

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

SPECIAL BOE MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 15, 2019

Board of Education

Mrs. Maria Pereira, President
Mrs. Jillian Villon, Vice President
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Mr. Samuel North

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
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 President Periera at 4:35 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Allen Jenkins, Jr., Branwen MacDonald and Michael Simpkins were absent.

2. Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval 6:00 p.m.

A. Open Meeting

- (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters regarding the appointment of a particular contractor(s) and to review the employment history of a particular person(s) for the following positions: Guidance Counselor; Office Assistants; Permanent Substitutes; Life Skills Teacher; School Monitors and Teacher Aides. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 5:00 PM).

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained:_____

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained:_____

Samuel North

Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas Room at 5:25 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Consent Agenda

A. SEQRA Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District has conducted a survey of the real property in the School District and determined it has a need for additional space for Transportation and Operations & Maintenance Departments, Parent Center and Central Registration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined to acquire property owned by the City of Peekskill, located at 400 South Division Street, Peekskill, New York, and designated as Parcel #33.38-1-1, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to renovate the building for Transportation and Operations & Maintenance Departments, Parent Center and Central Registration and a Parent Welcome Center; and

WHEREAS, the purchase and renovation of said property constitutes a routine activity of the School District under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education declares itself as the lead agency in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purchase and renovation of the property at 400 South Division Street, Peekskill, New York is a Type II Action pursuant to SEQRA for which no action is required.

B. Resolution Authorizing Purchase

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District has conducted a survey of the real property in the School District and determined it has a need for additional space for Transportation and Operations & Maintenance Departments, Parent Center and Central Registration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined to acquire property owned by the City of Peekskill, located at 400 South Division Street, Peekskill, New York, and designated as Parcel #33.38-1-1, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to renovate the building for the Transportation and Operations & Maintenance Departments, Parent Center and Central Registration; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Peekskill City School District, hereby approve the purchase of certain real property located at 400 South Division Street, Peekskill, New York, and designated as parcel 33.38-1-1, from the City of Peekskill, in the amount of \$350,000.00, substantially in accordance with the terms of an agreement on file in the District Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Trustees of the Peekskill City School District is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purchase of the property pursuant to the aforesaid Agreement is subject to and contingent upon the approval of a proposition by the qualified voters of the District at a special meeting of the Board convened for that purpose, and all other terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North

President Pereira asked for a roll call.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

No: _____

Abstained:_____

C. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK, ADOPTED AUGUST 15, 2019, DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION AT THE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE HELD OCTOBER 7, 2019, AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SUCH PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE NOTICE OF SUCH SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. At the Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the City School District of the City of Peekskill, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), to be held on October 7, 2019, a Proposition in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said Proposition shall appear in the Notice of Special District Meeting to be held October 7, 2019, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include such Proposition in said Notice by inserting therein substantially the following paragraphs:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Special District Meeting:

PROPOSITION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall present to the qualified voters of the Peekskill City School District at the special meeting to be held on October 7, 2019 the following proposition in substantially the following form:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to acquire by purchase certain property located at 400 South Division Street, Peekskill, New York and designated as Parcel 33.38-1-1, consisting of land and structures at a cost not to exceed \$350,000 in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in a written agreement on file with the District Clerk and to expend \$50,000 for the redevelopment and/or renovation of the said property, including all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs thereof, with a total cost not to exceed \$400,000 for the purchase and renovation of said property?

Such Proposition shall appear on the ballots to be used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the foregoing form.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

President Pereira asked for a roll call.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

No: _____

Abstained:_____

D. Contract - Acquisition of Firehouse

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of certain real property located at 400 South Division Street, formerly used by the City as a firehouse (the "Property"); and WHEREAS, with the construction and occupancy of the Central Fire Station, the City is no longer utilizing the Property as a firehouse, and the Property is no longer needed by the City for any public or municipal purpose; and WHEREAS, the School District desires to purchase the Property for the purposes of Transportation and Operations & Maintenance Departments, Parent Center and Central Registration contingent upon approval of a proposition, by the qualified voters of the District at a special election currently scheduled to be held on October 7, 2019, authorizing the purchase of the Premises ; and WHEREAS, by Resolution dated August 15, 2019, the Peekskill City School District has authorized the execution of this Contract of Sale.

E. Tax Certorari Reserve Fund

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District Board of Education realizes it has a total exposure of \$16,022,852 in pending tax certiorari claims and deems to utilize funds from the unassigned fund balance from 2018-19 for the re-establishment of the Tax Certiorari Reserve to be maintained in such fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Peekskill City School District Board of Education authorizes the re-establishment of the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$8,492,112, the amount the Board of Education deems to be necessary to satisfy anticipated judgments and claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings.

F. Contract - Orfa Fuentes

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Orfa Fuentes to assist with the transition of registration. Commencing August 26, 2019 - June 30, 2020 not to exceed \$7,500.

G. APPR Implementation - 2018/2019

That the Board of Education approve the 2018/2019 APPR Implementation Certification.

H. Creating of Positions - Permanent Substitutes

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has identified an operational need to employ three (3) full time permanent substitutes at Peekskill High School for the 2019-2020 school year; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education herewith creates three (3) full-time permanent substitute positions at Peekskill High School for the 2019-2020 school year. The terms and conditions of employment shall be set forth in a statement of benefits which shall include eligibility for individual health insurance coverage.

I. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

1. Name: Christina Sarofeen
Position: Special Education Teacher; LOA replacement
Action: Resignation
Effective: August 14, 2019 (Never worked)

2. Name: Lauren Cox
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: August 31, 2019

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: Jacqueline Pierce
Position: School Counselor; Guidance (.4 FTE)
Certification Status: School Counselor; provisional
Start Date: August 28, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2020
Salary: \$69,074 (MA, Step 3) (Pro-rated .4 FTE)

2. Name: Katie Frattarola **
Position: Special Education Teacher
Certification Status: Special Education, Reading, and Pre-K, K & Grades 1-6, Permanent
Tenure Area: Special Education
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2023
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Salary: \$115,333 (MA+45, step 12)

3. Name: Joseph Peri
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification Status: Social Studies; Initial
Start Date: August 28, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2020
Salary: \$155/day as worked, following the school calendar.
Not to exceed four (4) days per week, (up to 28 hrs. per week). No benefits.

4. Name: Tjok Dalem Arsa Artha
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification Status: Technology, Initial
Start Date: August 28, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2020
Salary: \$155/day as worked, following the school calendar.
Not to exceed four (4) days per week, (up to 28 hrs. per week). No benefits.

5. Name: De'Shaun Dennis
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher

Certification Status: Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6); Initial
Start Date: August 28, 2019
End Date: June 26, 2020
Salary: \$155/day as worked, following the school calendar.
Not to exceed four (4) days per week, (up to 28 hrs. per week). No benefits.

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: Sharon Melendez
Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems)(Spanish Speaking)
Probationary Start Date: September 3, 2019
Probationary End Date: September 2, 2020
Salary: \$45,155.00 (Pro-Rated)
2. Name: Alba Illescas
Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems)(Spanish Speaking)
Probationary Start Date: September 3, 2019
Probationary End Date: September 2, 2020
Salary: \$45,155.00 (Pro-Rated)
3. Name: Danette Armstrong
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Oakeside Elementary School
Effective Date: September 3, 2019 through June 26, 2020
Salary: \$13.00/hour. As worked, no benefits. Not to exceed 17.5 hours per week.
4. Name: Jennifer Levinson
Position: Teacher Aide; 1:1 Aide
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2020
Salary: \$15,717.00 (Pro-Rated)
5. Name: Kaleigh Travis
Position: Teacher Aide; 1:1 Aide
Probationary Start Date: August 28, 2019
Probationary End Date: August 27, 2020
Salary: \$15,717.00 (Pro-Rated)
6. Name: Krista Everett

Position: Teacher Aide; 1:1 Aide
Probationary Start Date: September 3, 2019
Probationary End Date: September 2, 2020
Salary: \$15,717.00 (Pro-Rated)

7. Name: Karen Siciliano
Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems)
Probationary Start Date: August 19, 2019
Probationary End Date: August 18, 2020
Salary: \$45,155.00 (Pro-Rated)

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: Gladys Fajardo-Guapisaca
Position: Teacher Aide; 1:1
Action: Non-Paid Leave of Absence
Effective Dates: August 28, 2019 through September 8, 2019

III. Resignations

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

1. Name: Jill Hodges
Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom Aide
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: August 14, 2019 (Last day worked June 26, 2019)

IV. 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: Amanda Cacciola
Request: Student Teaching; First Placement
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Teacher: Jessica Newby
College/University: SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: September 3, 2019 through October 21, 2019

2. Name: Amanda Cacciola
Request: Student Teaching; Second Placement
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Teacher: Valeria Valenzuela
College/University: SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: October 22, 2019 through December 20, 2019

3. Name: Ariel Putillo
Request: Student Teaching; Second Placement
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Teacher: Troy Lepore
College/University: SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: October 22, 2019 through December 20, 2019

4. Name: Kelly Leahy
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Teacher: Julia Levy
College/University: SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: October 22, 2019 through December 20, 2019

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.

J. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 4.D. - 4.I.

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained:_____

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

Hearing of Citizens

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

5. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Jillian Villon

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk