

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 15, 2020**

Board of Education

Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., President
Mrs. Jillian Villon, Vice President
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald
Mr. Samuel North
Mrs. Maria Pereira

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 6:06 p.m. in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202 relating to the COVID-19 emergency this meeting is held by video conference, In-person attendance will NOT be permitted. The District will provide video-conference links online, as well as a section for public comments via our BoardDocs website.

A. Recording of Attendance

President Jenkins, Jr. arrived late. Michael Simpkins was absent

2. Proposed Executive Session

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 employment history of particular person(s). 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: Maria Pereira

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____

Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:05 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting – In Person Attendance is Not Permitted

The meeting was reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

Brianna Carter (student) joined the meeting virtually as the Board congratulated her for making the All County and All Section Teams.

B. Family Resources Center - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Video

- https://ensemble.lhric.org/Watch/LisaRolleriWelcomeCenterOpen_BOEFinal -

C. PCSD Updates

5. Superintendent/President Report Continued

A. Superintendent's Report Continued

Educational Plan and Budget Workshop #1 – Robin Zimmerman

6. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Policy Readings

A. First Reading: Policy # 110 Sexual Harassment

B. First Reading: Policy # 110.1-R Sexual Harassment of Students Regulation

C. First Reading: Policy # 110.2 Sexual Harassment of Employees; Regulation and Exhibit

D. First Reading: Policy # 115-E. Student Bullying and Harassment Complaint Form

10. Accepting of Minutes

A. BOE Retreat November 14, 2020

B. Business Meeting November 17, 2020

C. Special Meeting November 19, 2020

D. Special Meeting November 23, 2020

E. Business Meeting/Work Session December 1, 2020

F. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:

BOE Retreat November 14, 2020

Business Meeting November 17, 2020

Special Meeting November 19, 2020

Special Meeting November 23, 2020
Business Meeting/Work Session December 1, 2020

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

Second: Branwen MacDonald
No: _____ Abstained: _____

President Jenkins, Jr. asked for a motion to discuss consent agenda item 13.F. Generation Ready contract.

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

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained: _____

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: N/A

II. Retirement:

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

1. Name: Laura Dahl
Position: Teaching Assistant
Location: Oakside
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 15, 2021
2. Name: Dr. Mary Foster
Position: Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2021
3. Name: James Smith

Position:	School Social Worker
Action:	Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective:	June 30, 2021

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:	Yesenia Peralta
Position:	Elementary Teacher
Action:	Non-paid leave of absence
Effective:	December 2, 2020 through June 30, 2021

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name:	Shirley Machado
Position:	Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
Location:	Woodside
Certification Status:	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) Initial; Literacy (Birth-6) Initial; Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) Initial
Effective Start Date:	November 23, 2020
Effective End Date:	December 22, 2020 (Anticipated)
Salary:	\$308/day (As worked, without benefits)
2. Name:	Delilah Kearney
Position:	Special Education Teacher
Action:	Tenure in the Peekskill City School District
Effective:	January 3, 2021
3. Name:	Isabella Lopez
Position:	Lifeguard
Effective Dates:	Winter Season 2020-2021
Salary:	\$14.00 per hour

V. Correction:

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

Name:	Nina Lugo
Position:	School Social Worker Leave Replacement
Certification Status:	School Social Worker, Provisional
Effective Start Date:	November 12, 2020
Effective End Date:	December 22, 2020 (Anticipated)
Salary:	\$308 per day (as worked, without benefits)
Action:	Correct effective end date

1. Name:	Karen Wallis
Position:	CPSE Special Education Specialist
Certification Status:	Nursery, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6 – Permanent & Special Education - Permanent
Effective Start Date:	October 7, 2020
End Date:	June 30, 2021
Stipend:	\$45.55 per hour
Action:	Correct stipend amount

Classified

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name:	Marissa Gordon
Position:	School Nurse (RN)
Location:	Peekskill High School
Action:	Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective:	December 18, 2020
Last Day Worked:	December 18, 2020

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:	Karlieann Siciliano
Position:	Clerical; Substitute (Per Diem)
Effective Date:	January 4, 2021-June 30, 2021
Salary:	\$14.00/hour. As worked, without benefits. Not to exceed (4) days per week.

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: 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.

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 thirty (30) student for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

B. Contract - Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO). Not to exceed \$2,000 commencing October 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

C. Contract - New Era Creative Spaces (NECS)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with New Era Creative Spaces (NECS). Not to exceed \$1,500 commencing October 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

D. Contract - Inner Being LLC (Yoga)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Inner Being LLC. Not to exceed \$5,000 for the commencing October 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

E. Contract - Inner Being LLC (Saturday Academy)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Inner Being LLC. Not to exceed \$1,500 commencing October 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

F. Contract - Arts 10566

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Arts 10566. Not to exceed \$1,500 commencing October 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

G. Contract - New York Institute for Special Education/4201 School

That the Board of Education approve the contract with New York Institute for Special Education/4201 School for the 2020/2021 school year.

13. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of October 2020

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of October 2020.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of November 2020

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of November 2020.

C. Budget Appropriation Transfers - December 2020

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of December 2020.

D. Contract - New Era Creative Space (NECS)/Hillcrest Elementary MBK Program

That the Board of Education approve the contract with New Era Creative Space (NECS) for the Hillcrest Elementary MBK Program commencing December 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. Not to exceed \$5,000.

E. Contract - New Era Creative Space (NECS)/Middle and High School Boys

That the Board of Education approve the contract with New Era Creative Space (NECS) for middle and high school boys commencing December 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. Not to exceed \$5,500.

F. Contract - Generation Ready Inc.

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Generation Ready Inc. commencing December 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. Not to exceed \$9,900.

14. Other Agenda Items

A. Keep School Buildings Open

Whereas school buildings in New York State were permitted to reopen in fall 2020 when state-wide positivity rates were well below the 5% marker set by the Governor if school districts fulfilled the COVID-19 guidance of the NYS Department of Health and Education Department; and

Whereas NYS COVID-19 community positivity rates have been climbing in November 2020, and surveillance testing is one mechanism used to track viral spread and help maintain the health and safety of our school communities; and

Whereas under the Governor's Micro-Cluster Initiative, school-based random surveillance testing is mandated to keep school buildings open for in person learning; and

Whereas public school districts have faced exceptional burdens on finances and administrative and faculty time and effort to ensure the health, safety, and ongoing education of the young people of our state; and

Whereas schools in locations where community transmission rates have resulted in the designation of a micro-cluster zone are not set up from a financial, logistical or regulatory perspective to take on the added burden of random surveillance testing; and

Whereas county departments of health are currently overwhelmed in coordinating the community-wide COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas rapid antigen tests provided by the state to some school districts have been determined by public health professionals to be insufficiently accurate to permit a negative rapid test to clear individuals to re-enter school buildings, necessitating a further round of testing that may require administration by medical personnel; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District calls upon New York State leaders to ensure that public school districts receive the financial, logistical and regulatory support to undertake mandated or Board-approved COVID-19 surveillance testing of students, faculty and staff, to ensure that school districts are not forced to keep school buildings closed due to lack of resources to ensure the safety of students and adults in school buildings.

B. Donation - Champion Sports

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 Champion Sports a donation of 75 backpacks and 25 mini-packs for MBK and as part of our PBIS program.

C. PFA Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District (hereinafter "Board") herewith authorizes the Superintendent of School to enter into an agreement with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) dated December 15.

15. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Jillian Villon

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

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 McDonald commented she attended NYSSBA Advocacy Call. Robin Zimmerman has covered the Districts landscape. Thanks to Laura Belfiore have a lot of legislative advocacy calls set up.

President Jenkins, Jr. reported the PTO has two advocacy meetings, January 14 and 21. The PTO will show you ways you can help get funding for PCSD.

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 Jenkins, Jr. asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

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Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk