Peekskill City School District 1031 Elm Street Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION JANUARY 23, 2024

Board of Education

Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, President Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., Vice President Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson Mr. Eric Rekeda Mr. Michael Simpkins Ms. Amy Vele Mrs. Jillian Villon

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Cynthia Hawthorne, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mr. Eudes Budhai Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Mrs. Carmery Mendez-Battle, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President MacDonald. at 6:00 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

- A. Recording of Attendance Amy Vele arrived late.
- 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: School Counselor; Permanent Substitute Teacher; Elementary Teacher Leave Replacement; Director of Early College Secondary Programs; Stipend Positions Certified/Classified; and Partner Agency Worker. 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: Alien Jenkins, Jr.	Second: Eric i	кекеаа
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson	No:	Abstained:
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Branwen MacDonald Eric Rekeda Michael Simpkins Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 8:33 p.m. Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Jillian Villon Second: Amy Vele

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele Jillian Villon

- 3. Resume Public Meeting 8:37 p.m.
 - Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium.

- 4. Report of President/Superintendent
 - A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mauricio thanked those for the SEL conference. There were 16 workshops with wonderful sessions. He also commented Carmery Mendez-Battle was a big supporter. Recognition was given to the Robotics Team. They won #1 as a team. We are sitting in a new auditorium in Ford Building.

No: ____ Abstained:____

- 5. Policy Readings
 - A. First Reading Policy #8130.2 Workplace Violence Prevention

President MacDonald asked for motion to waive the second reading of policy #8130.2 Workplace Violence Prevention and move to adoption.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr. Second: Michael Simpkins No: ____ Abstained:____

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

President MacDonald asked for motion to adopt policy #8130.2 - Workplace Violence Prevention

Motion: Michael Simpkins Second: Eric Rekeda

	Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson Allen Jenkins, Jr. Branwen MacDonald Eric Rekeda Michael Simpkins Amy Vele Jillian Villon	No:	Abstained:
<i>A</i> E (Accepting of Minutes A. Special BOE Meeting December 13 B. Business Meeting December 19, 202 C. Business Meeting Work Session January D. Approval of Minutes E. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education Special BOE Meeting December 13 Business Meeting December 19, 202 Business Meeting Work Session January	23 Jary 9, 2024 Ducation accepts t 5, 2023 23	he following minutes:
	Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr. Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson Allen Jenkins, Jr. Branwen MacDonald Eric Rekeda Michael Simpkins Amy Vele Jillian Villon	Second: Eric Rek No:	
	President MacDonald asked for a nagenda: Melanie Roman as Directo		
	Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr. Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson Allen Jenkins, Jr. Branwen MacDonald Eric Rekeda Michael Simpkins Amy Vele Jillian Villon	Second: Amy Ve	ele Abstained:
	Consent Agenda - Personnel A. Personnel Agenda Certified: I. Resignation: A. The Superintendent of Schooresignation(s) to the Board of I. Name:		proval:

Position: Speech & Language Teacher

Action: Resignation from Peekskill City School District

Effective: January 19, 2024 Last Date Worked: January 19, 2024

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: Alyx Moskowitz

Position: Elementary School Teacher Location: Hillcrest Elementary School Action: Non-Paid Leave of Absence

Effective Date/s: February 5, 2024 - March 27, 2024 (Anticipated)

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Lisa Dorado

Position: School Counselor

Certification: School Counselor Permanent Certificate

Tenure Area: School Counselor Effective: February 5, 2024

2. Name: Afua Yeboah

Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher Location: Hillcrest Elementary School Certification: N/A - Bachelor's Degree

Effective Start Date: January 11, 2024 Effective End Date: June 26, 2024

Salary: \$120/Day, as worked, without benefits.

3. Name: Jenna Wecht

Position: Elementary Teacher Leave Replacement

Location: Hillcrest Elementary School

Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial

Effective Start Date: November 13, 2023

Effective End Date: March 27, 2024 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$70,845 (MA- Step 1) (Prorated)

4. Name: Melanie Roman ^

Position: Director of Early College Secondary Programs

Location: Administration Building

Certification: School District Leader, Professional

Tenure Area: Director of Early College Secondary Progra

Probationary Start Date: February 26, 2024 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: February 25, 2028 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$143,616 (Prorated) - Step 9

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
5.	Suarez, Diana	Hillcrest Elementary School PBIS Leader	2023-2024 School Year	\$2,000.00 (Grant Funded)
6.	Benitez, Gizeht	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
7.	Castro, Nancy	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
8.	Curry, Gabrielle	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
9.	Del Monaco, Anna	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
10.	Esposito, Laura	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA)

				Contract (5% ARP Grant)
11.	Feliz, Jennifer	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
12.	Ferreira, Teresa	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
13.	Ferreras Molina, Airy	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
14.	Fidanza, Melissa	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
15.	Gomez, Natalie	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
16.	Hernandez, Michelle	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)

17.	Kaleja, Mercedes	Elementary WIN	2023-2024	Terms of
		Targeted Tutoring Program	School Year	employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
18.	King, Tara	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
19.	Lynch, Kristen	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
20.	Macpherson, Heather	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
21.	Magnotta, Melissa	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
22.	Nassisi, Jane	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
23.	Nguyen, Amanada	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with

24.	Orejuela, Katherine	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant) Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
25.	Perry, Danielle	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
26.	Platt, Tara	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
27.	Quijada, Axa	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
28.	Rodriguez, Jennifer	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
29.	Sachs, Nora	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA)

				Contract (5% ARP
30.	Thompson, Nicolette	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Grant) Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
31.	Volpe, Barbara	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023-2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
32.	Jacobs, Craig	Basketball Intramurals Coach (Hillcrest PK46)	2023-2024 School Year	\$2,550
33.	Jacobs, Craig	Flag Football Intramurals Coach (Hillcrest PK46)	2023-2024 School Year	\$2,550
34.	Searight, Ramon	Modified Baseball Coach	2023-2024 School Year	\$3,489
35.	Rodney, Lanay	JV Softball Coach	2023-2024 School Year	\$4,990
36.	Chandler, Kyron	Athletic Chaperone	2023-2024 School Year	\$41.04/Hour
37.	Jacobs, Craig	Time Keeper	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$41.04/Hour
38.	Jacobs, Craig	Score Keeper	2023-2024 School Year	\$41.04/Hour
39.	Rodney, Lanay	Modified Girls Basketball Coach	2023 -2024 School	\$3,765
40.	Badurski, Jennifer	NYS Science Assessment Investigation - Teacher Scorers (Hillcrest)	January 22, 2024 - March 11, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (SIG Fund).
41.	Balesca, Tiffany	NYS Science Assessment Investigation - Teacher Scorers (Hillcrest)	January 22, 2024 - March 11, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty

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				Association (PFA) contract (SIG Fund).
42.	Calabro, Dan	NYS Science Assessment Investigation - Teacher Scorers (Hillcrest)	January 22, 2024 - March 11, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (SIG Fund).
43.	Carbelim, Nicole	NYS Science Assessment Investigation - Teacher Scorers (Hillcrest)	January 22, 2024 - March 11, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (SIG Fund).
44.	Lepore, Troy	NYS Science Assessment Investigation - Teacher Scorers (Hillcrest)	January 22, 2024 - March 11, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (SIG Fund).
45.	Magnotta, Melissa	NYS Science Assessment Investigation - Teacher Scorers (Hillcrest)	January 22, 2024 - March 11, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (SIG Fund).
46.	Polanco, Santo	NYS Science Assessment Investigation - Teacher Scorers (Hillcrest)	January 22, 2024 - March 11, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (SIG Fund).

47.	Rice, Rachele	NYS Science Assessment Investigation - Teacher Scorers (Hillcrest)	January 22, 2024 - March 11, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (SIG Fund).
48.	Rossi, Jaime	NYS Science Assessment Investigation - Teacher Scorers (Hillcrest)	January 22, 2024 - March 11, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (SIG Fund).

V. Correction:

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

Classified:

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name: Patricia Chumney

Position: Classroom Teacher Aide Location: Peekskill Middle School

Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School

District

Effective: January 18, 2024 Last Date Worked: January 17, 2024

II. Termination:

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

III. Retirement:

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

IV. 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

V. Appointment:

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

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
1.	Leon, Reid	Parent/Guardian SEL Conference Security Aide	January 20, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools' Security Aide's Association (PSSAA) contract. (Grant Funded.)
2.	Stiles, Phillip	Parent/Guardian SEL Conference Security Aide	January 20, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools' Security Aide's Association (PSSAA) contract. (Grant Funded.)

