

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 21, 2021

Board of Education

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

Student Representative

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
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 6:11 p.m. in Peekskill High School, Room 222.

A. Recording of Attendance

Pamela Hallman-Johnson and Maria Pereira were absent.

2. Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval

A. Open Meeting

(Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular contractor(s) and employment history of particular person(s) for the following positions: Leave Replacement Teachers; Permanent Substitute Teacher; Teaching Assistant; Tenure Candidates; ENL Teachers; Stipend Positions; Teacher Aides; Senior Office Assistant (Automated Systems)/Spanish Speaking; and Student Teachers. The Board will (or may) take action after the executive session. 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: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

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

Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:03 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained:_____

3. Resume Public Meeting 7:10 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Peekskill High School Auditorium at 7:10 p.m.

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Superintendent's Report Continued

A. Superintendent's Report Continued

- [COVID Update](#)
- [Educational Plan & Budget #1](#) – Robin Zimmerman

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Policy Readings

A. First Reading: Policy # [1230 Public Comment at Board Meetings](#)

B. First Reading: Policy # [2342 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination](#)

C. Second Reading: Policy # [5300 District Code of Conduct](#)

D. Adopting Policies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following policy:
#5300 District Code of Conduct

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

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained:_____

10. Accepting of Minutes

- A. Business Meeting November 16, 2021
- B. Business Meeting/Work Session December 7, 2021
- C. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:
Business Meeting November 16, 2021
Business Meeting/Work Session December 7, 2021

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

11. Consent Agenda - Personnel

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:	Marren Smith
Position:	Special Education Teacher
Action:	Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective:	January 21, 2022

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:

1. Name:	Flor Ruiz
Position:	Teaching Assistant
Action:	Non Paid Leave of Absence
Effective Dates:	December 20, 2021 through December 23, 2021

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name:	Alexis Dean
Position:	Science Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification:	Biology 7-12, Professional

- Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: December 23, 2021
Effective End Date: April 1, 2022
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
2. Name: Christopher Moljo
Position: Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Physical Education, Professional
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School / Uriah Hill Elementary School
Effective Start Date: December 14, 2021
Effective End Date: January 28, 2022
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
3. Name: Margrethe Dasig
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification: Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 2), Professional
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: December 20, 2021
Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
Salary: \$155 per day as worked, without benefits
4. Name: Alana Donabie
Position: Social Studies Leave Replacement Teacher
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: November 22, 2021
Effective End Date: December 23, 2021
Salary: \$244 per day as worked, without benefits
5. Name: Shyee Lockett **
Position: Teaching Assistant
Certification: Teaching Assistant, Level I
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Start Date: January 3, 2022
Probationary End Date: January 2, 2026
Probationary Period: Four (4) Years
Salary: \$32,847 (Pro-rated)
6. Name: Bjorn Bridgewater
Position: Mathematics Teacher
Action: Tenure in the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 1, 2022

7. Name: Jaime Farez
 Position: ENL Teacher
 Action: Tenure in the Peekskill City School District
 Effective: January 1, 2022

8. Name: Kristen Lynch
 Position: Special Education Teacher
 Action: Tenure in the Peekskill City School District
 Effective: January 1, 2022

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
9.	Nicole Cugliandro	Chaperone	December 22, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
10.	Timothy Murphy	Chaperone	December 22, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
11.	Anthony DiCuio	Chaperone	December 22, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
12.	DeJea Shelton	Chaperone	December 22, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
13.	Imani Simpkins	Chaperone	December 22, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
14.	Karen Siciliano	Chaperone	December 22, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
15.	Alexei Silva-Nuevo	Chaperone	December 22, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty

				Association's (PFA) Contract
16.	Austin Goldberg	COVID Coordinator	2021-2022	\$15,000

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Robert Anderson, Jr.
 Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Effective Start Date: December 10, 2021
 Effective End Date: March 15, 2022
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
 Action: Correct effective start date

2. Name: Timothy Hart
 Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: English Language Arts (Grades 5-9), Professional
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Effective Start Date: December 3, 2021
 Effective End Date: December 10, 2021
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
 Action: Correct effective end date

3. Name: Amanda Leggio
 Position: Art Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 2), Initial
 Location: Oakeside Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: December 3, 2021
 Effective End Date: January 3, 2022
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
 Action: Correct effective end date

