

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 19, 2024

Board of Education

Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, President  
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., Vice President  
Mr. Eric Rekeda  
Mr. Michael Simpkins  
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 6:05 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Allen Jenkins, Jr. (6:09) arrived late. Pamela Hallman-Johnson and Amy Vele were 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: Special Education Teachers (6th Assignment); Spanish Teacher; Office Assistant (Automated Systems/Spanish Speaking) and Stipend Positions Certified/Classified. 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: Jillian Villon

Second: Eric Rekeda

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:06 p.m.  
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins  
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Branwen MacDonald  
Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

Second: Jillian Villon  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:09 p.m.
  - Pledge of Allegiance  
The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium.
4. Report of President/Superintendent
  - A. Superintendent's Report
    - [Peekskill Pride](#)
5. Hearing of Citizens  
Parent having problem with busing.
6. Superintendent's Report Continued
  - A. Superintendent's Report Continued
    - [Special Education and Pupil Services](#) – Ellen Gerace and Glenda Sanchez
    - [Curriculum and Instruction](#) – Eudes Budhai
    - [Educational Plan and Budget Workshop #4](#) – Cynthia Hawthorne
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Policy Readings
  - A. Second Reading Policy # [1230 Public Comments at Board Meetings](#)
  - B. Second Reading Policy # [6700 Purchasing](#) and [Regulation](#)
  - C. Second Reading Policy # [8505 Charging School Meals & Prohibition Against Shaming](#)
  - D. Second Reading Policy # [8520 Free and Reduced Price Meal Services](#)
  - E. Approving Policies  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following policies:  
1230 Public Comments at Board Meetings  
6700 Purchasing and Regulation  
8505 Charging School Meals & Prohibition Against Shaming  
8520 Free and Reduced Price Meal Services

Motion: Michael Simpkins  
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Eric Reveda  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Branwen MacDonald  
Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

10. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting/Work Session March 5, 2024

B. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:  
Business Meeting/Work Session March 5, 2024

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

11. Consent Agenda

A. Personnel Agenda

Certified:

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name:

Luz Camacho Castillo

Position:

Dual Language Teacher

Location:

Oakside Elementary School

Action:

Resignation from Peekskill City School  
District

Effective Date:

June 30, 2024

Last Date Worked:

June 30, 2024

II. Termination:

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

III. Retirement:

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

IV. 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

V. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Leiny Thomas Lopez  
Position: Spanish Teacher  
Certification: Spanish Grades 1-6 Extension, Initial Extension  
Tenure Area: Spanish  
Probationary Start Date: March 6, 2024  
Probationary End Date: March 5, 2028 (Anticipated)  
Length of Probation: Four (4) Years  
Salary: \$56,165 (BA, Step 1)
2. Name: Nicholas Agnello  
Position: Special Education Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Students with Disabilities 7-12, Professional  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Effective Start Date: March 12, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Effective End Date: April 28, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
3. Name: Rahsaan Potillo  
Position: Special Education Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Students with Disabilities Mathematics 7-12, Professional  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Effective Start Date: March 12, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Effective End Date: April 28, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
4. Name: Derek Brumleve  
Position: Special Education Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Students with Disabilities Generalist 7-12, Initial  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Effective Start Date: March 15, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Effective End Date: April 28, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

5. Name: Ashley Mac Ewan  
Position: Special Education Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Students with Disabilities 7-12, Professional  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Effective Start Date: March 15, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Effective End Date: April 28, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
6. Name: Christopher Kness  
Position: Special Education Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Special Education, Permanent  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Effective Start Date: March 18, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Effective End Date: April 28, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
7. Name: Margarethe Dasig  
Position: Special Education Teacher Leave Replacement  
Certification: Students with Disabilities, Grades 1-6  
Effective Start Date: April 8, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Effective End Date: May 17, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits

#	Employee:	Position / Program:	Effective Date/s:	Stipend:
8.	Gloc, Adam	PHS Musical Director	Spring 2024	\$3,970
9.	McCafferey, Michelle	PHS ENL Content Area Cross Curriculum Writing	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,316
10.	Myones, Megan	PHS ENL Content Area Cross Curriculum Writing	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,316
11.	Imhof, Susan	Extended Day - Science Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty

				Association's (PFA) contract
12.	Olmstead, Reid	PHS Reflection Room	2023 -2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
13.	Brown, Shenea	PHS Reflection Room	2023 -2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
14.	Lombardo, Jennifer	Oakside PBIS Leader	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
15.	Caceras-Cosme, Romina	PHS Extended Day - Science Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
16.	Lopez, Nina	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

17.	Loreto, Nicole	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
18.	Cappuccilli, Julie	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
19.	Eliazer, Anilda	Elementary WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

VI. Correction:

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

1. Name: Christopher Kness  
Position: Pioneer Club Coach  
Effective Date: Spring 2024  
Action: Correct stipend amount  
Stipend: \$2,836
2. Name: Delilah Kearney  
Position: Pioneer Club Coach  
Effective Date: Spring 2024  
Action: Correct stipend amount  
Stipend: \$2,836
3. Name: Rahsaan Potillo  
Position: Special Education Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Students with Disabilities Mathematics 7-12, Professional

Location: Peekskill High School  
Action: Extending anticipated end date to March 28, 2024  
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

4. Name: Jessica Van Galen  
Position: Special Education Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Students with Disabilities Generalist 7-12, Professional  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Action: Extending anticipated end date to March 28, 2024  
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
5. Name: John Tamborksi  
Position: Special Education Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Biology 7-12, Professional  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Action: Extending anticipated end date to March 28, 2024  
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
6. Name: Ashley Mac Ewan  
Position: Special Education Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Students with Disabilities 7-12, Professional  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Action: Extending anticipated end date to March 28, 2024  
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
7. Name: Timothy Cavanagh  
Position: Special Education Teacher (6th Assignment)  
Certification: Students with Disabilities Social Studies 7-12, Professional  
Location: Peekskill High School



Action:	Extending anticipated end date to March 28, 2024
Salary:	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

Classified:

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name:	Anat Rotem
Position:	Registered Professional School Nurse (RN)
Location:	Oakside Elementary School
Action:	Resignation from Peekskill City School District
Effective Date:	June 30, 2024 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked:	June 26, 2024 (Anticipated)

2. Name:	Elsa Merchan
Position:	School Monitor (Lunch)
Location:	Oakside Elementary School
Action:	Resignation from Position for the Purpose of Promotion with Peekskill City School District
Date Effective:	March 16, 2024
Last Date Worked:	March 15, 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(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:

1. Name:	Gabriela Riera Rodriguez
Position:	Classroom Teacher Aide
Location:	Uriah Hill Elementary School
Action:	Non-Paid Leave of Absence
Effective Date/s:	March 28, 2024 (Anticipated)

V. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Stephany Mejia  
Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems)  
(Spanish Speaking)  
Location: Peekskill High School - Attendance  
Office  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start Date: April 4, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Probationary End Date: April 3, 2025 (Anticipated)  
Salary: \$57,179.00
2. Name: Elsa Merchan  
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School  
Status: Probationary  
Probationary Start Date: March 18, 2024 (Anticipated)  
Probationary End Date: March 17, 2025 (Anticipated)  
Salary: \$18,737.64 (Prorated)

#	Employee:	Position / Program:	Effective Date/s:	Stipend:
3.	Moscoso Jr., Oscar	PHS Assistant Track Coach	Spring 2024	\$5,076

VI. Correction:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff correction(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.

^ Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of the onboarding process and contingent upon obtaining required certification by the start date.

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

Second: Michael Simpkins  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

## 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 38 students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 12.A.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Branwen MacDonald  
Eric Rekeda  
Michael Simpkins

Second: Eric Rekeda  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: Jillian Villon

### 13. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

- A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of January 2024  
That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of January 2024.
- B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of January 2024  
That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of January 2024.
- C. [Budget Appropriation Transfers - March 2024](#)  
That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of March 2024.
- D. Contracts - Health and Welfare Services  
That the Board of Education approve the contracts for health and welfare services provided to the children residing in Peekskill and attending non-public schools, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Somers Central School District – 45 students, \$1,322.62 per student
  - White Plains City School District – 9 students, \$1,269.48 per student
- E. Contract - Westchester County Board of Elections  
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester County Board of Elections for the use of voting machines for the Annual Budget Vote and election on May 20, 2024. \$0 cost to the District.
- F. Southern Westchester BOCES Cooperative Bid 2024-2025  
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities, materials and equipment set forth below  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Peekskill City School District agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Westchester County, New York, adopting in this joint bidding of Art Supplies; School & Office Supplies; Fine Paper Supplies; Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment; Bakery Goods; Cafeteria Food Supplies; Custodial Supplies; Custodial Paper Supplies; Lumber Supplies; Laser and Ink Jet Toners OEM; Microcomputer Hardware; Furniture, Storage, and Athletic Equipment  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall remain in effect until receipt by BOCES of written withdrawal from the Resolution by the school district.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this Board agrees to bid its required amount of said

commodities jointly with other participating school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said commodities. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 to the General Municipal Law.

G. Overnight Field Trip - Changemakers Project

That the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip for four (4) young Latino women (rising juniors and seniors) who are participants with the Changemakers Project, to Salt Lake City, Utah, leaving July 14, 2024 - July 20, 2024.

H. Contract - Changemakers Project

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Changemakers Project, commencing the Spring of 2024 - the Spring of 2025. Cost of \$5,000 plus any mentor-teacher stipend dictating by district policy, and transportation costs to and from the departure airport (e.g. school bus).

14. Other Agenda Items

A. Annual Budget Vote and Election

PEEKSKILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER  
PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Election and Budget Vote by County of Westchester, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at and in the election districts established by the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District, in the Peekskill High School, between the hours of 7:00AM and 9:00PM, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items: for the purpose of (1) voting upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the school year 2024 - 2025, (2) electing two members of the Board of Education, each for three-year terms. Upon taking the oath of office at the Annual Reorganization meeting, the terms will run through June 30, 2027, (3) voting upon such propositions as may be properly placed upon the ballot.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Education has prepared a detailed statement of the amount of money which will be required for the year 2024 - 2025 for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount of each, and that copies of this statement may be obtained at a cost, by a qualified voter of the District at the office of the District Clerk, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York and at each other school building in the district beginning May 7, 2024, except Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. D.S.T. Copies of this statement will be made available for public viewing on the school district's website.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing for the purpose of the discussion of the expenditure of funds, the budgeting thereof and presentation of the budget for the 2024 - 2025 school year will be held at the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York on Tuesday evening, May 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. D.S.T.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that nomination for Board of Education Members shall be made by petition which shall be directed to the Clerk of the Board of Education and shall be signed by at least 100 qualified electors of the District. Effective March 20, 2024, petition blanks may be secured online at [www.peakskillschools.org](http://www.peakskillschools.org), email Carmery Mendez-Battle, [cmendezbattle@peakskillschools.org](mailto:cmendezbattle@peakskillschools.org), or at the Board of Education Office, 1031 Elm Street, between the hours of 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated. The petition shall state the name and residence of the candidate and the signer and shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 2608 of the Education Law. Each petition shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Education on or before the twentieth day preceding the day of the Annual School District Election. The last date for filing said petition is: 5:00 p.m., May 1, 2024.

The voting will be by ballot on voting machines as provided by the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. until 9:00 o'clock p.m. (D.S.T.) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

Pursuant to Section 2604 of the Education Law, the Board of Education adopted a resolution on March 1, 1955, dividing the Peekskill City School District into six school election districts. An accurate description of the boundaries of each district is on file at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Education at the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street, and may be inspected during office hours. Voters in each election district should vote at the polling place therein as follows:

PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL

ELECTION DISTRICT A (City Districts 1 & 2)

ELECTION DISTRICT B (City Districts 3, 4, 14, 15 & 21)

ELECTION DISTRICT C (City Districts 5, 6, 17, 18 & 23)

ELECTION DISTRICT D (City Districts 7, 8, 16, 19 & 22)

ELECTION DISTRICT E (City Districts 9, 10 & 11)

ELECTION DISTRICT F (City Districts 12 & 13)

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to §2606 of the Education law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to §2016 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting

within the last four (4) calendar years, he/she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. For the preparation of such a register of the qualified voters, the Board of Registration of said school district will meet at the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York, on May 1, 2024, from 1:00 o'clock p.m. to 5:00 o'clock p.m. (D.S.T.) to add to the registers the names of the qualified voters of the school district who shall present themselves personally for registration.

A person shall be entitled to register and vote in said Annual School District Election who is:

(A) A citizen of the United States

(B) At least 18 years of age

(C) A resident of the State and of the City School District of Peekskill for thirty days next preceding the election.

Any person who has not currently registered under permanent personal registration on or before this date and has not voted at a school district election this school year, must, in order to be entitled to vote in the upcoming annual school district election, present himself/herself personally for registration at the time and place stated above, or must make arrangements directly with the Board of Elections in White Plains, either by personally presenting himself/herself, or by mail, to permanently register himself/herself with the Board of Elections in White Plains within such time frame as will allow his/her name to appear on the Board of Elections Registration List for verification on or before Election Day, Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

If a qualified voter is a resident of a school district and his name appears on a register as a resident of another district, a written sworn statement may be filed by such voter with the clerk of the district showing his correct residence and the name of such voter shall thereupon be stricken from such register and placed upon the proper register.

The register so prepared pursuant to §2606 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District at 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on May 3, 2024, between the hours of 9:00AM and 5:00PM, prevailing time, on weekdays and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday. Saturday will be by appointment only.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Education provides for early mail ballots and absentee ballots for the election of Members of the Board of Education, the adoption of the annual budget, and referenda. Applications for early mail ballots and absentee ballots are available in the office of the District Clerk, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on business days. An application for an early mail ballot or absentee ballot must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days

before the Annual Election. Completed applications must be received by the District clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely application for an early mail ballot or mailed absentee ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address designated on the application by no later than six (6) days before the Annual Election. Early mail ballot or absentee ballots must be received by the District clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 21, 2024.

A list of persons to whom early mail ballots and absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 3, 2024, between the hours of 9:00AM and 5:00PM, on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. A challenge to an early mail voter may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military voter registration applications, military ballot applications, and military ballots in school district votes. An application to register as a military voter and an application for a military ballot may be requested from the District Clerk, secured online at [www.peakskillschools.org](http://www.peakskillschools.org), email Carmery Mendez-Battle, [cmendezbattle@peakskillschools.org](mailto:cmendezbattle@peakskillschools.org), or at the Board of Education Office, 1031 Elm Street, between the hours of 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The signed military voter registration application must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 pm on May 6, 2024. The signed military ballot application must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5 p.m. on May 6, 2024. A military voter may elect to receive his/her military voter registration application, military ballot application and military ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original, military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be not later than the day before the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the



Board of Education in accordance with §2035 and §2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Administration Building, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY, on or before April 22, 2024, at 4:00 PM prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 100 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the power of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditures of monies is required by the proposition.  
By order of the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District.

Dated: March 19, 2024

Carmery Mendez-Battle  
District Clerk

1. The persons listed on the attached, who are qualified voters of the School District, are hereby appointed to act at such annual meeting as Inspectors of Election and Board of Registration as indicated. ([Att. #1](#))
2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to give written notice of Registration.
3. The Clerk of the District is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for voting machines, to have the necessary ballot labels printed, and to make such other arrangements for the Annual Election and Budget Vote as are necessary and appropriate.
4. The Clerk of the District is further authorized to appoint qualified voters to fill any vacancies caused by the inability, refusal or failure of any person to serve at the annual election.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE LA CIUDAD DE PEEKSKILL  
CONDADO DE WESTCHESTER  
PEEKSKILL, NUEVA YORK

AVISO por la presente que la Elección Anual y la Votación del Presupuesto por el Condado de Westchester, Nueva York, se llevarán a cabo el martes, 21 de mayo del 2024 en los distritos electorales establecidos por la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Peekskill, en la Escuela Secundaria (Peekskill High School) entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 9:00 p.m., hora predominante, momento en el cual las urnas se abrirán para votar mediante una máquina de votación sobre los siguientes artículos: con el propósito de (1) votar sobre la apropiación de los fondos necesarios para cubrir los gastos estimados para fines escolares para el año escolar 2024 - 2025, (2) elegir a

dos miembros de la Junta de Educación, cada uno por un período de tres años. Al tomar el juramento del cargo en la reunión de Reorganiza, 10 y 11) DISTRITO DE ELECCIONES F (Distritos de la ciudad 12 y 13)

AVISO ADEMÁS que se requiere el registro personal de los votantes, ya sea en conformidad con la Sección §2016 de la Ley de Educación o el Artículo 5 de la Ley de Elecciones. Si un votante se ha registrado hasta ahora en conformidad con la Sección §2016 de la Ley de Educación y ha votado en una reunión anual o especial del distrito dentro de los últimos cuatro (4) años, es elegible para votar en esta elección; Si un votante está registrado y es elegible para votar conforme con el Artículo 5 de la Ley de Elecciones, él / ella también es elegible para votar en esta elección. Todas las demás personas que deseen votar deben registrarse. Para la preparación de dicho registro de los votantes calificados, la Junta de Registro de dicho distrito escolar se reunirá en el Centro de Administración, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, Nueva York, el 1 de mayo del 2024, desde las 1:00 de la tarde hasta las 5:00 p.m. (D.S.T.) para agregar a los registros los nombres de los votantes calificados del distrito escolar que se presentarán personalmente para el registro.

Una persona tendrá derecho a registrarse y votar en dicha Elección Anual del Distrito Escolar si es:

(A) Un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos

(B) Tiene al menos 18 años de edad.

(C) Un residente del Estado y del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Peekskill por treinta días antes de la elección.

Cualquier persona que no se haya registrado actualmente bajo el registro personal permanente en esta fecha o antes y no haya votado en una elección del distrito escolar este año escolar, debe, para tener derecho a votar en la próxima elección anual del distrito escolar, presentarse personalmente para inscribirse en el momento y el lugar mencionados anteriormente, o debe hacer los arreglos directamente con la Junta de Elecciones en White Plains, ya sea presentándose personalmente, o por correo, para registrarse de forma permanente en la Junta de Elecciones de White Plains dentro del período de tiempo que permita que su nombre aparezca en la Lista de Registro de la Junta de Elecciones para su verificación en o antes del Día de las Elecciones, martes 21 de mayo del 2024.

Si un votante calificado es residente de un distrito escolar y su nombre aparece en un registro como residente de otro distrito, tal votante puede presentar una declaración jurada por escrito ante la secretaria del distrito que muestre su residencia correcta y el nombre de dicha persona. El votante se borrará de dicho registro y se colocará en el registro adecuado.

El registro así preparado en conformidad con la Sección §2606 de la Ley de Educación se archivará en la Oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito Escolar en el 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY, y estará abierto para inspección por cualquier

votante calificado del Distrito a partir del 3 de mayo del 2024, entre las 9:00 AM y las 5:00 PM, horario vigente, en días laborables, y cada día anterior al día establecido para la elección, excepto el domingo. El sábado será solo con cita previa.

TENGA EN CUENTA que la Junta de Educación proporciona boletas por correo anticipado y boletas de voto ausente para la elección de los miembros de la Junta de Educación, la adopción del presupuesto anual y los referendos. Las solicitudes para boletas por correo anticipado y boletas ausentes están disponibles en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill entre las horas de 9:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. en días hábiles. Una solicitud para una boleta por correo anticipado o boleta en ausencia debe ser recibida por el Secretario de Distrito no antes de treinta (30) días antes de la Elección Anual. Las solicitudes completadas deben ser recibidas por la secretaria del Distrito al menos siete (7) días antes de la elección si la boleta se envía por correo al votante, o el día anterior a la elección, si la boleta se entrega personalmente al votante o su agente designado. Después de recibir una solicitud oportuna para una boleta por correo anticipado o boleta por correo en ausencia, el Secretario de Distrito enviará la boleta por correo a la dirección designada en la solicitud a más tardar seis (6) días antes de la Elección Anual. La boleta por correo anticipado o boletas ausentes deben ser recibidas por el secretario del distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 PM, hora prevaleciente, el 21 de mayo de 2024.

Una lista de las personas a las que se emiten boletas anticipadas por correo y boletas de voto en ausencia estará disponible para su inspección para los votantes calificados del Distrito en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito a partir del 3 de mayo de 2024, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m., los días laborables anteriores al día establecido para la elección anual. Cualquier votante calificado presente en el lugar de votación puede oponerse a la votación de la boleta al presentar una base apropiada a su objeción y las razones, por lo tanto, conocidas por el Inspector de Elecciones antes del cierre de las urnas. Un desafío a un votante por correo anticipado no se puede hacer sobre la base de que el votante debería haber solicitado una boleta de voto ausente.

La Ley de Educación también establece disposiciones especiales para la votación en ausencia de los votantes "militares". Específicamente, la ley proporciona un procedimiento único para la registración de los votantes "militares en cuanto a las solicitudes de registro, solicitudes de voto ausente y boletas de voto ausente" en los votos del distrito escolar. Se puede solicitar una solicitud para registrarse como votante militar y una solicitud para una boleta militar al secretario del distrito, se puede obtener en línea en [www.peakskillschools.org](http://www.peakskillschools.org), envíe un correo electrónico a Carmery Mendez-Battle, [cmendezbattle@peakskillschools.org](mailto:cmendezbattle@peakskillschools.org), o en la Junta de Educación Oficina, 1031 Elm Street, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 5:00 p. m.. La secretaria de distrito debe recibir la solicitud de registro de votante militar firmada a más

tardar a las 5:00 pm del 6 de mayo de 2024. Se debe recibir la solicitud de boleta electoral militar firmada; sin embargo, la secretaria del distrito debe recibir la solicitud de registro original firmada a más tardar a las 5 p.m. el 6 de mayo de 2024. Considerando que, las solicitudes de boleta de voto ausente y las boletas de voto ausente deben ser recibidas por el votante por correo, un votante militar puede optar por recibir su solicitud de registro de votante militar, solicitud de boleta de voto ausente militar y boleta de voto ausente militar por correo, correo electrónico o facsímil. Sin embargo, el votante militar debe devolver su solicitud de boleta militar original y su boleta militar por correo o en persona. o por su agente designado. La Secretaria de la Junta transmitirá la boleta electoral militar del votante militar de acuerdo con el método de transmisión preferido por el votante militar. No se registrará ninguna boleta militar a menos que (1) se reciba en la oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito antes del cierre de las urnas el día de las elecciones y muestre una marca de cancelación del servicio postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o que muestre un endoso fechado de recibo por otra agencia del gobierno de los Estados Unidos; o (2) recibido por la oficina de la secretaria del distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. el día de la elección y firmada y fechada por el votante militar y un testigo del mismo, con una fecha que se asocia como no posterior al día anterior a la elección. Y ADEMÁS SE OTORGA AVISO que en conformidad con una norma adoptada por la Junta de Educación en conformidad con las Secciones §2035 y §2008 de la Ley de Educación, cualquier referéndum o propuesta para enmendar el presupuesto, o de otra manera, para ser presentada para votación en dicha elección, debe presentarse ante la Junta de Educación en el Edificio de Administración, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY, el 22 de abril del 2024 o antes a las 4:00 p.m. hora local; debe ser por escrito o impreso en el idioma inglés; debe ser dirigido a la Secretaria del Distrito Escolar; debe estar firmado por al menos 100 votantes calificados del Distrito; y debe indicar el nombre y la residencia de cada firmante. Sin embargo, la Junta Escolar no aceptará ninguna petición para colocar ante el poder de los votantes para determinar, o cualquier proposición que no incluya una asignación específica donde los gastos de dinero son requeridos por la proposición. Por orden de la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Peekskill.

Fecha: 19 de marzo del 2024

Carmery Mendez-Battle  
Secretaria del Distrito

1. Las personas que figuran en el anexo, que son votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar, son nombradas para actuar en dicha reunión anual como Inspectores de Elecciones y Junta de Inscripción según se indica. (Att. # 1)

2. Se autoriza a la Secretaria del Distrito Escolar a dar aviso de Inscripción por escrito.
3. Por la presente se autoriza y se ordena a la Secretaria del Distrito que haga arreglos para las máquinas de votación, que tenga impresas las etiquetas de boleta necesarias y que haga los arreglos necesarios para la Elección Anual y la Votación del Presupuesto según sea necesario y apropiado.
4. La Secretaria del Distrito está además autorizada para nombrar votantes calificados para llenar cualquier puesto vacante causado por la incapacidad, rechazo o falla de cualquier persona para servir en la elección anual.
5. La presente resolución entrará en efecto inmediatamente.

B. SEQRA Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District desires to embark upon renovations to existing kitchens at Oakside Elementary School and Woodside Elementary School (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, said Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in existing structure or facility is classified as a Type II Action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1));

WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 is classified as a Type II Action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2));

WHEREAS, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings but not changes in use related to such closings are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(10));

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the above-referenced capital improvement Project and has determined that said Project is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Sections 617.5(c)(1), (2) and (10) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that the

above-referenced capital improvement Project is a Type II action which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed Projects from the New York State Education Department.

C. Resolution to Spend Cafeteria Funds for the Woodside and Oakside Kitchen Remodels

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District's (the "School District") School Lunch Fund currently has an excess balance of One Million Five Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$1,582,630.00);

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the excess monies in the School Lunch Fund would be better utilized by the School District to purchase new kitchen equipment and to perform alterations to the cafeterias and serving areas at the School District's Oakside and Woodside Elementary Schools;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the expenditure of excess School Lunch Fund monies to purchase new kitchen equipment and to perform alterations to the School District' cafeterias and serving areas.

D. Resolution to Authorize a Proposition to Establish a Capital Reserve Fund Known as the "2024 Capital Reserve"

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District hereby authorizes the following proposition to be placed on the ballot of the May 21, 2024 annual vote:

SHALL the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law section 3651, be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund known as the "2024 Capital Reserve" for the purpose of performing the following Districtwide capital improvements: HVAC system and mechanical replacements, upgrades, reconstruction and renovations, including replacement of the HVAC equipment and dehumidifier at the Middle School pool; reconstruction and renovation to District athletic fields, including field and track resurfacing at the High School; sitework and drainage; roof resurfacing, renovations and replacements; removal and replacement of fuel storage tanks; installation of backflow preventers; plumbing upgrades; upgrades to auditorium lighting and sound systems; renovations and upgrades to bathroom facilities; and, hazardous material abatement, including lead and asbestos abatement all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental cost related thereto.

The maximum amount of the aforesaid Capital Reserve Fund shall be \$15,000,000, plus investment income. The probable term is to be ten (10) years; the funds are to be transferred from surplus monies in unassigned fund

balance including a sum not to exceed \$7,500,000 from the 2023-2024 budget and thereafter in an annual amount of not more than \$1,500,000 for each remaining year of the probable term. Upon the establishment and funding of said reserve, the Superintendent of Schools or his designee shall be directed to deposit monies of this reserve fund in a separate bank account to be known as the "2024 Capital Reserve Fund."

- E. Side Letter of Agreement - Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) (Concerning 2024/2025 Teaching Year)

That the Board of Education approve the Side Letter of Agreement with Peekskill Faculty Association concerning the 2024/2025 teaching year.

- F. Side Letter of Agreement - Peekskill Teacher Aides Association (PTAO) (Concerning 2024/2025 Teaching Year)

That the Board of Education approve the Side Letter of Agreement with Peekskill Teacher Aides Association concerning the 2024/2025 teaching year.

- G. Side Letter of Agreement - Peekskill School Security Aides Association (PSSAA) (Concerning 2024/2025 Teaching Year)

That the Board of Education approve the Side Letter of Agreement with Peekskill School Security Aides Association concerning the 2024/2025 teaching year.

- H. [2024/2025 Instructional Calendar and Holiday List](#)

That the Board of Education approve the 2024/2025 Instructional Calendar and Holiday List.

15. Approving Consent Agenda

- A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 11.A.; 13.A - 14.H.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

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

- A. Vice President Jenkins, Jr. commented he is excited to run again for the Board of Education.

18. Executive Session – 8:40 p.m.

- A. Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Michael Simpkins  
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Branwen MacDonald  
Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

Second: Jillian Villon  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Adjourn Executive Session – 9:40 p.m.  
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Branwen MacDonald  
Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Jillian Villon  
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Branwen MacDonald  
Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

Second: Eric Reveda  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Carmery Mendz-Battle  
District Clerk

Minutes taken by Debra McLeod  
Deputy District Clerk