

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020/2021 BUDGET
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 26, 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
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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Pereira at 6:36 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.

A. Recording of Attendance

Branwen MacDonald arrived late. Michael Simpkins wasn't present for second Executive Session. 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 re-entry plan for September. 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: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

No: _____

Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Branwen MacDonald
No: _____ Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting/ Public Hearing on Proposed 2020/2021 Budget Meeting In-person attendance will NOT be permitted

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

B. Public Hearing on Proposed 2020/2021 Budget

C. Hearing of Citizens - In-person attendance will NOT be permitted.

Diane Henry: 1) What are the cost savings \$ by amount and line item that have been implemented since school closed? Is there any data available to the public? Robin Zimmerman: In our forecasts in our presentations that have been shared, a consideration is given for that forecaster for that kind of analysis when we're projecting where we're going to be with the fund balance and how we use that time to balance the budget. So is there an analysis that goes out to the public? No, but every month there is an appropriation status report that shows expenses year-to-date. It's on the treasurers report which is shared at the Business Meeting held the 3rd Tuesday in the month.

2) Are there preliminary or final 3rd quarter actual \$ and % change from budget. if so, can this be made available to the public? What do you anticipate 2019/2020 year end to look like financially? Robin Zimmerman: Part of the analysis that we use in order to balance the fund balance and how the fund balance is to be used to balance or support the budget, those factors are considered as part of that formula where we identify where we'll be at fiscal end and to be able to use those funds to balance the budget. Our quarter ends the end of March. Typically, we run a month-and-a-half to 2 months behind as far as the Board approves those financial reports. So we're just closing out the first quarter now our expenses are lower than they typically would be if we are in session. Not dramatically lower at this point because we still have expenses coming in.

3) Westchester Magazine rated Peekskill public schools at the bottom. What barriers have to be overcome to raise the standing (excluding more money). Personally, I have seen no improvement in the past couple of years. Sadly, the city is getting back its nickname "Mt.

Vernon North. Dr. Mauricio: Cautions those who read rankings due to the fact that the comparisons are not equal. You have many variables such as wealth, poverty level, transiency. Peekskill is a diverse community, economically and racially. Bottom line the data is what the data is.

4. Executive Session - 7:49 p.m.

A. Executive Session

Motion to Move to Executive Session

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira

Second: Michael Simpkins
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

B. Adjourn Executive Session - 8:09 p.m.
Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

Motion: Samuel North
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

Second: Jillian Villon
No: _____

Abstained: _____

5. Adjournment

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

Motion: Branwen MacDonald
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

Second: Jillian Villon
No: _____

Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk