

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 20, 2020

Board of Education

Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., President
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald
Mr. Samuel North
Mrs. Maria Pereira
Mr. Michael Simpkins
Mrs. Jillian Villon

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Dr. Mary Keenan Foster, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jenkins, Jr. at 6:08 p.m. in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202 relating to the COVID-19 emergency, the Board of Education conducted this meeting at PHS auditorium, however, In-person attendance will NOT be permitted. We will provide video-conference links online, as well as a section for public comments via our BoardDocs website.

Pamela Hallman-Johnson participated virtually, location at 677 Catherine Street, Peekskill, NY 10566

Samuel North participated virtually from 1230 Seymour Lane, Peekskill, NY 10566

Maria Pereira arrived late. Pamela Hallman-Johnson left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

2. Proposed Executive Session

A. Open Meeting

*(Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters regarding the appointment of a particular contractor(s) and employment history of particular person(s) for the following positions: MBK Stipend Positions; CPSE Position; Infinite Campus Tech Support; and Tenure Candidate. 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: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

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

Motion: Samuel North
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Maria Pereira
No: _____ Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting

The meeting was reconvened in the Peekskill High School Auditorium Room at 7:12 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. [Peekskill Pride](#)

B. [Reserve Plan](#) – Robin Zimmerman

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Jose Rodriguez: Why do other Districts close for 2 weeks for cases but we haven't? Is it safe for my child to go back to school? Dr. Mauricio: If the District opened school for hybrid learning, it is safe to return to school. Following the CDC and Health Department guidelines is a very intricate process. Schools have to close for 14 days due to the number of teachers that are out because of quarantine. The District shares this information with families to prepare them to have daycare in place.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Policy Readings

9. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting September 15, 2020

B. Business Meeting/Work Session October 6, 2020

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting September 15, 2020

Business Meeting/Work Session October 6, 2020

Motion: Branwen MacDonald
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North

Second: Maria Pereira
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

President Jenkins asked for a motion to remove Consent Agenda item 12. H.
(Contract – City of Peekskill Police Department) from the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Michael Simpkins
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald
No: _____ Abstained: _____

10. Consent Agenda - Personnel Certificated

I. Resignation:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher resignation
to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

II. Leave of Absence:

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

III. Retirement:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following retirement
resignations to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

IV. Appointment:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointments to
the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Brandon LaBella
Request: Intern Substitute Teacher
College: Fordham University
Location: Hillcrest
Effective Start Date: October 22, 2020
End Date: June 25, 2021
Salary: \$120 per day as worked, without benefits.)
2. Name: Jonathan Barone
Position: Science Teacher
Action: Tenure in the Peekskill City School District
Effective: October 23, 2020
3. Name: Jennifer Schiesser

Position: CPSE Special Education Specialist
 Certification Status: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 – Permanent & Special Education - Permanent
 Effective Start Date: October 21, 2020
 End Date: June 25, 2021
 Salary: \$45.55 per hour (as worked, without benefits.)

4. Name: Stacey Durling
 Position: CPSE Special Education Specialist
 Certification Status: Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2)-Professional; Students with Disabilities (Birth – Grade 2)-Professional; Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)-Professional; Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)-Professional
 Effective Start Date: October 21, 2020
 End Date: June 25, 2021
 Salary: \$45.55 per hour (as worked, without benefits)

5. Name: Millie Rivera
 Position: Infinite Campus/Technology Support
 Effective Dates: 2020-21
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (not to exceed 4 hrs/week)

6. Name: Deborah Feliciano
 Position: Infinite Campus/Technology Support
 Effective Dates: 2020-21
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (not to exceed 4 hrs/week)

7. Name: Jessica Rondon
 Position: Infinite Campus/Technology Support
 Effective Dates: 2020-21
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (not to exceed 4 hrs/week)

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
8.	Matthew Evans	My Brother's Keeper Hillcrest Grant Coordinator	2020-2021	\$4,000

9.	Joseph Tama	My Brother's Keeper Hillcrest Mentor	2020-2021	\$1,500
10.	Ana Bueno-DeLeon	My Brother's Keeper Hillcrest Mentor	2020-2021	\$1,500
11.	Taylor Coleman	My Brother's Keeper Hillcrest Mentor	2020-2021	\$1,500
12.	Shannon Connor	My Brother's Keeper Hillcrest Mentor	2020-2021	\$1,500
13.	Daniel Calabro	My Brother's Keeper Hillcrest Mentor	2020-2021	\$1,500
14.	Salvatore Dodaro	My Brother's Keeper Hillcrest Mentor	2020-2021	\$1,500
15.	Rachel Moczarski	My Brother's Keeper Hillcrest Mentor	2020-2021	\$1,500
16.	Jamie Rossi	My Brother's Keeper Hillcrest Mentor	2020-2021	\$1,500
17.	Tara King	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Hillcrest	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Challenge Grant Fund
18.	Peggy Owens	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Hillcrest	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Challenge Grant Fund
19.	Jason Belafonte	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Hillcrest	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Challenge Grant Fund
20.	Rahsaan Potillo	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Peekskill High School	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Grant Fund
21.	Reid Olmstead	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Peekskill High School	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Grant Fund
22.	Zorielle Rodriguez	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Peekskill High School	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Grant Fund
23.	Maria Gordineer	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Peekskill High School	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Grant Fund
24.	Shenea Brown	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Peekskill High School	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Grant Fund
25.	Malcolm Wright	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Peekskill High School	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Grant Fund
26.	Tawfiq Bey	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Peekskill High School	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Grant Fund
27.	Alma Zucco	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Peekskill High School	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Grant Fund

28.	Laura Belfiore	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Peekskill High School	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Grant Fund
29.	Bjorn Bridgewater	My Brother's Keeper Mentor at Peekskill High School	2020-2021	\$1,500 – MBK Grant Fund
30.	Charles Rice	Soccer Modified Coach (Girls)	Fall Season	\$3,061
31.	Patricia Vernon	Indoor Track Varsity Head Coach (Boys)	Winter Season	\$6,122
32.	Patricia Vernon	Track Varsity Assistant Coach (Boys & Girls)	Spring Season	\$4,165

V. Correction:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following corrections of appointments to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Bernard Small
Position: Mathematics Teacher Leave Replacement
Certification Status: Mathematics - Permanent
Effective Date: August 31, 2020
Effective End Date: December 1, 2020 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day (As worked, w/o benefits)
Action: Correct effective end date

2. Name: Michele Cruz
Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) –Initial;
Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) –Initial
Effective Start Date: September 3, 2020
Effective End Date: October 30, 2020(Anticipated)
Salary: \$308.00/Day; As Worked, without Benefits
Action: Correct effective end date

3. Name: Hadija Davidson
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Location: Peekskill High School
Certification Status: English Language Arts 7-12 - Initial
Effective Start Date: October 8, 2020
End Date: June 25, 2021
Salary: \$155 per day as worked, five (5) days per week.
Action: Rescind Appointment

4. Name: Raul Ortiz
Position: Varsity Wrestling Head Coach
Effective Dates: Winter Season

Stipend: \$6,397

5. Name: George Robles
Position: Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach
Effective Dates: Winter Season
Stipend: \$4,992

Classified

I. Appointment:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointments to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

II. Correction:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following corrections of appointments to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

III. Resignation:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Jennifer Hayes
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: October 5, 2020

IV. Retirement:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Kausar Ali
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Reason: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: November 6, 2020

V. Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following candidates for student teaching and internship to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Brandon LaBella
Request: Student Teacher
College: Fordham University
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Assigned to: Troy Lepore
Effective Dates: Fall 2020 & Spring 2021

Using an asterisk (*) at the end of the individual appointment resolutions with the following quoted language as a legend at the end of the personnel resolutions or as a legend below the consent agenda:

*For Volunteers- As per Volunteer Board Policy 4532 - the following volunteers are approved for 10 or less events for current school year

** The appointment resolutions for classroom teachers (or building principal) are conditioned upon meeting the requirement of the current tenure laws and pursuant to the provisions of Regents Rule§30-1.3. Accordingly, to be eligible for tenure consideration the probationer must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to §3012-c and/or §3012-d of the Education Law during the four-year period under review and may not receive an ineffective rating during the last year of probation.

*** For classroom teachers with prior tenure as a teacher (or administrators appointed after June 30, 2020) with prior tenure as a teacher or administrator in a New York public school district or BOCES, the probationary term will be three years if there is proof of prior tenure and an APPR rating during the final year of service in the previous school district or BOCES.

**** Classroom Teachers with two years of Jarema Act Credit in this school district shall serve a two-year probationary term if during the two years of Jarema Act service they received APPR ratings pursuant to §§3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law. Where the probationary term is shortened, to be eligible for tenure conferral, the probationer must have at least three effective and/or highly effective APPR ratings and the APPR rating in the final year of probation may not be an ineffective rating.

11. Consent Agenda - Special Services

A. Special Services/Committee on Special Education

That the Board of Education approve the Recommendation of the District's Committee on Special Education fourteen (14) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

B. Stipulation of Settlement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District hereby approves the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement in connection with the Case No. 527426, a copy of which has been previously 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 Stipulation of Settlement on behalf of the Board.

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Months of July and August 2020

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for months of July and August 2020.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of September 2020

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of September 2020.

C. Budget Appropriation Transfers -October 2020

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of October 2020.

D. Acceptance of Audit Report

That the Board of Education accept the Independent Audit Report of the Peekskill City School District for the year ending June 30, 2020, 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.

E. Contract - HMB (Revised)

That the Board of Education approve the revised contract with HMB for the 2020/2021 school year.

F. Contract - SMP Education Consulting LLC

That the Board of Education approve the contract with SMP Education Consulting LLC for the 2020/2021 school year not to exceed \$4,500 from Title III Immigrant.

G. Contract - Two By Two Zoo

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Two by Two Zoo for the 2020-2021 school year. Not to exceed \$5,000.

H. Contract - City of Peekskill Police Department - (REMOVED from Agenda)

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement with the City of Peekskill Police Department.

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

13. Other Agenda Items

A. Reserve Plan

That the Board of Education approves the "Peekskill City School District Reserve Plan" as presented.

B. Donation - PTAO

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 from Peekskill CSD PTAO a donation of \$25.00 for the music department.

14. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

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

Maria Pereira commended Robin Zimmerman and her team for doing a phenomenal job. Also to please visit the Youth Bureau and see the beautiful job the youth came up with for an inspirational message.

President Jenkins, Jr. stated he attended the NYSSBA convention and, a lot of the things they were saying, Peekskill was doing already as a Board. He thanked the community for helping the district to raise money for Wifi's and Mifi's. The Grab-n-Go meals are beneficial to the community.

Michael Simpkins commented and commended the first year teachers, teaching to this pandemic. He is proud of the custodians of what they do for our students. Thanking Robin Zimmerman and her team for an outstanding job with our finances, he has seen a lot of projects that the District has been wanting to do for quite some time. It has opened a lot of doors for the District and the community. As for Dr. Mauricio, everyone knows the type of work he does for the District.

17.Executive Session – 8:39 p.m.

A. Executive Session

Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss the City of Peekskill Police Department MOU.

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

No: _____ Abstained:_____

B. Adjourn Executive Session – 9:45 p.m.

Motion to move to Public Session

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North

No: _____ Abstained:_____

Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

18. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk