

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Board of Education

Mr. Michael Simpkins, President
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., Vice President
Mr. Eric Rekeda
Ms. Amy Vele
Mrs. Jillian Villon
Mrs. Christina Washington

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Cynthia Hawthorne, Assistant Superintendent for Business
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 Simpkins at 6:03 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Allen Jenkins, Jr. (6:08 p.m.) and Amy Vele arrived late. Branwen MacDonald was absent.

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: Physical Education Leave Replacement Teachers; School Nurse Substitute; Bilingual School Psychologist; Certified/Classified Stipend Positions and Partner Agency Workers. 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: Eric Reveda
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon
Christina Washington

No: _____

Abstained:_____

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:07 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Amy Vele
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Eric Reveda
Michael Simpkins
Amy Vele
Jillian Villon
Christina Washington

Second: Christina Washington

No: _____ Abstained:_____

2. Resume Public Meeting – 7:11 p.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium.

4. Report of President/Superintendent

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)
- [21st Century \(LEAP Program\) Update](#) (Maria Olivier-Flores)

5. Hearing of Citizens

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Policy Readings

9. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting October 29, 2024

B. Business Meeting/Work Session November 5, 2024

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting October 29, 2024

Business Meeting/Work Session November 5, 2024

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Amy Vele

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Eric Reveda
Michael Simpkins
Amy Vele
Jillian Villon
Christina Washington

10. Consent Agenda - Personnel

A. 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. 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: Michael Perlett
Position: Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Physical Education, Initial
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: November 25, 2024 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: January 6, 2025 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$72,262 (MA, Step 1)
 2. Name: Michael Rivera
Position: Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Physical Education, Initial
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: November 18, 2024 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$72,262 (MA, Step 1)
 3. Name: Alyssa Anzovino
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Certification: New York State Registered Nurse
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School

Effective Start Date: November 18, 2024 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Salary: \$308 per day, as worked, no benefits

4. Name: Catherine Espinal-Moreta^
 Position: Bilingual School Psychologist
 Certification: School Psychologist, Permanent
 Bilingual Education (Pps/Admin)
 Permanent Extension
 Location: Woodside Elementary School
 Tenure Area: School Psychology
 Effective Start Date: January 2, 2024 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: January 1, 2027 (Anticipated)
 Length of Probation: Three (3) Years
 Salary: \$107,751 (MA 30, Step 9)

#	Employee:	Position / Program:	Effective Date/s:	Stipend:
5.	Torres, Jason	Chaperone	2024 -2025 School Year	\$45.00 per hour
6.	Torres, Jason	Time Keeper	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$45.00 per hour
7.	Torres, Jason	Score Keeper	2024 - 2025 School	\$45.00 per hour
8.	Diano, William	Fitness Attendant	November 11, 2024 - March 11, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$2,802
9.	Sharrock, Robert	Score Keeper	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$45.00 per hour
10.	Sharrock, Robert	Chaperone	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$45.00 per hour
11.	Sharrock, Robert	Time Keeper	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$45.00 per hour
12.	Smith, Allen	Peekskill Middle School - Intramurals Basketball	November 11, 2024 - March 11, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$2,550
13.	Perlett, Michael	Peekskill High School - Winter Track Assistant Coach	November 11, 2024 - March 11, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$5,643
14.	Fernandez, Joshain	Early College Saturday Academy	November 12, 2024 - June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60.00 per hour

15.	Ishoo, Leslie	Early College Saturday Academy	November 12, 2024 - June 30, 2025	\$60.00 per hour
16.	Feliciano, Yvonne	Early College Saturday Academy	November 12, 2024 - June 30, 2025	\$60.00 per hour
17.	Garofalo, Jimena	Early College Saturday Academy	November 12, 2024 - June 30, 2025	\$60.00 per hour
18.	Fuego, Lidia	Early College Saturday Academy	November 12, 2024 - June 30, 2025	\$60.00 per hour
19.	Mattiace, Miranda	Peekskill Middle School - Yearbook Advisor	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$4,538
20.	Telesco, Jennifer	Peekskill High School Framework Coach	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$2,000
21.	Lopez, Nina	Woodside Elementary School After School Math PLC	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$47.00 per hour
22.	Montoya, Jessica	Woodside Elementary School After School Math PLC	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$47.00 per hour
23.	Cordova, Gloria	Woodside Elementary School After School Math PLC	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$47.00 per hour
24.	Fidanza, Melissa	Oakside Elementary School After School Math PLC	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$47.00 per hour
25.	Rossano, Laura	Oakside Elementary School After School Math PLC	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$47.00 per hour
26.	Peralta, Ashley	Hillcrest Elementary School After School Math PLC	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$47.00 per hour
27.	Owens, Lindsay	Hillcrest Elementary School After School Math PLC	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$47.00 per hour

28.	Ferraras Molina, Airy	Hillcrest Elementary School After School Math PLC	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$47.00 per hour
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#	Mentor Teacher:	Mentee Teacher:	School Year:	Stipend:
1.	Norah Carney	Rebecca Quigley	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$1,559

VI. Correction:

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

1. Name: Kristy Zupa
Position: PBIS Leader
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Dates: 2024 - 2025 School Year
Action: Correcting stipend amount
Stipend: \$2,000
2. Name: Michelle Cruz
Position: PBIS Leader
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Dates: 2024 - 2025 School Year
Action: Correcting stipend amount
Stipend: \$2,000
3. Name: Kiara Turner -
Position: Varsity Cheerleading Coach
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Dates: November 11, 2024 - March 11, 2024
Action: Rescinding offer
Salary: \$4,964

Classified:

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name: Digna Fernandez -
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Action: Resignation from Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: December 7, 2024 (Anticipated)

Last Day Worked: December 6, 2024 (Anticipated)

2. Name: Nicholas Bleakley
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Action: Resignation from Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: October 10, 2024
Last Date Worked: October 8, 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: Anny Aracena Alvarez -
Position: Classroom/Lunch Teacher Aide
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Action: Non Paid Leave of Absence
Effective Date/s: November 13, 2024 - November 19, 2024
(Anticipated)

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.	Chandler, Kyron	Peekskill High School - Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach (Girls)	November 11, 2024 - March 11, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$5,927
2.	Hatch, Nigel	Peekskill Middle School - Modified Baseball Head Coach	March 15, 2025 - June 15, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$1,721 (Split)
3.	Holiday, Michael	Peekskill Middle School - Modified	March 15, 2025 - June 15, 2025	\$1,721 (Split)

		Baseball Head Coach	(Anticipated)	
4.	Scott, Tajah	LEAP Program - Teacher's Aide	2024 - 2025 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aides' Organization (PTAO) Contract
5.	Mendez-Battle, Carmery	Saturday Academy - Clerical Support	November 12, 2024 - June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$38.86 per hour

VI. Correction:

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

1. Name: Laura Varone
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Status: Probationary
Probationary Start Date: September 25, 2024 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: September 24, 2025 (Anticipated)
Action: Correction to salary amount
Salary: \$20,601.36

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.	Nicolas, John	Peekskill High School	Student Assistance Services (SAS)	2024 - 2025 School Year
2.	Rawat, Shreya	Peekskill Middle School	Anja Dance Company	Every Wednesday November 21, 2024 - June 30, 2024 (Anticipated)

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.

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

B. Contract - City of Peekskill

That the Board of Education approve the contract with the City of Peekskill, commencing September 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$42,000.

C. Contracts - Hendrick Hudson Central School District (Extended School Year)

That the Board of Education approve four (4) contracts with Hendrick Hudson Central School District, commencing July 8, 2024 - August 16, 2024 (Extended School Year) to provide special education programs for non-resident students.

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of September 2024

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of September 2024.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of October 2024

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of October 2024.

C. [Budget Appropriation Transfers](#) - October 2024

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of October 2024.

D. Amended Contract - Peekskill Youth Bureau

That the Board of Education approve an amended contract with Peekskill Youth Bureau (originally dated August 28, 2024), commencing September 30, 2024 - May 25, 2025. The class changed from Rising Tide Boat Building Class at Peekskill Middle School to Leaders of Influence. Not to exceed \$7,200 (\$200 per week x 26 weeks + \$2,000 for Supplies).

E. Contract - Ajna Dance Company (PKMS & Oakside)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Ajna Dance Company (PKMS & Oakside), commencing on or about November 19, 2024 - May 1, 2025. Not to exceed \$18,000 (\$500 per day X 18 days PKMS/\$500 per day X 18 days Oakside).

F. Contract - PACE University

That the Board of Education approve the contract with PACE University, commencing November 19, 2024 - August 31, 2025. Vouchers shall be granted to the Mentor Teacher, or designated school personnel, but can be transferred to the District designee or use by another District teacher.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. Overnight Feld Trip - Disney Epcot/Orlando, Florida

That the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip for 30 PHS students in the Multicultural Club to Disney Epcot in Orlando, Florida, March 12 - 15, 2025.

14. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Second: Christina Washington

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Christina Washington

15. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

President Simpkins wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to be safe.

16. Executive Session

17. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Eric Reveda

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Christina Washington

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Carmery Mendez-Battle
District Clerk

Minutes taken by Debra McLeod
Deputy District Clerk