BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 14, 2020

Board of Education
Mrs. Maria Pereira, President
Mrs. Jillian Villon, Vice President
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald
Mr. Samuel North
Mr. Michael Simpkins

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 Villon at 6:13 p.m. Until further notice, the Board of Education will conduct its future meetings by video conference. In-person attendance will NOT be permitted. The decision to meet via video conference has been made in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202 relating to the COVID-19 emergency. The video-conference links online via our BoardDocs website: https://ensemble.ihric.org/Watch/peekskillboardmeeting
A. Recording of Attendance
Pamela Hallman-Johnson was absent.

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: Samuel North
   Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
   Branwen MacDonald
   Samuel North
   Maria Pereira
   Michael Simpkins
   Jillian Villon
   Second: Michael Simpkins
   No: _____
   Abstained: _____
C. Adjourn Executive Session
   Motion to Re-Open Meeting

   Motion: Samuel North   Second: Branwen MacDonald
   Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.   No: _____   Abstained:_____
   Branwen MacDonald
   Samuel North
   Maria Pereira
   Michael Simpkins
   Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting
   The meeting was reconvened at 7:10 p.m.
   A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Superintendent/Board President Report
   A. Superintendent’s Report
      • District Update
      • STEM Innovation Plan – Anchala Sobrin, Ed.D.
      • Budget Update – Robin Zimmerman

5. Hearing of Citizens - https://forms.gle/DXFYCw9sYTDpKMMLA (Public Comments)
   A. Public Participation at Board Meetings
      There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

   President Pereira asked for a motion to waive the second reading and then adopt policy
   #2160 – School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics

   Motion: Michael Simpkins   Second: Samuel North
   Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.   No: _____   Abstained:_____
   Branwen MacDonald
   Samuel North
   Maria Pereira
   Michael Simpkins
   Jillian Villon

6. Consent Agenda
   A. Contract - Peekskill Arts Alliance
      That the Board of Education approve the contract with Peekskill Arts Alliance for the
      2019/2029 school year. This agreement is not to exceed $800.
   B. Amended Contract - Healthy Kids
      That the Board of Education approve the amended contract with Healthy Kids to terminate
      on June 30, 2020, in the amount of $60 per child.
   C. Policy #2160 - School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
      That the Board of Education approve the following policy:
      2160 – School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
   D. Personnel Agenda
      Certificated
      I. Resignation
         A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher resignation to the
            Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Kaitlyn Johnson  
   Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
   Location: Peekskill Middle School  
   Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
   Date Effective: March 30, 2020 (Last day worked 3/13/2020)

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

   1. Name: Jennifer Fowler  
      Position: Special Education Teacher  
      Location: Woodside Elementary School  
      Action: Non-Paid Leave of Absence  
      Dates Effective: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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: 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 (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.

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

Motion: Branwen MacDonald Second: Michael Simpkins
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr. No: _____ Abstained:_____
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only/In-person attendance will NOT be permitted
A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

- Michael Simpkins commented BOCES has been sending homework and providing online learning for students. They are doing creative things to make sure our students are engaged.
- President Pereira expressed sympathy to those who lost loved ones during this time. She also mentioned personnel, EMS workers, District Leaders, Dr. Mauricio and his team for doing their best during this time of crisis. She thanked Robin Zimmerman for spearheading obtaining free lunch for the students.

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 Pereira asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald Second: Michael Simpkins
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr. No: _____ Abstained:_____
Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk