

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Board of Education

Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, President

Mr. Eric Rekeda

Ms. Amy Vele

Mrs. Jillian Villon

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent

Ms. Cynthia Hawthorne, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services

Mr. Eudes Budhai Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education

Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education

Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President MacDonald. at 6:07 p.m. in room 222 at Peekskill High School

A. Recording of Attendance

Pamela Hallman-Johnson, Vice President Jenkins, Jr., and Michael Simpkins 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: Substitute Teacher (Per Diem); K-12 District Music Teacher Department Leader; Speech & Language Teacher; Stipend Positions; Security Aide Substitute; Student Teaching and Partner Agency Worker. The Board will (or may) take action after the executive session. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00 p.m.)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Jillian Villon

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Second: Amy Vele

No: _____

Abstained:_____

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:27 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Eric Rekeda

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Second: Amy Vele

No: _____

Abstained:_____

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:32 p.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance

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

A. First Reading – Policy #1230 Public Comment at Board Meeting

B. First Reading – Policy #2310 Regular Meetings

C. First Reading – Policy #2325 Videoconferencing of Board Meetings

D. First Reading – Policy #2340 Notice of Board Meetings

E. First Reading – Policy #2360 Minutes

F. First Reading – Policy #5605 Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration

G. First Reading – Policy #6710 Purchasing Authority

H. First Reading – Policy #8210.1 Use of Surveillance Cameras on School Property

9. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting October 17, 2023

B. Business Meeting Work Session November 7, 2023

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting October 17, 2023

Business Meeting/Work Session November 7, 2023

Motion: Jillian Villon

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Second: Amy Vele

No: _____

Abstained:_____

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:

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|-------------------|---|
| 1. Name: | Eris Morillo |
| Position: | School Psychologist |
| Location: | Woodside Elementary School |
| Action: | Resignation from the Peekskill City School District |
| Date Effective: | December 17, 2023 |
| Last Date Worked: | December 17, 2023 |

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:

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Name: | Doris Moljo |
| Position: | Substitute Teacher (Per Diem) |
| Certification: | Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 Permanent Certificate |
| Effective Dates: | November 22, 2023-June 30, 2024 |
| Salary: | \$120/day, as worked, without benefits. |
| 2. Name: | Mel Bolden |
| Position: | K-12 District Music Teacher Department Leader |
| Effective Dates: | 2023-2024 School Year |
| Stipend: | \$2,000 (Grant Funded) |
| 3. Name: | Yahaira Gonzalez |
| Position: | Speech & Language Teacher |
| Certification: | Speech and Hearing Handicapped, Permanent Certificate; Bilingual Education Extension, Permanent Extension |
| Tenure Area: | Speech |
| Probationary Start Date: | December 11, 2023 |
| Probationary End Date: | December 10, 2027 |
| Length of Probation: | Four (4) Years |
| Salary: | \$105,361 (MA- Step 13) |

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
4.	Kiara Turner	Peekskill Hillcrest/Oakside Elementary School LEAP / ARP Afterschool Program Teacher	November 8, 2023-March 28, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (LEAP Grant Funded).
5.	Margaret McKay	Peekskill Middle School Framework Coach	2023-2024 School Year	\$2,000 (Grant Funded)
6.	Benjamin Bloom	Peekskill Middle School Framework Coach	2023-2024 School Year	\$2,000 (Grant Funded)
7.	Leslie Detres	Peekskill Middle School LEAP/ARP Afterschool Program School Clinician	November 14, 2023-March 28, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (LEAP Grant Funded).
8.	Margaret McKay	Peekskill Middle School LEAP/ARP Afterschool Program Teacher Leader	November 16, 2023-March 28, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract (LEAP Grant Funded).
9.	Shanae Brown	Girl Empowerment Movement and Sisterhood Act (GEMS) Advisor	2023-2024 School Year	\$1,728.00
10.	Tania Winthal	Girl Empowerment Movement and Sisterhood Act (GEMS) Advisor	2023-2024 School Year	\$1,728.00
11.	Julia Shillingford	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA)

				Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
12.	Nicole Carbelim	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
13.	Tiffany Balseca	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
14.	Laura Pena	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
15.	Tara King	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)

16.	Rachele Rice	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
17.	Ashley Peralta	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
18.	Nhuvia D'Alfonso	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
19.	Jennifer Badurski	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
20.	Anny Willis	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty

				Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
21.	Emily Esposito	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
22.	Tara King	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
23.	Brittany Doino	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
24.	Airy Ferreras Molina	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)

25.	Gloria Salumn	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)
26.	Jane Nassisi	Hillcrest Curriculum Night Teacher	November 20, 2023	Not to exceed 6 hours. Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (School Improvement Grant (SIG) Grant Funded)

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Heather Ausiello
Position: Basketball Intramurals Coach
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Dates: Fall 2023-2024
Salary: \$2,550
Action: Correct stipend

2. Name: Jenna Wecht
Position: Elementary Teacher Leave Replacement
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial
Effective Start Date: November 13, 2023
Effective End Date: February 4, 2024 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits.
Action: Correct Salary

3. Name: Sally Scott
Position: School Monitor
Program: Hillcrest Elementary School LEAP/ARP After School Program
Effective Dates: October 2, 2023 - March 28, 2024

Stipend:

Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aides' Organization (PTAO) contract (LEAP Grant Funded)

Action:

Change position title

Classified:

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name:

Tiffany Grant

Position:

School Monitor (Lunch)

Location:

Peekskill Middle School

Action:

Resignation from the Peekskill City School District

Date Effective:

November 17, 2023

Last Date Worked:

November 16, 2023

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:

1. Name:

Carlos Marrero

Position:

Security Aide Substitute (Per Diem)

Status:

Part-Time Availability (PTA)

Dates Effective:

November 22, 2023-June 30, 2024

Salary:

\$16.00/hour, as worked, without benefits.

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: Alyssa Eustace
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to: Brittan Doino
College: SUNY New Paltz
Effective Dates: January 22, 2024 - March 15, 2024
2. Name: Angelica Ostacky
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Peekskill High School
Assigned to: Breigh Garulli
College: SUNY New Paltz
Effective Dates: January 22, 2024 - March 15, 2024

	Name of Partner Agency Worker:	Location	Organization/ Program	Effective Dates
1.	Jesusa Berrios	Oakside	Westchester Jewish Community Center	2023-2024

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

B. Non - Unit Wage and Benefit Agreements 2023/2024

That the Board of Education approve the Non-Unit Wage and Benefit Agreements for the following:

Priscilla Krawcyk: Personnel Assistant - \$81,151

O'Brien, Jaruan: Staff Assistant Finance and Administration - \$91,800

Nicholas Recippio: Secretary to the Chief School Officer - \$75,346

Jennifer Sampson: Assistant Supervisor of Transportation - \$88,434

John Scivolletto: Athletic Trainer - \$65,150

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

B. Contract - Greater New York Home Care LLC dba Greater New York Nursing Services

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Greater New York Home Care LLC dba Greater New York Nursing Services, commencing September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$100,000 (\$70 per hour RN/LPN).

C. Contract - Lakeland Central School District

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Lakeland Central School District to provide a special education program for non-resident students. Commencing July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

D. Contract - New York Institute for Special Education

That the Board of Education approve the contract with New York Institute for Special Education to provide a special education program for non-resident students, commencing July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of October 2023

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of October 2023.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of October 2023

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of October 2023.

C. Budget Appropriation Transfers - November 2023

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of November 2023.

D. Extraclassroom Activities - September 2023

That the Board of Education, accept the September 2023 financial statements for the Peekskill High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Accounts.

E. Contract - Frank Goderre

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Frank Goderre, commencing on or about November 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$3,000.

F. Contract - Hudson Valley MOCA

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Hudson Valley MOCA, commencing September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$15,000.

G. Contract - Inferno365 Fitness

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Inferno365 Fitness, commencing November 8, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$3,900.

H. Contract - James Santorelli (Chess)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with James Santorelli (Chess), commencing November 27, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$3,750 (\$250 per day/15 sessions).

I. Contract - Susan Doyle

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Susan Doyle, commencing November 22, 2023 - December 20, 2023. Not to exceed \$5,000.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. Field Trip Over 100 Miles - Albany, NY

That the Board of Education approve the field trip over 100 miles for one MBK Fellows student and one MBK Leader chaperone to Albany, NY on December 1, 2023.

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: Amy Vele

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Second: Eric Rekeda

No: _____ Abstained: _____

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

President MacDonald commented she is on different committees and she met with Senator Levenworth. Our legislative representatives are well aware of the mental health issues that are plaguing the Districts.

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: Amy Vele

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Eric Reveda

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Debra McLeod