

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Board of Education

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

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
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 6:10 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Pamela Hallman Johnson, and Michael Simpkins (7:35 p.m.) arrived late. Samuel North 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: Elementary, School Guidance Counselor and Reading Leave Replacements, Permanent Substitute Teachers; Leave Replacement; Teaching Assistant; Elementary STEAM Teacher; Stipend Position and School Monitor. 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

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Second: Eric Rekeda

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:10 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:12 p.m.
4. Report of President/Superintendent
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 - **Peekskill Pride**
5. Hearing of Citizens
 - A. Public Participation at Board Meetings
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Policy Readings
9. Accepting of Minutes
 - A. Business Meeting/Work Session October 11, 2022
 - B. Business Meeting October 18, 2022
 - C. Business Meeting/Work Session November 1, 2022
 - D. Special BOE Meeting November 8, 2022
 - E. Approval of Minutes
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:
Business Meeting/Work Session October 11, 2022
Business Meeting October 18, 2022
Business Meeting/Work Session November 1, 2022
Special BOE Meeting November 8, 2022

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

President MacDonald asked for a motion to accept Carolyn Rodgers, as Elementary Assistant Principal's resignation, to the personnel agenda.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Eric Rekeda

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

No: _____ Abstained:_____

10. 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:

1. Name: Marcus Depompeis
Position: Teaching Assistant
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: November 6, 2022 (Last day worked 11/3/2022)

2. Name: Carolyn Rodgers
Position: Elementary Assistant Principal
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: November 22, 2022 (Last day worked 11/22/2022)

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: Hannah Tiso
Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Effective Start Date: November 16, 2022
Effective End Date: February 27, 2023

- Salary: \$244 per day as worked, without benefits
2. Name: Sharon Courtney
 Position: Mentor
 Mentee: Gabriel Cosme
 Effective Dates: November 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
 Stipend: \$1,559 (Grant Funded) (Prorated)

 3. Name: David St James
 Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
 Certification: N/A - BA
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Start Date: November 9, 2022
 Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
 Salary: \$120 per day as worked, eligible for benefits

 4. Name: Catherine Lively
 Position: School Guidance Counselor Leave Replacement
 Certification: School Counselor, Initial
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Start Date: November 17, 2022
 Effective End Date: January 9, 2023
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits

 5. Name: Jerry Zehr
 Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
 Certification: Physical Education, Permanent
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Start Date: December 6, 2022
 Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
 Salary: \$155 per day as worked, eligible for benefits

 6. Name: Nyrie Holliman **
 Position: Teaching Assistant
 Certification: Teaching Assistant, Level I
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
 Probationary Start Date: November 9, 2022
 Probationary End Date: November 8, 2026
 Length of Probation: Four (4) Years
 Salary: \$33,340 (Prorated)

 7. Name: Christine Arce
 Position: Elementary STEAM Teacher

Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional
 Location: Oakside Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: December 20, 2022
 Effective End Date: June 30, 2023
 Salary: \$90,419 (MA, Step 9) (Prorated)

8. Name: Doumina Stewart
 Position: Reading Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: Literacy (Birth-Grade 6), Initial
 Location: Woodside Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: November 21, 2022
 Effective End Date: January 9, 2023
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
9.	Lisa Warren	Woodside After School Program Monitor	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	\$15.00/Hour
10.	Samantha Curras	Woodside After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
11.	Jaclyn Echeverria	Woodside After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
12.	Kelsey Sullivan	Woodside After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
13.	Karen Enea	Woodside After School Program Teaching Assistant	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
14.	Flor Ruiz	Woodside After School Program Teaching Assistant	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

15.	Maryam Castro Kalantari	Woodside After School Program Clinician	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
16.	Maria Garcia	Oakside After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
17.	Michelle Anderson	Oakside After School Program Substitute Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
18.	Brittany Doino	Hillcrest After School Program Substitute Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
19.	Sindy Ferreras Molina	Hillcrest After School Program Substitute Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
20.	Reyna Soto	Uriah Hill After School Program Substitute Teacher	November 4, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
21.	Justin Smithson	Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher Aide	November 7, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
22.	Michael Alfano	Elementary After School Substitute Administrator	November 7, 2022 - December 2, 2022	\$140 per day (ARP Grant Fund)
23.	Margrethe Dasig	Saturday Academy Teacher	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
24.	Jennifer Feliz	Saturday Academy Teacher	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty

				Association's (PFA) contract
25.	Kristen Lynch	Saturday Academy Teacher	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
26.	Sarah Peterson	Saturday Academy Teacher	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
27.	Angie Macchia	Saturday Academy Teacher	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
28.	Alison Kaplan	Saturday Academy Teacher	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
29.	Samara Sanchez-Arredondo	Saturday Academy Clinician	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
30.	Yvonne Feliciano	Saturday Academy Clinician	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
31.	Katherine Lucero	Saturday Academy Clinician Substitute	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
32.	Maria Garcia	Saturday Academy Clinician Substitute	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
33.	Leslie Detres	Saturday Academy Clinician Substitute	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty

				Association's (PFA) contract
34.	Heidi Marroquin	Saturday Academy Clinician Substitute	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
35.	Nube Vinansaca Orellana	Saturday Academy Teacher Aide	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAA contract
36.	Jennifer Varella	Saturday Academy Teacher Aide	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAA contract
37.	Imani Simpkins	Saturday Academy Teacher Aide	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAA contract
38.	Terri Edmead	Saturday Academy Teacher Aide Substitute	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAA contract
39.	Mercedes Criollo Sarmiento	Saturday Academy Teacher Aide Substitute	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAA contract
40.	Lisa Travis	Saturday Academy Clerical Staff	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAES contract
41.	Ellen Gerace	Co-Community Schools Saturday Academy Administrator	October 29, 2022 - May 30, 2022	\$6,000 (Community Schools Fund)
42.	Maria Olivier-Flores	Co-Community Schools Saturday Academy Administrator	October 29, 2022 - May 30, 2022	\$6,000 (Community Schools Fund)
43.	Carmen Vargas	Co-Community Schools Saturday Academy Administrator	October 29, 2022 - May 30, 2022	\$6,000 (Community Schools Fund)
44.	Patricia Johnson	Global Girls Alliance Advisor (shared)	November 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$681
45.	D'Andre South	Lifeguard	November 2, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$15.00 per hour

46.	Robert Zurita	PKMS LEAP Extended Day Program Substitute Teacher	November 7, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
47.	Desiree Ferguson	PKMS Empire After School Program Teaching Assistant	November 4, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
48.	Nyrie Holliman	Modified (Girls) Basketball Coach	Winter 2022-2023	\$3,709
49.	Jerry Zehr	Intramurals (Boys) Basketball Coach	Fall 2022	\$1,418
50.	Jerry Zehr	Score Keeper & Time Keeper	November 7, 2022 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
51.	Jenna Burke	NJHS (MS)	2022-2023	\$1,702

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Rachel Sabatini
Position: Global Girls Alliance Advisor (shared)
Effective Dates: 2022-2023
Stipend: \$1,021
Action: Correct stipend amount

2. Name: Shenea Brown
Position: Global Girls Alliance Advisor (shared)
Effective Dates: January 9, 2023 - June 23, 2023
Stipend: \$425
Action: Rescind appointment

3. Name: John Hahn
Position: Sound/AV (HS)
Effective Dates: 2021-2022
Stipend: \$1,676
Action: Correct stipend amount

4. Name: Jaron Reed
Position: Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher Aide

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| Effective Dates: | November 1, 2022 - November 3, 2022 |
| Stipend: | Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO |
| Action: | Correct effective dates |
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5. Name: Gabriel Cosme **
 Position: Social Studies Teacher
 Certification: Social Studies 7-12, Initial
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Tenure Area: Social Studies
 Probationary Start Date: November 1, 2022
 Probationary End Date: October 31, 2026
 Length of Probation: Four (4) Years
 Salary: \$64,530 (BA, Step 7) (Prorated)
 Action: Correct salary amount

 6. Name: Jerry Zehr
 Position: Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: Physical Education, Permanent
 Location: Woodside Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: August 30, 2022
 Effective End Date: December 5, 2022
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
 Action: Correct effective end date

 7. Name: Melanie Wetmore
 Position: Elementary STEAM Teacher
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial
 Location: Woodside Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: October 27, 2022
 Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
 Salary: \$77,945 (MA, Step 5) (Prorated)
 Action: Correct salary amount & effective end date

 8. Name: Nyrie Holliman
 Position: Intramurals Basketball Coach
 Effective Dates: Winter 2022-2023
 Stipend: \$2,550
 Action: Rescind appointment

Classified

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

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:

1. Name: Tina La Belle
Position: School Nurse (RN)
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Action: Non-Paid Leave of Absence
Dates Effective: December 9, 2022

IV. Appointment:

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

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:

1. Name: Aidan Bernal
Request: Field Work Hours (30 hours)
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Assigned to: Jonathan Iasillo
College: SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: January 3, 2023 - January 9, 2023

2. Name: Aidan Bernal
Request: Field Work Hours (30 hours)
Location: Peekskill High School
Assigned to: Raul Ortiz
College: SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: January 10, 2023 - January 17, 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.

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 54 students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

B. Contract - SAIL at Ferncliff Manor

That the Board of Education approve the contract with SAIL at Ferncliff Manor commencing July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Months of August and September 2022

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for months of August and September 2022.

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

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

C. Budget Appropriation Transfers - November 2022

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

D. Extraclassroom Activities - September 2022

That the Board of Education, accept the September 2022 financial statements for the Peekskill High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Accounts.

E. First Amendment Contract - Regina Cellio

That the Board of Education approve the first amendment to the contract with Regina Cellio retroactively to October 11, 2022, Appendix A, Section 3 of the Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows: Not to exceed \$35,000 (\$75.00 hourly).

F. Amended Contract - Inner Being Yoga/Afterschool Program

That the Board of Education approve the amended contract with Inner Being Yoga to provide additional classes to the Middle School and Hillcrest afterschool programs. Original contract dated September 28, 2022 will increase by \$13,600. Not to exceed \$53,000.

G. Agreement - Westchester Community College (WCC)

That the Board of Education approve the agreement with Westchester Community College (WCC). The purpose of this agreement is to create an educational pipeline for students to ensure college is a possibility for everyone. This Agreement will be effective from the date of signing and will have a duration of five years.

H. Contract - The Leadership Program

That the Board of Education approve the contract with the Leadership Program commencing on or about November 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$9,464 and paid thru MBK.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. Reimbursement

That the Board of Education approve the allowance for the District to reimburse the parent for costs related to a medical scooter for the duration authorized in writing by the physician or medical professional.

B. Side Letter Agreement - PFA/Certain Stipend Positions

That the Board of Education approve the Side Letter Agreement with PFA regarding the following new stipend positions and salary:

National Honor Society English Advisor; \$1,676

City Singers Director; \$1,676

C. Field Trip in Excess of 100 Miles - University of Albany

That the Board of Education approve the field trip in excess of 100 miles for 40, 12th grade students at PHS to tour the University of Albany, Albany, NY, on November 21, 2022.

D. Overnight Field Trip - Rochester, NY

That the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip for two (2) PHS students traveling to Rochester, NY to attend a NYSSMA Conference from December 1 - December 4, 2022.

14. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 10.A. - 13.D.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Eric Rekeda
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

Pamela Hallman-Johnson commented the NAACP gala was a wonderful event and Michael Simpkins' band was great. They honored former Board member Maria Pereira.

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: Jillian Villon

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk