

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 15, 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

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 6:11 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

Pamela Hallman-Johnson and Michael Simpkins arrived late. Vice President Villon was absent.

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: Wrestling Coach; ENL Leader; Related Services Department Leader. 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: Maria Pereira

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Second: Samuel North

No: _____ Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Maria Pereira
No: _____ Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting

The meeting was reconvened in the Peekskill High School Auditorium Room at 7:06 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. [Peekskill Pride](#)

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Luis Arpi, 1218 Lincoln Terrace: Thank you.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Policy Readings

9. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting August 24, 2020

B. Business Meeting/Work Session September 1, 2020

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting August 24, 2020

Business Meeting/Work Session September 1, 2020

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira

No: _____ Abstained: _____

President Jenkins asked for a motion to add the following to the consent agenda:

- Abolish the position of Coordinator of Student Support Service
- Add Sadika Clarke as a Speech Teacher (LOA)

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Samuel North commented on the generous donations from the PTO and the Peekskill Education Foundation.

10. Consent Agenda - Personnel

A. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

1. Name:	Jesse Legon
Position:	Permanent Substitute
Location:	Hillcrest Elementary School
Action:	Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective:	September 16, 2020

II. Leave of Absence

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

1. Name:	Diana Mulderrig
Position:	Speech Therapist
Action:	Non-Paid Leave of Absence
Effective:	September 16, 2020 through January 31, 2021

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:	Judith Gonzalez
Position:	Teaching Assistant
Certification Status:	Teaching Assistant Level I
Tenure Area:	Teaching Assistant
Probationary Start Date:	September 11, 2020
Probationary End Date:	September 10, 2024
Salary:	\$32,441
2. Name:	Shirley Machado
Position:	Permanent Substitute
Certification Status:	Literacy (Birth – Grade 6) – Emergency COVID-19 & Childhood Education – Emergency COVID-19
Effective Date:	September 9, 2020
Effective End Date:	June 25, 2021
Salary:	\$155 per day as worked, not to exceed four (4) days/week, (28 hrs/week, no benefits)
3. Name:	Deborah Carr
Position:	Substitute Teacher; Per Diem
Certification Status:	Art Education K-12 –Permanent
Effective Start Date:	September 16, 2020
Effective End Date:	June 25, 2021
Salary:	\$120/day as worked, following the school calendar

Working four days/week (28 hrs/wk). No benefits.

4. Name: Aaron Lefkowitz
 Position: Permanent Substitute
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Certification Status: Social Studies (Grades 7-12) –Emergency COVID-19
 Effective Date: September 16, 2021
 Effective End Date: June 25, 2021
 Salary: \$155 per day. As worked, without benefits. Not to exceed four (4) days/week, or twenty-eight (28) hours/week.

5. Name: Heather Wahba-Pallone
 Position: Leave Replacement Speech Therapist (1.0 FTE)
 Probationary Start Date: October 1, 2020
 Probationary End Date: January 31, 2021 (Anticipated)
 Salary: \$83,142.00 – MA +30 Sep 3 (Pro-Rated)

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
6.	George Robles	Wrestling Coach	2020-21	\$4,992
7.	Milagros Guzman	Middle School Teacher Leader – ENL	2020-21	\$4,000 - Grant funded
8.	Kelly LeFevre	K-12 Related Services Teacher Leader	2020-21	\$2,000
9.	Megan Daniels	Hass' Way – Science Instructor	2020-21	In accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
10.	Christen McDonnell	Hass' Way – Social Studies Instructor	2020-21	In accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
11.	Kiah Mahy	Hass' Way – English Instructor	2020-21	In accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
12.	Marisa Anzovino	Hillcrest Elementary School - Framework Coach	2020-21	\$2,000 –Grant Funded
13.	Shannon O'Grady	Hillcrest Elementary School –MBK Administrator Grant Coordinator	2020-21	\$4,000
14.	Troy Lepore	Hillcrest Elementary School –Grade 4 Math Teacher Leader	2020-21	\$2,000 –Grant Funded, Title I
15.	Marlix Hernandez	Hillcrest Elementary School –Grade 5 Math Teacher Leader	2020-21	\$2,000 –Grant Funded, Title I

16.	Tara King	Hillcrest Elementary School –Grade 4 Literacy Teacher Leader	2020-21	\$2,000 –Grant Funded
17.	Peggy Owens	Hillcrest Elementary School –Grade 4 Literacy Teacher Leader	2020-21	\$2,000 –Grant Funded
18.	Jamie Rossi	Hillcrest Elementary School –STEAM Teacher Leader	2020-21	\$2,000 –Grant Funded
19.	Jonathan Sicherman	Hillcrest Elementary School –English Language Learner Teacher Leader	2020-21	\$2,000 –Grant Funded

20. Name: Sadika Clarke
Position: Speech Teacher (LOA)
Certification Status: Speech and Language Disabilities, Professional Certificate
Effective Start Date: September 21, 2020
Effective End Date: June 25, 2021
Salary: \$112,571 MA+30 Step12

V. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Danielle Christ**
Position: Science Teacher
Certification: Chemistry 7-12 – Initial & Biology 7-12 - Initial
Tenure Area: Science
Probationary Start Date: September 9, 2020
Probationary End Date: September 8, 2024
Length of Probation: Four (4) years
Salary: \$69,616 – MA, Step 2
2. Name: Amalia Pineiro
Position: Elementary Teacher Leave Replacement
Certification Status: Early Childhood Education & Childhood Education – Initial
Effective Date: August 31, 2020
Effective End Date: October 12, 2021 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$244/day (As worked, w/o benefits)
3. Name: Heather Ausiello
Position: Physical Education Teacher (0.90 FTE)
Certification Status: Physical Education –Professional
Effective Date: August 31, 2020
Effective End Date: June 25, 2021
Salary: \$75,437 –MA+15, Step 2 (Pro-rated 0.90 FTE)
4. Name: Heather Ausiello
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher

Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
 Certification Status: Physical Education –Professional
 Effective Start Date: August 31, 2020
 End Date: June 25, 2021
 Salary: \$155 per day. As worked, without benefits. Not to exceed four (4) days/week, or twenty-eight (28) hours/week.
 Action: Rescind Appointment

5. Name: Melissa Perlowitz
 Position: Elementary Teacher
 Action: Correct Non-Paid Leave of Absence
 Effective: October 9, 2020 through January 31, 2021

6. 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 9, 2020(Anticipated)
 Salary: \$308.00/Day; As Worked, without Benefits

VI. Abolishment of Positions/ Preferred Eligible List (PEL)

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the followings abolishment of positions/Preferred Eligible List (PEL) of to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Sadika Clarke
 Position: Coordinator of Student Support Services
 Action: Preferred Eligible List (PEL)
 Effective: September 21, 2020

Classified

I. Appointments

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

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
1.	Shawna Robinson	Hass' Way – Security	2020-21	In accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aide Association (PSSAA) Contract
2.	Philip Styles	Hass' Way – Security Sub	2020-21	In accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aide Association (PSSAA) Contract

II. Leave of Absence:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Non-Paid Leave of Absences to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Gina Fitzsimmons
 Position: School Nurse (RN)

Action:	Non-Paid Leave of Absence
Effective:	September 14, 2020 through June 25, 2021

III. Corrections:

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

1. Name:	Rocio Salvatierra
Position:	Personnel Assistant
Location:	Ford Administration Building - Office for Administrative Services
Status:	Provisional
Effective Date:	September 14, 2020
Salary:	\$70,000.00 (Pro-Rated)

III. Resignations

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

1. Name:	Jenilsa Lopez
Position:	Classroom Teacher Aide
Location:	Woodside Elementary School
Reason:	Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date:	September 3, 2020 (Last Day Worked/Paid Effective 9/3/2020)
2. Name:	Phillip Boyd
Position:	Security Aide
Reason:	Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date:	September 10, 2020 (Last Day Worked/Paid Effective 9/9/2020)
3. Name:	Jennifer Varella
Position:	School Monitor (Lunch)
Location:	Woodside Elementary School
Reason:	Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date:	September 14, 2020 (Last Day Worked/Paid Effective 6/26/2020)

IV. 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:	Diana Suarez
Request:	Student Teacher
Location:	Peekskill Middle School
Assigned to:	Jose Fernandez
College:	Mercy College
Effective Dates:	Fall 2020
2. Name:	Romina Sierra
Request:	Student Teacher
Location:	Oakside Elementary School

Assigned to: Gabrielle Curry
College SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: Fall 2020

3. Name: Olivia Cid
Request: Student Teacher
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Assigned to: Tara Platt
College SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: Fall 2020

4. Name: Danielle Moccio
Request: Student Teacher
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Assigned to: Teresa Ferrerira
College SUNY Cortland
Effective Dates: Fall 2020

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 two (2) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

B. Contract - HTA of New York

That the Board of Education approve the contract with HTA of New York for 2020-2021 school year at no cost to the district.

C. Contract - Achieve Beyond

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Achieve Beyond for the 2020-2021 school year at no cost to the District.

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Contract - Westchester Mediation

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Mediation will provide PCSD not to exceed \$70,000 for the 2020/2021 school year.

B. Contract - Healthy Kids Extended Day

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Healthy Kids Extended Day, who will provide the District with an occupancy fee in the amount of \$225 per month each for Uriah Hill, Woodside, Oakside and Hillcrest, commencing September 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

C. Contract - HMB Consultants Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business to enter into an agreement with H.M.B. Consultants to provide services to evaluate the performance of the contracted food service management company in an amount not to exceed \$6,500 and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is authorized and empowered to entered into said agreement.

D. Contract - Generation Citizen (GC)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Generation Citizen (GC) not to exceed \$4,000, commencing September 15, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. Donations - PTO/MIFI's

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 PTO a donation of \$1,535 for the purchase of MiFi's.

B. Donation - Peekskill Education Foundation (PEF)/MIFI WIFI Hotspot Units

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 Education Foundation a donation of \$28,750.20 for the purchase of MiFi WiFi Hotspot Units.

C. Donation - Athletes Warehouse

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 Athletes Warehouse a donation of softball equipment.

14. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____ Abstained:_____

Samuel North
Maria Pereira

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

Re-opening of School Update - Dr. Mauricio, Dr. Foster and Dan Callahan

17. Executive Session – 8:06 p.m.
 - A. Executive Session
Motion to move to Executive Session

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

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained: _____

- B. Adjourn Executive Session
Motion to move to Public Session

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

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained: _____

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

Second: Maria Pereira
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk