	Continue Classification
40773	504 Annual Review	Continue Eligibility
43112	504 Annual Review	Continue Eligibility
40967	504 Initial	Eligible
44123	504 Annual	Continue Eligibility
43662	Initial	Classified
43301	504 Annual	Continue Eligibility
44257	Initial	Classified
40214	Manifestation	Continue Classification
43335	504 Annual Review	Continue Eligibility
46444	Amendment	Continue Classification
42371	Program Review	Continue Classification
44359	Amendment	Continue Classification
45886	504 Annual	Continue Eligibility
43403	504 Annual	Continue Eligibility
46737	Program Review	Continue Classification
43587	504 Annual	Continue Eligibility
41147	Transfer	Classified
44049	Amendment	Continue Classification

43231 Amendment Continue Classification
43886 Amendment Continue Classification
40984 504 Annual Continue Eligibility
40934 504 Annual Continue Eligibility
40935 504 Annual Continue Eligibility
42229 Amendment Continue Classification
41001 Amendment Continue Classification
43018 Amendment Continue Classification
40257 Program Review Continue Classification
43843 504 Transfer Continue Eligibility
45314 Amendment Continue Classification
45690 504 Annual Continue Eligibility
44968 504 Annual Continue Eligibility
43417 504 Annual Continue Eligibility
42400 504 Annual Continue Eligibility
21962 504 Annual Continue Eligibility
43139 504 Annual Continue Eligibility
40799 504 Annual Continue Eligibility
46633 Amendment Continue Eligibility
44460 Program Review Continue Eligibility

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

- A. Treasurer's Report for the Month of October 2015
That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Reports for month of October 2015.
- B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of November 2015
That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of November 2015.
- C. Budget Appropriation Transfers - October 2015
That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of October 2015.
- D. Budget Transfer for Summit Academy
That the Board of Education approves the October 2015 Budget Transfers.
- E. Contract - Westchester Jewish Community Services (SCOPES)
That the Board of Education approves the contract with Westchester Jewish Community Services (SCOPES) to provide continuation of Program Supervisor and Bilingual mental health practitioner for services at Oakside Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount not to exceed \$41,102. Funding is through Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention Grant.
- F. Tax Certiorari - Hampton Oaks
WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings pertaining to property identified on the tax roll as 23.14-6-34, for tax years 2010 through 2015; and
WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings, as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and
WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School

District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

NOW, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other relevant settlement papers necessary to effectuate the settlement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Manager shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the Consent Judgment in a sum not to exceed \$52,490.94.

G. Tax Certiorari - Patricia Gardens/Lakeview Drive

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings pertaining to property identified on the tax roll as 23.69-5-2, for tax years 2009 through 2014; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings, as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

NOW, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other relevant settlement papers necessary to effectuate the settlement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Manager shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the Consent Judgment in a sum not to exceed \$34,312.53.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. Standard Work Day

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates In Employer's Time Keeping System (Yes/No)	Days/Month (Based on Record of Activities)	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Not Submitted (Check box if no record of activities completed or if participates in timekeeping system)
APPOINTED OFFICIALS									

District Clerk	Debra McLeod	XXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	8	07/01/15 - 6/30/16	Yes	N/A		
District Treasurer	Felecia Mighty	XXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	8	07/01/15 - 6/30/16	Yes	N/A		

B. Extra-classroom Activities Purpose Statement

That the Board of Education approves the following Extra-classroom Activities:
Peekskill High School - Peekskill Boys Basketball Club

C. Donation - Hass's Way Program

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 Ms. Juanita Bolton, PO Box 26, Fishkill, NY 12524 a donation of \$5,000 to support the Hass's Way Program.

D. Agreement - [PFA Early Retirement Incentive Plan](#)

That the Board of Education approves an early retirement incentive plan agreement dated December 10, 2015 with the Peekskill Faculty Association ("PFA").

14. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 10.A. - 13.D.

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Doug Glickert

Yes: Doug Glickert

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

15. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

A. New Agenda Item

Dr. Mosey gave kudos and appreciation to Doug Brown for streaming live, events that have been going on in the District. Dr. Fine thanked all staff for a job well done so far in the school year. President Smith wished everyone happy holidays.

17. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

18. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn

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

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Doug Glickert

Yes: Doug Glickert

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk