

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OCTOBER 17, 2023

Board of Education

Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, President  
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., Vice President  
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson  
Mr. Eric Rekeda  
Mr. Michael Simpkins  
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 (Virtual)

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

Michael Simpkins (6:15 p.m.) arrived late.

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: Teaching Assistant; Special Education Leave Replacement Teacher; Permanent Substitute Teacher; Stipend Positions; Security Aides; 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: Eric Rekeda

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson  
Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Jillian Villon

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

Branwen MacDonald  
Eric Reveda  
Amy Vele  
Jillian Villon

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

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson  
Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Branwen MacDonald  
Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Amy Vele  
Jillian Villon

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

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:15 p.m.
  - Pledge of Allegiance
4. Report of President/Superintendent
  - A. Superintendent's Report
    - [Superintendent's Update/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

A. SEQRA - Energy Performance Project

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District desires to embark upon a District-wide Energy Performance Project consisting of the supply and installation of: (1) Lighting Replacement; (2) Energy Management System Upgrades; (3) Ceiling Replacements; (4) Unit Ventilator Replacements; (5) Unit Ventilators with cooling; (6) HVAC Replacements; (7) Building Envelope Improvements; (8) Solar Photovoltaic Installation (rooftop and stand-alone solar photovoltaic array); and (9) Boiler System Upgrades (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Energy Performance Project"); and

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

WHEREAS, "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility", "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.4...", "routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area..." and "installation of solar energy arrays on an existing structure..." are classified as

Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Sections 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1), (2), (10) and (15)); and  
WHEREAS, the SEQRA 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, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the Energy Performance Project and has determined that, based upon recommendation from the School District's Architect of Record, Mosaic Associates, in connection with its review and examination of the Energy Performance Project, that such Energy Performance Project is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Sections 617.5(c)(1), (2), (10) and (15) of the SEQRA 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 of the Peekskill City School District, after a review of the proposed action and the opinion provided by the District's Architect of Record, Mosaic Associates, hereby declares that the District-wide Energy Performance Project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 District-wide Energy Performance Project from the New York State Education Department.

Motion for Agenda Item 7.A.

Motion: Michael Simpkins  
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson  
Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Branwen MacDonald  
Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Amy Vele  
Jillian Villon

Second: Amy Vele  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

B. SEQRA - Proposed 2023 Bond Referendum Projects

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District desires to embark upon the "Proposed 2023 Bond Referendum Projects" and the acquisition of original furnishings equipment, machinery or apparatus related thereto listed in Attachment A hereto; and  
WHEREAS, said "Proposed 2023 Bond Referendum Projects" are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and  
WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of

Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and 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 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2); and 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 SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(10); and 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 the SEQRA; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the "Proposed 2023 Bond Referendum Projects" and has determined that the "Proposed 2023 Bond Referendum Projects" listed in Attachment A are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Sections 617.5(c)(1), (2), and (10) of the SEQRA 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 of the Peekskill City School District, after a review of the proposed action and the opinion provided by the District's Architect of Record, Mosaic Associates, hereby declares that the "Proposed 2023 Bond Referendum Projects" listed in Attachment A are Type II Actions, which require no further review under the SEQRA; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 "Proposed 2023 Bond Referendum Projects" from the New York State Education Department.

Motion for Agenda Item 7.B.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

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

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

C. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 17, 2023, SPECIFYING IN DETAIL THE NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND ALTERATIONS TO DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND/OR THE SITES THEREOF.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Peekskill, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District") hereby determines that in order to continue to provide appropriate facilities and services to meet the enrollment and program requirements of the District, it is necessary and in the public interest to (a) construct improvements and alterations to District buildings and/or the sites thereof, (the "Project"), substantially as described as in the plan prepared by the District with the assistance of Mosaic Associates Architects, which report is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk; including the replacement of roofs; interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration; casework, ceiling, window and flooring replacements; security vestibule addition and grand entrance canopy; asbestos and hazardous material abatement and removal; parking lot, pavement, air conditioning, curbing, exterior building envelope, stairway, retaining wall and restroom improvements; and bleacher replacement and pool infilling, at the estimated cost of \$32,990,000, and (b) construct energy conservation and improvement measures, at the estimated cost of \$12,000,000; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus, and all ancillary and related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith, at the estimated total cost of \$44,990,000.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion for Agenda Item 7.C.

Motion: Eric Rekeda

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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

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

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

D. BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 17, 2023, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND ALTERATIONS TO DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND/OR THE SITES THEREOF; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$32,990,000;

APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$32,990,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Peekskill, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), has adopted the required

resolution of necessity pursuant to Section 2512(3) of the Education Law for the construction of improvements and alterations to District buildings and/or the sites thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District and its inhabitants that the Board of Education authorize the necessary financing for said Project,

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, (by the favorable vote of not less than three-fifths of all the members of said Board of Education) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City School District of the City of Peekskill, in the County of Westchester, New York (herein called "District"), is hereby authorized to construct improvements and alterations to District buildings and/or the sites thereof (the "Project"), substantially as described as in the plan prepared by the District with the assistance of Mosaic Associates Architects, which report is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk; including the replacement of roofs; interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration; casework, ceiling, window and flooring replacements; security vestibule addition and grand entrance canopy; asbestos and hazardous material abatement and removal; parking lot, pavement, air conditioning, curbing, exterior building envelope, stairway, retaining wall and restroom improvements; and bleacher replacement and pool infilling; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus, and all ancillary and related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith. The estimated total cost of the foregoing, including the preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$32,990,000, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$32,990,000 serial bonds of the District to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Serial bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$32,990,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. (a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the purposes for which said serial bonds authorized pursuant to Section 2 of this resolution are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 97 of the Law, is thirty (30) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District,

payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and of Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Education relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. A proposition for the approval or disapproval of this bond resolution shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District at a Special District Meeting to be held on December 12, 2023, and such proposition shall require the approval of a majority of the qualified voters present and voting thereon at said Special District Meeting.

Motion for Agenda Item 7.D.

Motion: Jillian Villon

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

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

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

- E. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 17, 2023, DETERMINING THAT A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID DISTRICT SHALL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2023, DIRECTING THAT TWO PROPOSITIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO SUCH VOTERS AT SAID SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING, AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE NOTICES TO BE PUBLISHED FOR SAID SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the City School District of the City of Peekskill, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), shall be held within the District, on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time).

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. Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education on November 8, 2006, voters in each election district should vote at the 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)

The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by voting machine or paper ballot, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. until 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on said day and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in the "The Journal News" a newspaper having a general circulation in the District. Such publications shall be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publications to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be substantially in the following form:

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING

OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL,  
IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Peekskill, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted on October 17, 2023, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held on



Tuesday, December 12, 2023

from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Peekskill High School, 1072 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York; for the purpose of voting upon the following two Propositions:

PROPOSITION #1

RESOLVED: THAT THE BOND RESOLUTION ENTITLED "Bond Resolution of the City School District of the City of Peekskill, New York, adopted October 17, 2023, authorizing the construction of improvements and alterations to District buildings and/or the sites thereof; stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$32,990,000; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$32,990,000 serial bonds of said District to finance said appropriation" IS HEREBY APPROVED.

PROPOSITION #2

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Peekskill is hereby authorized to construct energy efficiency and conservation improvements to District facilities, as authorized by Article 9 of the Energy Law and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, at an estimated cost of not to exceed \$12,000,000, such amount to be financed, in anticipation of the realization of energy cost savings, pursuant to an energy performance contract, and expected to result in no cost to the District.

Such Propositions shall appear on the ballots to be used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the foregoing forms.

The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines or by paper ballot as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that 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. Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education on November 8, 2006, voters in each election district should vote at the 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).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Registration shall meet from 1:00 o'clock P.M. to 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York, within said School District, for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of the School District for said Special District Meeting, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of

Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting. 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 said Special District Meeting, 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 Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that immediately upon the completion of such register, such register shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District from November 22, 2023, to the day of said Special District Meeting, December 12, 2023, Sundays and holidays excepted, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and on Saturdays by previous appointment only.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education provides for absentee ballots for the referenda. Applications for 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. Please call 914-737-3300x1532 to gain entry into the building. An application for an absentee ballot must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before said Special District Meeting. Completed applications must be received by the District clerk at least seven (7) days before said Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before said Special District Meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely application for a 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 said Special District Meeting. Absentee ballots must be received by the District clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on December 12, 2023.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a list of persons to whom 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 November 27, 2023, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on weekdays prior to the day set for said Special District Meeting. Please call 914-737-3300x1532 to gain entry into the building. 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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that 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 Debra McLeod, [dmcLeod@peakskillschools.org](mailto:dmcLeod@peakskillschools.org), or at the Board of Education Office, 1031 Elm Street, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

Please call 914-737-3300x1532 to gain entry into the building. The signed military voter registration application must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on November 20, 2023. 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 the day set for said Special District Meeting 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 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the day set for said Special District Meeting 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.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: October 17, 2023

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk

Section 4. The District clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a Notice of Registration to be published in "The Journal News" a newspaper having a general circulation within the District. Such publications shall be made once in each of the two (2) weeks preceding November 21, 2023, the date of preparation of the Register.

Section 5. Said Notice of Registration shall be in the following form:

NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF REGISTRATION OF VOTERS  
FOR THE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2023,  
IN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL,  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registration shall meet on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, from 1:00 o'clock P.M. to 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), at the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York, for the purpose of preparing the registers of the qualified voters of the City School District of the City of Peekskill, New York. 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 said Special District Meeting, 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 Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

A person shall be entitled to register and vote in said Special District Meeting 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.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: October 17, 2023

Debra McLeod

District Clerk

Section 6. Immediately upon the completion of such registers, such registers shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District from November 22, 2023, to the day of the election, December 12, 2023, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), Sundays and holidays excepted, and on Saturdays, by previous appointment only.

Section 7. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a Notice of the Filing of the Register to be published in "The Journal News" a newspaper having a general circulation within the District. Such publications shall be made once in each of the two (2) weeks preceding such Special District Meeting.

Section 8. Said Notice of Filing of the Registers shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE REGISTERS FOR

THE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2023,

IN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL,

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Registers prepared as provided in Section 2606 of the Education Law will be completed on November 21, 2023 and thereafter filed in the Office of the District Clerk and notice is hereby given that said Registers will continue to be on file at the Office of the District Clerk, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, New York, and will be open for inspection between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each day from the date hereof up to December 12, 2023, the date of the Special District Meeting, Sundays and holidays excepted, and on Saturdays, by previous appointment only.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: October 17, 2023

Debra McLeod

District Clerk

Section 9. The vote upon the Propositions to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by ballot on voting machines or by paper ballot, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballots printed, in form

corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law Section 10. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion for Agenda Item 7.E.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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

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

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

8. Policy Readings

9. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting September 19, 2023

B. Business Meeting/Work Session October 3, 2023

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting September 19, 2023

Business Meeting/Work Session October 3, 2023

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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

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

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

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:

1. Name:

Joselito Formoso

Position:

School Business Administrator

Action:

Resignation from the Peekskill City School District

Effective:

November 3, 2023 (Last day worked 11/3/2023)

2. Name:

Tara Pile

Position:

Permanent Substitute Teacher

Action:	Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective:	October 5, 2023 (Last day worked 10/5/2023)

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:

1. Name:	Alison Kaplan
Position:	Special Education Teacher
Action:	Non paid leave of absence
Effective:	November 20, 2023 - June 30, 2024

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name:	TinaMarie Del Vino
Position:	Teaching Assistant
Certification:	Teaching Assistant, Level III
Tenure Area:	Teaching Assistant
Effective Start Date:	October 23, 2023
Salary:	\$37,912 (Prorated)
2. Name:	Nicolette Thompson
Position:	Special Education Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification:	Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Emergency COVID-19
Effective Start Date:	November 20, 2023
Effective End Date:	June 26, 2024
Salary:	\$56,719 (BA, Step 2) (Prorated)
3. Name:	Lena Dabsheh
Position:	Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification:	Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 2), Initial
Location:	Hillcrest Elementary School
Effective Start Date:	October 13, 2023
Effective End Date:	June 26, 2024
Salary:	\$155 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty- eight (28) hours per week)

4. Name: D'Andre South  
 Position: Lifeguard  
 Effective Dates: October 16, 2023 - June 30, 2024  
 Salary: \$16 per hour

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
5.	Jennifer Telesco	PHS Framework Coach	2023-2024	\$2,000
6.	Jonathan Barone	PHS Framework Coach	2023-2024	\$2,000
7.	Thomas Malcolm	Seal of Civic Readiness Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000
8.	Ashley MacEwan	PHS PBIS Leader (shared)	2023-2024	\$1,000
9.	Elle Jones	PHS PBIS Leader (shared)	2023-2024	\$1,000
10.	Stephanie Ramirez	PHS PBIS Leader (shared)	2023-2024	\$1,000
11.	Reid Olmstead	PHS PBIS Leader (shared)	2023-2024	\$1,000
12.	Bjorn Bridgewater	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
13.	Gabriel Cosme	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
14.	Michael Diago	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
15.	Charles Fardales	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
16.	Maria Gordineer	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
17.	Vernon Merriweather	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
18.	Rahsaan Potillo	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
19.	Jason Torres	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
20.	Joshian Fernandez	PHS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
21.	Mark Andujar	PHS My Brother's Keeper Grant Teacher Leader	2023-2024	\$4,000

22.	Christian Zambrano	PHS My Brother's Keeper Administrator Grant Coordinator	2023-2024	\$4,000
23.	Justin Maldonado	PKMS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
24.	Brian Donahue	PKMS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
25.	Tashuma Draper	PKMS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
26.	Christina Lobo	PKMS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
27.	Melvin Bolden	PKMS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
28.	Pat Salvatorelli	PKMS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
29.	Amelia Silverman	PKMS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
30.	Sara Sora	PKMS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
31.	Chemay Venero	PKMS My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
32.	Patrick Cumiskey	PKMS My Brother's Keeper Grant Teacher Leader	2023-2024	\$4,000
33.	Maria Stratigeas	Uriah Hill Framework Coach	2023-2024	\$2,000
34.	Melissa Molle	Uriah Hill STEAM Teacher Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000
35.	Melissa Molle	Uriah Hill Mathematics Teacher Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000
36.	Gloria Cordova	Woodside Framework Coach	2023-2024	\$2,000
37.	Mark Saffadi	Woodside PBIS Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000
38.	Katherine Lucero Richard	Oakside PBIS Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000
39.	Tara Platt	Oakside Framework Coach	2023-2024	\$2,000
40.	Marisa Anzovino	Hillcrest Framework Coach	2023-2024	\$2,000
41.	Loredana Marzella	Woodside Science & Social Studies Teacher Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000



42.	Teresa Ferreira	Oakside Science & Social Studies Teacher Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000
43.	Daniel Calabro	Oakside Science & Social Studies Teacher Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000
44.	Caroline Macaluso-Ramos	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
45.	Valeria Valenzuela	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
46.	Shannon Connor	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
47.	Daniel Calabro	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
48.	Joseph Tama	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
49.	Ryan Tirelli	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
50.	Peggy Owens	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Mentor	2023-2024	\$1,500
51.	Tara King	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Grant Teacher Leader	2023-2024	\$4,000
52.	James Gordon	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Administrator Grant Coordinator	2023-2024	\$4,000
53.	Elizabeth Ojeda	Hillcrest Gardening Advisor	2023-2024	\$1,134
54.	Melina Cronin	Woodside Gardening Advisor	2023-2024	\$1,134
55.	Michelle Luongo	Residency Mentor Coordinator	2023-2024	\$2,206
56.	Margrethe Dasig	Saturday Academy Teacher	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
57.	Kristen Lynch	Saturday Academy Teacher	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
58.	Melvin Bolden	Saturday Academy Teacher	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty

				Association's (PFA) contract
59.	Samara Sanchez-Arredondo	Saturday Academy Clinician	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
60.	Fanny Glassberg	Saturday Academy Clinician	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
61.	Leslie Detres	Saturday Academy Clinician	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
62.	Cindy Ocasio-Gary	Saturday Academy Clinician	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
63.	Nube Vinansaca Orellana	Saturday Academy Teacher Aide	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
64.	Erika Velez	Saturday Academy Teacher Aide	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
65.	Lisa Travis	Saturday Academy Clerical	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAES contract
66.	Carmery Mendez-Battle	Saturday Academy Clerical	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAES contract
67.	Yolanda Campos	Saturday Academy Substitute Teacher	October 28, 2023 - May 18, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
68.	Brian Mishk	Hass' Way Substitute Tutor	2023-2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

69.	Nicole Fervan	Middle School After School Program Teacher	October 2, 2023 - March 28, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
70.	Mary Ann Junkins	Middle School After School Program Teacher Aide	October 2, 2023 - March 28, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
71.	Rebecca Dymes	Oakside After School Program Teacher Aide	October 2, 2023 - March 28, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
72.	Adriana Rios	Woodside After School Program Teacher Aide	October 2, 2023 - March 28, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
73.	Shyee Lockett	Woodside After School Program Teaching Assistant	October 2, 2023 - March 28, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
74.	Matthew Garrity	Track (Indoor) Assistant Coach	Winter 2023-2024	\$4,916
75.	Pamela Heitman-Garcia	Athletic Event Chaperone	2023-2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
76.	Karen Siciliano	Athletic Event Chaperone, Score Keeper, Time Keeper	2023-2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAES contract
77.	Allen Smith	Athletic Event Chaperone, Score Keeper, Chain Crew, Time Keeper	2023-2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
78.	Gizeht Benitez	Adult Spanish Class Teacher	October 19, 2023 - May 31, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
79.	Maria Gordineer	PHS Fall Night School Teaching Assistant	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
80.	Jessica Van Galen	PHS Fall Night School Substitute Teacher	October 2, 2023 -	Terms of employment are in accordance with

			January 12, 2024	the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
81.	Maria Park	PHS Fall Night School ENL Teacher	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
82.	Lisa Dorado	PHS Fall Night School Counselor	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
83.	Robert Zurita	Middle School After School Program Substitute Teacher	October 2, 2023 - March 28, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
84.	Sally Scott	Oakside After School Program Teacher Aide	October 18, 2023 - March 28, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
85.	Kristin Pedroso	Hillcrest After School Program Teacher Aide	October 18, 2023 - March 28, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
86.	Sonia Veloz	Seal of Biliteracy Leader (shared)	2023-2024	\$1,000
87.	Daysi Suero	Seal of Biliteracy Leader (shared)	2023-2024	\$1,000
88.	Megan Myones	PHS ENL Teacher Leader	2023-2024	\$4,000
89.	Rebecca Cordova	PKMS World Languages Department Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000
90.	Kristy Zupa	PKMS PBIS Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000
91.	Michelle Cruz	PKMS PBIS Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000
92.	Margaret McKay	PKMS Literacy Leader	2023-2024	\$2,000
93.	Emily DiCuio	PKMS Framework Coach	2023-2024	\$2,000
94.	Allen Smith	Athletic Event Chaperone, Score Keeper, Chain Crew, Time Keeper	2023-2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

95.	Patricia Johnson	Drama (HS) Choreographer	2023-2024	\$1,418
96.	Kiah Mahy	Drama (HS) Director	Fall 2023	\$4,538
97.	Kiah Mahy	Drama (HS) Director	Spring 2024	\$4,538
98.	Laura Belfiore	Drama (HS) Producer	Fall 2023	\$3,403
99.	Laura Belfiore	Drama (HS) Producer	Spring 2024	\$3,403
100.	Melvin Bolden	Drama (HS) Sound/AV	Fall 2023	\$851
101.	Melvin Bolden	Drama (HS) Sound/AV	Spring 2024	\$851
102.	Patricia Johnson	Drama Assistant Director	2023-2024	\$3,353
103.	Shawna Robinson	Freshman Class Advisor (shared)	2023-2024	\$851
104.	Lynn Holliman	Freshman Class Advisor (shared)	2023-2024	\$851
105.	April Kellam	GO Treasurer (HS)	2023-2024	\$5,672
106.	Patricia Johnson	Junior Class Advisor	2023-2024	\$2,836
107.	Tania Winthal	Senior Class Advisor (shared)	2023-2024	\$1,134
108.	Rachel O'Brien	Senior Class Advisor (shared)	2023-2024	\$1,134
109.	Nyrie Holliman	Senior Class Advisor (shared)	2023-2024	\$1,134
110.	Vernon Merriweather	Sophomore Class Advisor (shared)	2023-2024	\$756
111.	Yolanda Guardino	Sophomore Class Advisor (shared)	2023-2024	\$756
112.	Denise Lopez	Sophomore Class Advisor (shared)	2023-2024	\$756
113.	April Kellam	Student Council Advisor (HS)	2023-2024	\$8,224
114.	Zorielle Rodriguez- Alcazar	Yearbook Advisor (HS)	2023-2024	\$5,672
115.	Jaclyn Lennane	Yearbook Business Advisor (HS)	2023-2024	\$6,806

The following employees are recommended to the position of Residency Mentor Teacher

	Mentor Teacher:	Mentee:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
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116.	Molly McCarthy	Alexandra Davila	2023-2024	\$1,559
117.	Scott Tabone	Derek Brumleve	2023-2024	\$1,559
118.	Jessica Van Galen	Ishita Kothari	2023-2024	\$1,559
119.	Sarah Peterson	Diana Marino	2023-2024	\$1,559
120.	Nicole Kossowsky	Melissa Cooper	2023-2024	\$1,559
121.	Anthony DiCuio	Andre Lee	2023-2024	\$1,559
122.	Nicholas Agnello	Ashley MacEwan	2023-2024	\$1,559
123.	Timothy Murphy	Charles Fardales	2023-2024	\$1,559
124.	Breigh Garulli	Jessica Evans	2023-2024	\$1,559
125.	Carolyne Espinoza	Lidia Fuego	2023-2024	\$1,559
126.	Jaclyn Lennane	Sharon Leon	2023-2024	\$1,559
127.	Rahsaan Potillo	Valerie Boscia	2023-2024	\$1,559
128.	Zorielle Rodriguez-Alcazar	Gabriel Cosme	2023-2024	\$1,559
129.	Anthony Scala	Alyssa Bleakley	2023-2024	\$1,559
130.	Frank Cancro	Brian Donahue	2023-2024	\$1,559
131.	Milagros Guzman	Daniel Burke	2023-2024	\$1,559
132.	Amelia Silverman	James Holden	2023-2024	\$1,559
133.	Margaret McKay	Jessica Walton	2023-2024	\$1,559
134.	Jonathan Isillo	Miranda Mattiace	2023-2024	\$1,559
135.	Michelle Cruz	Nicole Lehoczky	2023-2024	\$1,559
136.	Kaitlyn Gonzalez	Sarah Barnett	2023-2024	\$1,559
137.	Pat Salvatorelli	Alexis Conte	2023-2024	\$1,559
138.	Emily DiCuio	Andrea Winston	2023-2024	\$1,559
139.	Ana Aguero	Ashley Martinez	2023-2024	\$1,559
140.	Kristy Zupa	Denise Chavarria	2023-2024	\$1,559
141.	Crystal Garcia	Justin Maldonado	2023-2024	\$1,559
142.	Benjamin Bloom	Kelly Murphy	2023-2024	\$1,559
143.	Tricia Schultz	Patrick Cumiskey	2023-2024	\$1,559 (Eric Reveda abstained)
144.	Rebecca Cordova	Paula Castro	2023-2024	\$1,559
145.	Anthony DiCuio	William Diano	2023-2024	\$1,559

146.	Jaclyn Echevarria	Geri Seder	2023-2024	\$1,559
147.	Yolanda Campos	Yadira Rodriguez	2023-2024	\$1,559
148.	Yolanda Campos	Maria Inoa	2023-2024	\$1,559
149.	Norah Carney	Jennifer Gouker	2023-2024	\$1,559
150.	Jamie Rossi	Melanie Wetmore	2023-2024	\$1,559
151.	Gloria Cordova	Mark Saffadi	2023-2024	\$1,559
152.	Anilda Eliazer	Jennifer Camacho	2023-2024	\$1,559
153.	Jessica Montoya	Amanda Cardona	2023-2024	\$1,559
154.	Kristen Lynch	Andrea Zea	2023-2024	\$1,559
155.	Kristen Lynch	Angie Macchia	2023-2024	\$1,559
156.	Melina Cronin	Katya Gonzalez Ruiz	2023-2024	\$1,559
157.	Maria Duftler	Laura Esposito	2023-2024	\$1,559
158.	Diana Mulderrig	Marilyn Rosa	2023-2024	\$1,559
159.	Diana Mulderrig	Maryam Castro Kalantari	2023-2024	\$1,559
160.	Cappuccilli, Julie	Nicole Loreto	2023-2024	\$1,559
161.	Jennifer Lombardo	Samantha Curras	2023-2024	\$1,559
162.	Jennifer Lombardo	Carlos Hidalgo	2023-2024	\$1,559
163.	Anne Biggins	Alexine McCalman	2023-2024	\$1,559
164.	Nancy Castro	Gizeht Benitez	2023-2024	\$1,559
165.	Nancy Castro	Luz Camacho-Castillo	2023-2024	\$1,559
166.	Ana Bueno-DeLeon	Fanny Glassberg	2023-2024	\$1,559
167.	Ana Bueno-DeLeon	Diana Suarez Mesa	2023-2024	\$1,559
168.	Axa Quijada	Kelly Rios	2023-2024	\$1,559
169.	Michelle Van Riper	Kiara Turner	2023-2024	\$1,559
170.	Teresa Ferreira	Kristina Jackson	2023-2024	\$1,559
171.	Brittany Doino	Santo Polanco Rosario	2023-2024	\$1,559
172.	Michelle Hernandez	Cristina Sarmiento	2023-2024	\$1,559
173.	Nhuvia D'Alfonso	Lilian Sager-Villarreal	2023-2024	\$1,559
174.	Heather Macpherson	Anny Willis	2023-2024	\$1,559

175.	Peggy Owens	Lindsay Owens	2023-2024	\$1,559
176.	Melissa Magnotta	Airy Ferreras Molina	2023-2024	\$1,559
177.	Valeria Valenzuela	Jane Nassisi	2023-2024	\$1,559
178.	Katrina Lester	Elizabeth Ojeda	2023-2024	\$1,559
179.	Barbara Casey	Tiffany Balseca	2023-2024	\$1,559

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Santo Polanco Rosario \*\*\*  
Position: Elementary Dual Language Teacher  
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial & Bilingual Extension, Initial  
Tenure Area: Elementary  
Probationary Start Date: August 30, 2023  
Probationary End Date: August 29, 2026  
Length of Probation: Three (3) Years)  
Action: Correct the length of probation
  
2. Name: Patricia Dundon  
Position: LEAP After School Program Administrator  
Effective Dates: October 2, 2023 - October 20, 2023  
Stipend: \$140 per day, as worked  
Action: Correct effective dates
  
3. Name: Nicolette Thompson  
Position: Special Education Leave Replacement Teacher  
Certification: Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Emergency COVID-19  
Effective Start Date: August 30, 2023  
Effective End Date: November 17, 2023  
Salary: \$244 per day, as worked  
Action: Correct effective end date
  
3. Name: Timothy Murphy  
Position: Hillcrest Intramurals Flag Football Program Site Director  
Effective Dates: April - June 2024  
Stipend: \$3,250  
Action: Rescind appointment



4. Name:	Yolanda Roman
Position:	Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification:	Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 2), Professional
Effective Start Date:	August 30, 2023
Effective End Date:	November 6, 2023
Salary:	\$308 per day as worked, without benefits
Action:	Correct effective end date

Classified:

I. Resignation:

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

II. Termination:

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

III. Retirement:

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

IV. Leave of Absence:

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

V. Appointment:

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

1. Name:	Vernon Merriweather
Position:	Security Aide
Program:	High School Night School
Location:	Peekskill High School
Dates & Times Effective:	October 2, 2023-January 12, 2024; Mondays and Tuesday from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM; Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM
Stipend:	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) contract / General Fund.

  

2. Name:	Ricky Gillison
Position:	Security Aide
Program:	LEAP
Location:	Peekskill Middle School

Dates & Times Effective: 2023-2024  
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) contract / General Fund.

3. Name: Phillip Stiles  
 Position: Security Aide  
 Program: LEAP  
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School  
 Dates & Times Effective: 2023-2024  
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) contract / General Fund.

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: Vivica Wilson  
 Request: Fieldwork Hours  
 Location: Peekskill High School  
 Assigned to: Scott Tabone  
 College: Mercy College  
 Effective Dates: October 30, 2023 - November 6, 2023

	Name of Partner Agency Worker:	Location:	Organization/ Program:	Effective Dates
2.	Alvaro Quevedo Coello	PHS	WJCS	October 2, 2023 - June 30, 2024
3.	Jesusa Berrios	Oakside	WJCS	October 12, 2023 - June 30, 2024
4.	Bria Waterman	Oakside	NECS	October 12, 2023 - June 30, 2024
5.	Justin Wingenroth	PKMS	NECS	October 12, 2023 - June 30, 2024
6.	Patricia Patterson	Oakside, Hillcrest & PKMS	NECS	October 12, 2023 - June 30, 2024
7.	Rafael Abreu Teixeira	Oakside & Hillcrest	Ca Na Capoeira	October 12, 2023 - June 30, 2024

8.	Xenia Vazquez	PKMS	Inner Being Yoga	October 12, 2023 - June 30, 2024
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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. Contract - Austin Goldberg/Wage and Benefit Agreement

That the Board of Education approve the wage and benefit agreement with Austin Goldberg dated October 16, 2023.

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. Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and Release in connection with hearing number 595736, copies of which have been provided to and reviewed by the members of the Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board.

C. Contract - Arts 10566/Saturday Academy

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Arts 10566/Saturday Academy, commencing September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$2,100 (Up to seven (7) instances).

D. Contract - Edward Peterson/Saturday Academy

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Edward Peterson/Saturday Academy, commencing September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$1,700 (Up to seven (7) instances at \$250 per event).

E. Contract - Inner Being, LLC/Saturday Academy

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Inner Being, LLC/Saturday Academy, commencing September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$2,800 (\$400 per session; Up to 7 sessions).

F. Contract - New Era Creative Space (NECS)/Saturday Academy

That the Board of Education approve the contract with New Era Creative Space (NECS)/Saturday Academy, commencing September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$2,100 (\$300 per session; up to seven (7) sessions).

G. Contract - Peekskill Be First Boxing/Saturday Academy

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Peekskill Be First Boxing/Saturday Academy, commencing September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$2,100 (\$300 per event; Up to seven (7) events).

H. Contract - Roy Escobar/Saturday Academy

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Roy Escobar/Saturday Academy, commencing September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$1,700 (Up to 7 instances at \$250 per event).

I. Contract - Two by Two Animal Haven/Saturday Academy

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Two by Two Animal Haven/Saturday Academy, commencing September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$5,000 (Up to 7 events).

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

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

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

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

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

C. Budget Appropriation Transfers - October 2023

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

D. Tax Certorari - Peekskill Heights Inc.

RESOLUTION WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings filed by Peekskill Heights Inc., pertaining to parcels identified as Section 33.30, Block 3, and Lot 3.1 for tax years 2017 through 2021; and WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings, as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement and Order attached hereto; and WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Stipulation without further litigation; NOW, BASED UPON THE FORGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement and Order; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the Stipulation and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval by the Court, the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the Stipulation.

E. Tax Certorari - Three Twelve Washington Group Inc.

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings filed by Three Twelve Washington Group Inc., pertaining to Parcel 32.12-11-11 for tax years 2021 and 2022; and  
WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings, as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and  
WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;  
NOW, BASED UPON THE FORGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment;  
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement;  
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval by the Court, the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the consent judgment.

F. Contract - ComTon Inc.

That the Board of Education approve the contract with ComTon Inc. to provide Medicare reimbursement services for retirees of Peekskill City School District for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

G. Contract - Gymnastics City

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Gymnastics City, commencing on or about October 23, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$20,000.

H. Contract - Additional Services Proposal for Mosaic Associates

That the Board of Education approve the additional services proposal for Mosaic Associates. Not to exceed \$3,300.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. Acceptance of External Audit Report 2022/2023

That the Board of Education accept the Independent Audit Report of the Peekskill City School District for the year ending June 30, 2023, which was performed by

Cooper Arias LLP in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Section 170.1. Copies of the report are on file in the Business Office.

- B. Acceptance of Internal Audit Report to the Human Resources Cycle June 2023  
That the Board of Education accept the Internal Audit Report of the Human Resources Cycle of the Peekskill City School District dated June 30, 2023, which was performed by NawrockiSmith. Copies of the report are on file in the Business Office.
- C. Reserve Fund Procedures and Plan  
That the Board of Education approve the June 30, 2023 Reserve Fund Procedures and Plan.
- D. Educational Plan and Budget Calendar 2024-25  
That the Board of Education approve the 2024/2025 Educational Plan and Budget Calendar.
- E. Donation - Tots from United Way of Westchester and Putnam  
That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that, in accordance with Education Law 1718(2), to accept Toys for Tots from United Way of Westchester and Putnam.
- F. Field Trip in Excess of 100 Miles - SUNY Albany, NY  
That the Board of Education approve the field trip in excess of 100 miles for 40 PHS students to attend SUNY Albany, NY on October 27, 2023.
- G. Side Letter Agreement - Peekskill Administrators Association (PAA)/Austin Goldberg  
That the Board of Education approve the Side Letter of Agreement with Peekskill Administrators Association (PAA) and Austin Goldberg as Managerial and Confidential Administrator effective July 11, 2023.
- H. Side Letter Agreement - Peekskill Administrators Association/Summer 2024  
That the Board of Education approve the Side Letter Agreement dated October 16, 2023 with Peekskill Administrators Association regarding Summer 2024.
- I. Side Letter Agreement - Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA)/Teacher Coverage  
That the Board of Education approve the Side Letter Agreement dated October 12, 2023 with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) regarding teacher coverage.

#### 14. Approving Consent Agenda

##### A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Consent Agenda item 10.A.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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

Abstained: Eric Reveda:  
(10.A.143 Tricia Schultz)

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

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

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

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

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

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

14. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

15. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

Michael Simpkins commented being the voting delegate for NYSSBA he had the pleasure of being a part of their Annual Business Meeting on October 16 as well as 266 Board members across the state of NY who virtually attended. They went through 52 resolutions before ending the meeting at 12 a.m.

Pamela Hallman-Johnson stated the Job Fair hosted by Jamal Lewis was well attended. It was refreshing to see the interest in Peekskill schools. She thanked Mr. Lewis for his efforts and Dr. Mauricio.

16. Executive Session

17. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Second: Amy Vele

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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

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

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Debra McLeod