

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 24, 2023

Board of Education

Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, President
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Mr. Samuel North
Mr. Michael Simpkins
Mr. Eric Rekeda
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 Interim Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President MacDonald. at 6:03 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Allen Jenkins, Jr. (6:08 pm.) Jillian Villon (6:05 p.m.) arrived late. Pamela Hallman-Johnson was absent.

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: Tenure Candidates; Elementary Principal; High School Tutor; School Counselor Leave Replacement; Stipend Positions; and Student Teacher). 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: Samuel North

Yes: Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North

Second: Michael Simpkins

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Eric Rekeda
Michael Simpkins

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:15 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:22 p.m.

4. Report of President/Superintendent

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)

President MacDonald changed the order of the agenda.

B. Personnel Agenda

Certified

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: 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: N/A

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Charles Rice
Position: Physical Education Teacher
Tenure Area: Physical Education
Action: Tenure in the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: February 24, 2023
2. Name: Catherine McCabe
Position: Health Teacher
Tenure Area: Physical Education
Action: Tenure in the Peekskill City School District

- Effective Date: February 12, 2023
3. Name: Catherine McCabe
Position: Health Teacher
Tenure Area: Health
Action: Tenure in the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: February 12, 2023
4. Name: Amelia Silverman
Position: Mathematics Teacher (0.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: January 3, 2023
Effective End Date: January 31, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
5. Name: Justin Maldonado
Position: Mathematics Teacher (0.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Emergency COVID-19
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: January 3, 2023
Effective End Date: January 31, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
6. Name: Staci Woodley
Position: Elementary Principal
Certification: School District Administrator, Permanent
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: \$169,193 (ELEM PRN, Step 15)
7. Name: Kayla King
Position: High School Tutor
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: January 17, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour (LEAP Grant Fund)
8. Name: Bianca Mendola
Position: School Counselor Leave Replacement
Certification: School Counselor, Provisional
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: February 9, 2023

Effective End Date:
Salary:

May 9, 2023
\$308 per day as worked, without benefits

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
9.	Justin Maldonado	Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach	Spring 2023	\$4,276
10.	Jose Fernandez	Varsity (Girls) Softball Head Coach	Spring 2023	\$6,283
11.	Christopher Moljo	Hillcrest LEAP Afterschool Program Teacher	January 9, 2023 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract (LEAP Grant Fund)
12.	Michael Telesco	Scorekeeper & Athletic Event Chaperone	January 10, 2023 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
13.	Michelle Rios	PHS Great Potential Program Site Director	Fall 2022	\$2,355.50 (Great Potential Fund)
14.	Lisa Dorado	PHS Great Potential Program Site Director	Fall 2022	\$1,870 (Great Potential Fund)
15.	Jacqueline Kilanowski	PKMS Great Potential Program Site Director	Fall 2022	\$2,355.50 (Great Potential Fund)
16.	Marienny Matos	Oakside Afterschool Program Monitor	January 9, 2023 - June 23, 2023	\$15.00 per hour
17.	Crystal Garcia	PKMS LEAP Drone Flight Teacher	February 1, 2023 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) (LEAP Grant Fund)
18.	Anthony Scala	PKMS LEAP Drone Flight Teacher	February 1, 2023 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) (LEAP Grant Fund)
19.	Tyrone Searight Jr.	Co-Ed Pioneer Club Advisor/Coach	Spring 2023	\$1,418
20.	Jayme Gooding	Co-Ed Pioneer Club Advisor/Coach	Spring 2023	\$1,418
21.	Nyrie Holliman	Athletic Event Chaperone	January 19, 2023 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the

				Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
22.	Patrick Cumiskey	PKMS LEAP Extended Day Program Teacher	January 25, 2023 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Jose Fernandez
Position: School Counselor (.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: School Counselor, Permanent
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: November 7, 2022
Effective End Date: December 15, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
Action: Correct effective end date
2. Name: Jacqueline Kilanowski
Position: School Counselor (.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: School Counselor, Permanent
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: November 7, 2022
Effective End Date: December 15, 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
Action: Correct effective end date
3. Name: Christopher Moljo
Position: Varsity (Boys) Lacrosse Head Coach
Effective Dates: Spring 2023
Stipend: \$6,283
Action: Rescind appointment
4. Name: Brandon Juby
Position: Varsity (Boys) Lacrosse Assistant Coach
Effective Dates: Spring 2023
Stipend: \$4,560
Action: Rescind appointment
5. Name: Patrick Cumiskey
Position: PKMS Empire Afterschool Program Teacher
Effective Dates: October 3, 2022 - January 24, 2023

Stipend:	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
Action:	Correct effective dates
6. Name:	Nadia Hammonds-Council
Position:	Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher
Effective Dates:	November 1, 2022 - January 20, 2023
Stipend:	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action:	Correct effective dates

Classified

I. Resignation:

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

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: N/A

VI. 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:

1. Name:	Shalia Figueroa Rosario
Request:	Student Teacher
Location:	Oakside Elementary School
Assigned to:	Jennifer Feliz
College:	SUNY Westchester Community College

Effective Dates:

January 17, 2023 - May 8, 2023

	Name of Partner Agency Worker:	Location:	Organization:	Effective Dates:
2.	Jennifer Marvin	Hillcrest Elementary School	Inner Being Yoga	January 9, 2023 - June 30, 2023
3.	Adam McCauley	Oakside Elementary School	GO NO SEN Karate	January 6, 2023 - June 30, 2023

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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Personnel Agenda item 4.A.

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Eric Rekada
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Dr. Mauricio congratulated the tenure candidates and the appointment of Staci Woodley as the Principal at Woodside.

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Superintendent's Report Continued

- [Educational Plan & Budget Workshop #2](#) – Dr. Mauricio and Cynthia Hawthorne

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Policy Readings

A. Second Reading: Policy [#6680 Internal Audit Function](#)

B. Approving Policies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following policy:
#6680 Internal Audit Function

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Eric Rekada
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

No: _____

Abstained:_____

10. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting December 20, 2022

B. Business Meeting/Work Session January 10, 2023

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting December 20, 2022

Business Meeting/Work Session January 10, 2023

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Eric Rekada

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Eric Rekada
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

No: _____

Abstained:_____

11. 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 24 students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

B. Contract - Edward (Pete) Peterson/Saturday Academy

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Edward (Pete) Peterson/Saturday Academy, commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$1,000 (\$250 per event).

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of November 2022

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of November 2022.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of December 2022

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of December 2022.

C. [Budget Appropriation Transfers - January 2023](#)

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of January 2022.

D. Contract - Just the Place, Inc.

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Just the Place, Inc./READ Program commencing on or about January 23, 2023 - June 22, 2023. Not to exceed \$38,200.

E. Amended Contract - Kids Create LLC dba Abrakadoodle

That the Board of Education approves to amend the original contract with Kids Create LLC dba Abrakadoodle dated October 11, 2022 to be amended commencing January 1, 2023 - June 2023 (20 weeks). Not to exceed \$11,940.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. Lacrosse Team Merger

That the Board of Education approve the merger of Peekskill City School District Lacrosse Team, for the 2022 - 2023 school year, with Ossining School District, due to the insufficient number of participants.

B. Overnight Field Trip - Broadalbin, NY

That the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip for 15 high school students to compete in a Robotics competition at Broadalbin Perth High School, Broadalbin, NY on January 28 - 29, 2023.

14. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 11.A. - 13.B.

Motion: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Eric Rekeda

Second: Michael Simpkins

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

15. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

- A. Allen Jenkins, Jr. thanked the PTO for setting up the middle school dance. He also wants the community to know about our athletic teams and to answer what happened to the Lacrosse Team. Due to a lack of participation in certain sports it is difficult to fill the team. Organized, structured team sports help teach students accountability, problem solving and supports good physical health. It also boosts self-esteem.

President MacDonald congratulated Jillian Villon on the birth of her son.

17. Executive Session

18. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Debra McLeod