VI. Correction:

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

1. Name: Ayleen Mendez

Position: Sr. Office Assistant (Automated Systems)

(Spanish Speaking)

Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School Probationary Start Date: January 10, 2024 (Anticipated) Probationary End Date: January 9, 2025 (Anticipated)

Salary: \$60,204 (Prorated)

Correction: Correct probationary start and end dates

2. Name: Laura Velardo-Cruz

Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems) (Spanish

Speaking)

Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: January 16, 2024 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: January 15, 2025 (Anticipated)

Salary: \$49,350 (Prorated)

Correction: Correct probationary start and end dates

Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

I. Appointment:

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

	Name of Partner Agency Worker:	Location	Organization/ Program	Effective Dates
1.	Catherine Lively -	Oakside Elementary	Student	January 22, 2024 -
	School Counselor	School	Assistance	Five days a week
	Certification		Services	

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.
- ^ Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of the onboarding process and contingent upon obtaining required certification by the start date
- 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 23 students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

- B. Contract Westchester Circus Arts (Saturday Academy)
 That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Circus Arts (Saturday Academy), commencing September 1, 2023 June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$5,000 (7 events).
- 9. Consent Agenda Business/Finance
 - A. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of December 2023

 That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of December 2023.
 - B. <u>Budget Appropriation Transfers January 2024</u>
 That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of January 2024.
 - C. Amended Contract Gymnastics City (Hillcrest)
 That the Board of Education approves to amend the original contract with
 Gymnastic City (Hillcrest), dated October 12, 2023, new commence start date
 January 22, 2024 March 18, 2024. Compensation changed to a maximum of 50 girls
 for the second session.
 - D. Contract Gymnastics City (Oakside/LEAP)

 That the Board of Education approve the contract with Gymnastic City
 (Oakside/LEAP), commencing January 24, 2024 March 20, 2024. Not to exceed
 \$12,000 (8 Sessions).
 - E. Contract Dancing Classrooms, Inc.
 That the Board of Education approve the contract with Dancing Classrooms, Inc., commencing January 15, 2024 June 24, 2024. Not to exceed \$13,295.03.
 - F. Contract The Tomato Group Inc.
 That the Board of Education approve the contract with The Tomato Group Inc.,
 commencing January 30, 2024 June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$90,000.

10. Other Agenda Items

A. Disposal of Election Materials

That the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following Election Materials according to Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-01 Revised 2022):

Unused Ballots: May 2017 - May 2023 (After Board of Education resolution) Application for Absentee Ballot: May 2005 - May 2023 (Retention: 30 days after Election)

Spoiled, Voided, or Rejected Ballots: May 2005 - May 2022 (Retention: 1 year after election)

Election Readiness Records: May 2005 - May 2022 (Retention: 1 Year after Election) Election Officials' Appointment Records: May 2005 - May 2022 (Retention: 1 Year after Election)

Notification and Publication of Notice of Forthcoming Election: May 2005 - May 2022 (Retention: 1 Year after Election)

Voted Ballot: May 2017 - May 2022 (Retention 1 year after Election)

Intermediate Records Used to Compile Final Election Results: May 2005 - May 2022 (Retention: 1 Year after Election)

Referendum Records including actual petitions, records of signature verification and routine correspondence: May 2005 – May 2022 Retention: 1 Year after Election)

Candidate Designation or Nomination records: May 2005 - May 2022 (Retention: 1 Year after Election)

Register of Voters and Pollbooks: May 2005 - May 2017 (Retention: 5 years) Records of Election Financing: May 2005 - May 2017 (Retention: 5 years)

- B. Donation Mark Carter
 - 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 Nike basketball uniforms in the estimated cost of \$2,500, from Mr. Mark Carter.
- C. Field Trip Over 100 Miles State University of New York, Albany, NY That the Board of Education approve the field trip over 100 miles for 40 PHS students traveling to the State University of New York, Albany, NY on April 30, 2024.
- D. Field Trip Over 100 Miles Albany State Building, Albany, NY
 That the Board of Education approve the field trip over 100 miles for 25 PHS students traveling to the Albany State Building, Albany, NY on February 6, 2024.
- 11. Approving Consent Agenda
 - A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 7.A. - 10.D.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.	Second: Michael Simpkins	
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson	No:	Abstained:
Allen Jenkins, Jr.		
Branwen MacDonald		
Eric Rekeda		
Michael Simpkins		
Amy Vele		
Jillian Villon		

Amy Vele commented she wanted the community to be aware of what is going in Ecuador. January 30th is the Youth Bureau's 4th annual recognition ceremony. Vice President Jenkins, Jr. welcomed those to see the new Ford Auditorium. Dr. Mauricio thanked Cynthia Hawthorne and Carmine Crisci for stretching the dollars showing care and making the effort for our kids and family that they get the best.

Michael Simpkins stated the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Technology Department was another eye opener. Janice Reid has done outstanding work for our district and hopes she enjoys her new space.

12. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Amy Vele
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Eric Rekeda
Michael Simpkins
Amy Vele
Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Carmery Mendz-Battle District Clerk

Minutes taken by Debra McLeod Deputy District Clerk