4. Name: Anilda Eliazer ***
 Position: Special Education Teacher
 Certification: Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Professional
 Location: Woodside Elementary School
 Tenure Area: Special Education
 Probationary Start Date: August 31, 2020
 Probationary End Date: August 30, 2023
 Length of Probation: Three (3) Years

Salary: \$85,400, MA, Step 8
Action: Correct length of probation

5. Name: Heather Ausiello ***
Position: Physical Education Teacher
Certification: Physical Education, Professional
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Tenure Area: Physical Education
Probationary Start Date: August 30, 2021
Probationary End Date: August 29, 2024
Length of Probation: Three (3) Years
Salary: \$78,300, MA+15, Step 3
Action: Correct length of probation

Classified

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name: Margrethe Dasig
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Action: Resignation for the purpose of accepting a promotion with Peekskill City School District
Effective: December 10, 2022 (Last day worked 6/25/2021)

2. Name: Shyee Lockett
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Action: Resignation for the purpose of accepting a promotion with Peekskill City School District
Effective: December 23, 2021 (Last day worked 12/23/2021)

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: Sherly Velez

Position: Sr. Office Assistant (Automated Systems)
(Spanish Speaking)
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Hire Date Effective: December 17, 2021
Delayed Start Date Effective: January 10, 2022
Probationary End Date: January 9, 2023
Salary: \$62,204.00 (Prorated)

2. Name: Yolanda Bailey
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: December 22, 2021
Probationary End Date: December 21, 2022
Salary: \$16,740.00 (Prorated)

3. Name: James Carney
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Peekskill High School
Probationary Start Date: December 22, 2021
Probationary End Date: December 21, 2022
Salary: \$18,135.00 (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:

1. Name: Angie Macchia
Request: Student Teacher
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Assigned to: Nicole Fervan
College: Western Governors University
Effective Dates: January 3, 2022 - March 4, 2022

2. Name: Angie Macchia
Request: Student Teacher
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Assigned to: Tara Platt
College: Western Governors University
Effective Dates: March 7, 2022 - May 6, 2022

3. Name: Caitlyn Farrell
Request: Student Teacher

Location: Peekskill High School
Assigned to: Noel Cabassa
College: Mercy College
Effective Dates: January 3, 2022 - December 23, 2022

4. Name: Nicolette Thompson
Request: Student Teacher
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Assigned to: Loredana Marzella
College: Mount Saint Mary College
Effective Dates: January 24, 2022 - March 11, 2022

5. Name: Nicolette Thompson
Request: Student Teacher
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to: Rachele Rice
College: Mount Saint Mary College
Effective Dates: March 14, 2022 - May 10, 2022

6. Name: Marisa Lebitsch
Request: Student Teacher
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Assigned to: Cindy Ocasio
College: SUNY New Paltz
Effective Dates: January 24, 2022 - May 13, 2022

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.

12. 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 fifty (50) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

13. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Months of September and October 2021

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for the months of September and October 2021.

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

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

C. [Budget Appropriation Transfers - December 2021](#)

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of December 2021.

D. Amended Contract - Inner Being Yoga

That the Board of Education approve the amended contract dated September 1, 2021 with Inner Being Yoga with a decreased amount of \$6,750. Not to exceed \$12,750.

E. Amended Contract - Kids Create LLC dba Abrakadoodle

That the Board of Education approve the amended contract dated August 19, 2021 with Kids Create LLC dba Abrakadoodle, amending the language to reflect each program costing \$5,600. Amount of contract remains the same not to exceed \$16,800.

F. Change Order

That 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 order is presented to the Board of Education.

Fran Corp. dba All Bright Electric

- Change Order EC-02 – provide and install an illuminated exit sign on the classroom side of door 101A in the High School STEAM Innovation Center. \$1,397

14. Other Agenda Items

A. Donation - The Peekskill Rotary Club

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 The Peekskill Rotary Club, a donation of \$1,000 for purchasing winter gear.

15. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 11.A. - 14.A.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

16. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

17. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

Branwen MacDonald commented the new Steam Center is amazing and it looks better than the architectural renderings. She thanked Robin Zimmerman and Carmine Crisci as the steam center was brought to fruition as a result of a 0% budget increase. The bond was used for special projects to the District such as the Turf Field, Stem Center, all air ventilation and air conditioning.

President Villon thanked the school community and partners for the work done at the Saturday Academy.

Michael Simpkins said he saw the Saturday Academy in Buffalo while visiting Dr. Mauricio.

18. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

19. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Villon wished everyone a Happy Holiday and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk