

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 18, 2022

Board of Education

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

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Cynthia Hawthorne, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
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 6:05 p.m. in the George Birdas Room

A. Recording of Attendance

Pamela Hallman Johnson, Allen Jenkins, Jr. and Michael Simpkins 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: Special Education, Elementary Leave Replacement Teachers; Stipend Positions; and Office Assistant. 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: Samuel North

Yes: Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Eric Rekeda

Second: Eric Rekeda

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:09 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:12 p.m.
4. Report of President/Superintendent
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 - [Peekskill Pride](#)
5. Hearing of Citizens
 - A. Public Participation at Board Meetings
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Policy Readings
9. Accepting of Minutes
 - A. Business Meeting September 20, 2022
 - B. Approval of Minutes
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the following minutes:
Business Meeting September 20, 2022

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

10. Consent Agenda – Personnel
 - A. Personnel Agenda
 - Certificated
 - I. Resignation:
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

II. Termination

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

1. Name: Employee #4352
 Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
 Action: Termination from the Peekskill City School District
 Date Effective: October 13, 2022 (Last day worked 10/7/2022)

II. Leave of Absence:

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

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Denise Chavarria ***
 Position: Special Education Teacher
 Certification: Students with Disabilities - Grades 7-12 - Generalist, Professional
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Tenure Area: Special Education
 Probationary Start Date: November 1, 2022
 Probationary End Date: October 31, 2025
 Length of Probation: Three (3) Years
 Salary: \$86,619 (MA+15, Step 6) (Prorated)

2. Name: Sasha Granda
 Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial
 Location: Oakside Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: October 17, 2022
 Effective End Date: December 6, 2022
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
3.	Laura Belfiore	Theater Manager	2022-2023	\$12,000
4.	Desiree Ferguson	PKMS Empire Afterschool Program Teacher Aide	October 17, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract

5.	Amanda Armenteros	PKMS Empire Afterschool Program Teaching Assistant	October 17, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
6.	Jan Wells	Oakside After School Program Clerical	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAES contract
7.	Ashley Lape	Oakside After School Program Clerical	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Heydi Marquez
- Position: Oakside After School Program Teacher
- Effective Dates: October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023
- Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
- Action: Correct position & stipend amount

Classified

I. Resignation:

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

II. Retirement:

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

III. Leave of Absence:

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

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Amanda DeLaBarrera
- Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems)
- Location: Parent Resource Center - Transportation Office
- Probationary Start Date: October 17, 2022
- Probationary End Date: October 16, 2023

Salary: \$50,320.00 (Prorated)

V. Correction:

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

Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

I. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Kaleigh Travis
Request: Field Work Hours (40 hours)
College: Westchester Community College (SUNY)
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Assigned to: Jamie Rossi
Effective Dates: October 13, 2022 - December 23, 2022

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.

B. Termination Consultant Contract - Eudes Budhai

That the Board of Education approve the termination of Mr. Eudes Budhai's previous consultant contract effective October 11, 2022. This contract was previously approved at the August 2, 2022 Board of Education meeting and commenced on August 3, 2022.

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

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of July 2022

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of July 2022.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Months of August and September 2022

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the months of August and September 2022.

C. Budget Appropriation Transfers - October 2022

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

D. Extraclassroom Activities - September 2022

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

E. Contract - Arts 10566

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Arts 10566 commencing October 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$13,232.

F. Contract - Camp Inc.

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Camp Inc. commencing October 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023. Not to exceed \$14,000.

G. Contract - Roy Escobar (DJ Esco)/Master of Ceremonies (emcee) for Peekskill Athletic Events

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Roy Escobar (DJ Esco) as Master of Ceremonies (emcee) for Peekskill athletic events, commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$7,500.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. [Educational Plan and Budget Calendar 2023-24](#)

That the Board of Education approve the 2023/2024 Educational Plan and Budget Calendar.

B. Resolution to Authorize Virtual Meetings

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 New York State Budget Bill, S. 8006-C and A. 9006-C, amended the Open Meetings Law to provide for a new Section 103-a; WHEREAS, Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law allows for public meetings to be conducted via videoconferencing effective April 9, 2022, subject to certain conditions and limitations;

WHEREAS, the New York State Executive Orders 11-11.9 extended the suspension of the Open Meetings Law's video conferencing rules until September 12, 2022; WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to take advantage of the flexibility offered through videoconferencing for its meetings; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that effective October 18, 2022, the Board of Education may conduct any public meetings via videoconferencing in accordance with Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, provided that all requirements of Section 103-a have been met prior to any public meeting which is to be conducted via videoconferencing; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to establish and post written procedures for public meetings held pursuant to Open Meetings Law Section 103-a on the District's website.

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: Samuel North

Second: Eric Rekeda

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Samuel North

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

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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

Allen Jenkins, Jr. commented tomorrow is Unity Day and to wear orange for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. There was an audit meeting last week. The District fared well and are in good standing. Cynthia Hawthorne has taken the reins. He thanked her for making sure we are in a good place.

17. Executive Session

A. Executive Session – 7:45 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Samuel North

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

B. Adjourn Executive Session – 8:30 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

18. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk