

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Board of Education

Mrs. Jillian Villon, President
Ms. Amy Vele, Vice President
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald
Mr. Frank Robinson, Jr.
Mrs. Christina Washington
Miss Thalia Martin, Ex-Officio Student Member

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
Mrs. Carmery Mendez-Battle, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Villon at 6:08 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Amy Vele (6:27 p.m.) arrived late. Mary Angel Flores was absent.

2. Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval

A. Open Meeting

*(Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular contractor(s) and employment history of particular person(s) for the following positions: Teaching Assistant; Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; English to Speakers of Other Languages; Middle School Instructional Coach; Interim Director of Instruction; Certified/Classified Stipend Positions; Mentors; Clerical Substitutes (Per Diem); School Monitors (Lunch); Registered Professional School Nurse (RN) Substitute (Per Diem) 1:1 Teacher Aide; and 1:1 Teacher Aide Floater. 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: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Frank Robinson, Jr.

Jillian Villon

Christina Washington

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:05 p.m.

Motion to Move to Public Session

Motion: Amy Vele

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Frank Robinson, Jr.

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Christina Washington

3. Public Hearing on 2025/2026 District Wide Safety Plan – 7:09 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. [2025/2026 Amended District Wide Safety Plan](#) – David Santiago

C. Public Comments

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

4. Resume Public Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearing – 7:14 p.m.

- The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium.

5. Report of President/Superintendent

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride/Regionalization Plan](#)

6. Hearing of Citizens

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Policy Readings

10. Accepting of Minutes

1. Revised Reorganization/Business Meeting July 7, 2025

2. Business Meeting August 26, 2025

3. Business Meeting/Work Session September 9, 2025

4. Approval of Minutes

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

Revised Reorganization/Business Meeting July 7, 2025

Business Meeting August 26, 2025

Business Meeting/Work Session September 9, 2025

Motion: Branwen MacDonald
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Frank Robinson, Jr.
Amy Vele
Jillian Villon
Christina Washington

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
No: _____ Abstained: _____

President Villon asked for a motion to include Melissa Mackhanlall as Interim Director of Instruction to the personnel agenda.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Frank Robinson, Jr.
Amy Vele
Jillian Villon
Christina Washington

Second: Amy Vele
No: _____ Abstained: _____

11. 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: N/A

II. Termination:

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

III. Retirement:

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

IV. 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:	Jennifer Rodriguez
Position:	Elementary Teacher
Location:	Woodside Elementary School
Action:	Non-Paid Leave of Absence
Effective Date/s:	October 8, 2025 - June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)

2. Name:	Melissa Mackhanlall
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Position:	Reading Teacher
Location:	Woodside Elementary School
Action:	Non-Paid Leave of Absence
Effective Date/s:	October 27, 2025 - June 30, 2026
(Anticipated)	

V. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Marecia Prince
 Position: Teaching Assistant
 Certification: Teaching Assistant I
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
 Probationary Start Date: October 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: September 30, 2029 (Anticipated)
 Stipend: \$35,381 (Prorated)

2. Name: Cynthia Pucci
 Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial
 Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), Initial
 Location: Woodside Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: September 15, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: October 7, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Salary: \$350 per day, as worked, no benefits
 Effective Start Date: October 8, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
 Salary: \$73,707 (MA, Step 1) (Prorated)

3. Name: Theresa Frey
 Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
 Certification: N/A
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: September 25, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
 Salary: \$140 per day, as worked, no benefits.

4. Name: Victoria Leonard^
 Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
 Certification: N/A
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School

Effective Start Date: October 2, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$140 per day, as worked, no benefits

5. Name: Millie Mish^
Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Certification: N/A
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: October 2, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$140 per day, as worked, no benefits

6. Name: Jennifer Castillo^
Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Certification: N/A
Location: District Wide
Effective Start Date: October 7, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$140 per day, as worked, no benefits

7. Name: Anna Stahlie
Position: ENL Teacher
Certification: English to Speakers Of Other Languages
Professional
Tenure Area: ENL
Effective Date: October 20, 2025

8. Name: Michelle McCaffrey
Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Certification: Biology 7-12, Permanent
Chemistry 7-12, Permanent
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: October 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Stipend: \$175 per day, as worked, no benefits

9. Name: Nora Sachs
Position: Middle School Instructional Coach
Certification: Special Education, Permanent
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: October 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$130,220 (MA+45, 12)

10. Name: Melissa Mackhanlall
 Position: Interim Director of Instruction
 Certification: School District Leader, Professional
 Location: Administration Building
 Effective Start Date: October 8, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
 Salary: \$152,106 (Step 10)

#	Employee:	Position / Program:	Effective Date/s:	Stipend:
11.	Dorado, Lisa	Peekskill High School - Great Potential Site Director	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$4711 (Grant Funded)
12.	Rios, Michelle	Peekskill High School - Great Potential Site Director	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$4711 (Grant Funded)
13.	Kilanowski, Jacqueline	Peekskill Middle School - Great Potential Site Director	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$4711 (Grant Funded)
14.	Telesco, Jennifer	Peekskill High School - Framework Coach	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$2000 (Grant Funded)
15.	Lopez, Denise	Peekskill High School - Senior Class Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1928 (Split 3 ways) (General Fund)
16.	Guardino, Yolanda	Peekskill High School - Senior Class Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1928 (Split 3 ways) (General Fund)
17.	Guardino, Yolanda	Peekskill High School - Black Culture Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$4049 (General Fund)
18.	Fuego, Lidia	Peekskill High School - Latin Culture Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$4049 (General Fund)
19.	Thelusma, Minuse	Peekskill High School - PHS to Teacher Program (PHSTTP)	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)

20.	Michel, Jennifer	Peekskill High School - National Honor Society Foreign Language Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
21.	Rodriguez, Ralph	Peekskill High School - Astronomy Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
22.	Fernandez, Jodi	Peekskill High School - Multicultural Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$4049 (General Fund)
23.	Lennane, Jaclyn	Peekskill High School - Yearbook Business Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$6364 (General Fund)
24.	Kellam, April	Peekskill High School - GO Treasurer	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$5785 (General Fund)
25.	Kellam, April	Peekskill High School - Student Council Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$8100 (General Fund)
26.	Mahy, Kiah	Peekskill High School - National Honor Society Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
27.	Marino, Diana	Peekskill High School - National Honor Society Mathematics	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
28.	Jones, Ellen	Peekskill High School - National Honor Society English Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
29.	Agnello, Nicholas	Peekskill High School - Film Club	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
30.	Agnello, Nicholas	Peekskill High School - Gardening Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1157 (General Fund)
31.	Goess, George	Peekskill High School - National Honor Society Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
32.	Goess, George	Peekskill High School - Interact Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1446 (Split 2 ways)

				(General Fund)
33.	Byrne, Angela	Peekskill High School - Interact Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1446 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
34.	Brown, Heather	Peekskill High School - Art Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
35.	Peterson, Sarah	Peekskill High School - Girls Who Code	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
36.	Peterson, Sarah	Peekskill High School - Computer Science Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
37.	Hadi, Erum	Peekskill High School - Science Research Competition Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$2893 (General Fund)
38.	Rodriguez, Zorielle	Peekskill High School - National Honor Society Social Studies Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
39.	Rodriguez, Zorielle	Peekskill High School - Academic Challenge Program Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$2893 (General Fund)
40.	Rodriguez, Zorielle	Peekskill High School - Yearbook Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$6364 (General Fund)
41.	Savage, Frank	Peekskill High School - Sophomore Class Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1446 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
42.	Cugliandro, Nicole	Peekskill High School - Sophomore Class Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1446 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
43.	Garulli, Briegh	Peekskill High School - Environmental Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$2893 (General Fund)
44.	Garulli, Briegh	Peekskill High School - National Honor Society Science Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)

45.	McCarthy, Molly	Peekskill High School - Model UN Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$2893 (General Fund)
46.	McCarthy, Molly	Peekskill High School - National Honor Society Social Studies Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
47.	McCarthy, Molly	Peekskill High School - Book Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1157 (General Fund)
48.	Coomey, Christopher	Peekskill High School - Ski Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
49.	Hannigan, Cathleen	Peekskill High School - Gay Straight Alliance	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
50.	Hannigan, Cathleen	Peekskill High School - National Honor Society English Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
51.	Richardson, Andrew	Peekskill High School - A Capella Group	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
52.	Richardson, Andrew	Peekskill High School - Sound A/V Building Level	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
53.	Richardson, Andrew	Peekskill High School - Tri M Music Honor Society	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
54.	Barone, Jonathan	Peekskill High School - Hiking Club	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
55.	Guido, Mitchell	Peekskill High School - Band Director	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$6364 (General Fund)
56.	Guido, Mitchell	Peekskill High School - Tri M Music Honor Society	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
57.	Ramirez, Stephanie	Peekskill High School - WISE Coordinator	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$5785 (General Fund)
58.	Johnson, Patricia	Peekskill High School - Dance Club Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$2893 (General Fund)

59.	Diano, William	Peekskill High School - Freshman Class Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1157 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
60.	Moscoso, Oscar	Peekskill High School - Freshman Class Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1157 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
61.	Vidrini, Carlo	Peekskill High School - Robotics Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$2314 (General Fund)
62.	Tamborski, John	Peekskill High School - National Honor Society Science Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (Split 2 ways) (General Fund)
63.	Hales, Kate	Peekskill High School - Drama Club Assistant Director Fall	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$4049 (General Fund)
64.	Hales, Kate	Peekskill High School - Drama Club Assistant Director Spring	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$4049 (General Fund)
65.	Johnson, Patricia	Peekskill High School - Drama, Choreographer, Spring	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
66.	Mahy, Kiah	Peekskill High School - Drama, Director Fall	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$5206 (General Fund)
67.	Mahy, Kiah	Peekskill High School - Drama, Director Spring	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$5206 (General Fund)
68.	Florez, Alexander	Peekskill High School - Drama, Lighting/Tech Support Fall	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (General Fund)
69.	Florez, Alexander	Peekskill High School - Drama, Lighting/Tech Support Spring	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (General Fund)
70.	Richardson, Andrew	Peekskill High School - Drama, Musical Director Spring	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$4049 (General Fund)
71.	Belfiore, Laura	Peekskill High School -	2025 - 2026 School	\$4049

		Drama, Producer Fall	Year	(General Fund)
72.	Belfiore, Laura	Peekskill High School - Drama, Producer Spring	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$4049 (General Fund)
73.	Vidrini, Carlo	Peekskill High School - Drama, Set Designer Fall	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
74.	Vidrini, Carlo	Peekskill High School - Drama, Set Designer Spring	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
75.	Smithson, Justin	Peekskill High School - Drama, Tech Director Fall	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
76.	Smithson, Justin	Peekskill High School - Drama, Tech Director Spring	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1736 (General Fund)
77.	Bolden, Mel	Peekskill High School - Drama, Sound A/V Fall	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (General Fund)
78.	Bolden, Mel	Peekskill High School - Drama, Sound A/V Spring	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$868 (General Fund)
79.	MacPherson, Heather	Hillcrest Elementary School - LEAP Teacher	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
80.	Rossi, Jaime	Hillcrest Elementary School - LEAP Teacher	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
81.	Owens, Peggy	Hillcrest Elementary School - LEAP Teacher	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
82.	Ramos, Elisa	Hillcrest Elementary School - LEAP Teacher	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC

				(LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
83.	Suarez, Diana	Hillcrest Elementary School - LEAP Counselor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
84.	Bueno, Ana	Hillcrest Elementary School - LEAP Social Worker	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
85.	Juby, Brandon	Hillcrest Elementary School - LEAP Psychologist	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
86.	Garofalo, Jimena	Hillcrest Elementary School - LEAP Psychologist	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
87.	Mckay, Margaret	Peekskill Middle School - Framework Coach	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$2000 (Grant Funded)
88.	Zambrano, Christian	MBK Administrator	2025 -2026 School Year	\$5000 (Grant Funded)
89.	Fernandez, Joshian	Peekskill High School - MBK Teacher Leader	2025 -2026 School Year	\$4000 (Grant Funded)
90.	Etchechury, Brian	Peekskill Middle School - MBK Teacher Leader	2025 -2026 School Year	\$4000 (Grant Funded)
91.	King, Tara	Hillcrest Elementary School - MBK Teacher Leader	2025 -2026 School Year	\$4000 (Grant Funded)
92.	Calabro, Daniel	Hillcrest Elementary School - MBK Mentor	2025 -2026 School Year	\$1500 (Grant Funded)
93.	Ramos, Caroline	Hillcrest Elementary School - MBK Mentor	2025 -2026 School Year	\$1500 (Grant Funded)
94.	Salvatorelli, Pat	Peekskill Middle School	2025 -2026 School	\$1500

		- MBK Mentor	Year	(Grant Funded)
95.	Maldonado, Justin	Peekskill Middle School - MBK Mentor	2025 -2026 School Year	\$1500 (Grant Funded)
96.	Draper, Tashuma	Peekskill Middle School - MBK Mentor	2025 -2026 School Year	\$1500 (Grant Funded)
97.	Hatch, Nigel	Peekskill Middle School - MBK Mentor	2025 -2026 School Year	\$1500 (Grant Funded)
98.	Getter, Laron	Peekskill High School - MBK Mentor	2025 -2026 School Year	\$1500 (Grant Funded)
99.	Diago, Michael	Peekskill High School - MBK Mentor	2025 -2026 School Year	\$1500 (Grant Funded)
100.	Cosme, Gabriel	Peekskill High School - MBK Mentor	2025 -2026 School Year	\$1500 (Grant Funded)
101.	Cabral, Christian	Peekskill High School - MBK Mentor	2025 -2026 School Year	\$1500 (Grant Funded)
102.	Gordineer, Maria	Peekskill High School - MBK College Readiness Success Liaison	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1500 (Grant Funded)

#	Mentor Teacher:	Mentee Teacher:	Effective Date/s:	Stipend:
1.	Megan Myones	Samuel Charles	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
2.	Michael Telesco	Alana Oran	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
3.	John Tamborski	Christopher Coomey	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
4.	Mitchell Guido	Andrew Richardson	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
5.	Jodi Fernandez	Anel Rivera Guerrero	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
6.	Rachel O'Brien	Frank Hurley	2025 - 2026 School	\$1559

			Year	(Grant Funded)
7.	Jennifer Telesco	Sara Boeck Batista	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
8.	Dora Sobral	Abigail Seo	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
9.	Lisa Mannion	Vilmarie Feliciano	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
10.	Reid Olmstead	Cinthya Melo	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
11.	Jessia Van Galen	Alexander Florez	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
12.	Sheree Gilchrest	Quanasia Green	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
13.	Jennifer Michel	Leslie Ishoo	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
14.	Chris Moljo	Nyrie Holliman	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
15.	Ana Bueno	Jimena Garafalo	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
16.	Valeria Valenzuela	Lenin Alonzo	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
17.	Heather Macpherson	Jenna Wecht	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
18.	Tara Guerrero	Angie Beltre	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
19.	Peggy Owens	Perla Morales	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
20.	Kimberly Pomerantz	Elisa Mariana Ramos	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
21.	Maryam Castro	Madelyn Villar	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)

22.	Kris Lynch	Emily Jeris	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$1559 (Grant Funded)
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VI. Correction:

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

1. Name: Maria Damato
Position: ENL Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: English to Speakers of Other Languages, Professional
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: October 6, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Action: Rescind Appointment
Salary: \$85,356 (MA, Step 6)

2. Name: Nora Sachs
Position: Mentor Teacher
Certification: N/A
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Date/s: 2025 - 2026 School Year
Action: Rescind Offer
Stipend: \$1559

3. Name: Patricia Girolamo
Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Certification: Nursery, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6, Permanent
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Effective Date/s: 2025 -2026 School Year
Action: Correcting Position
Salary: \$165 per day, as worked, no benefits

Classified:

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name: Marecia Prince
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Resignation from her position to accept a promotion with Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: October 1, 2025 (Anticipated)

Last Date Worked: September 30, 2025 (Anticipated)

2. Name: Katherine Villalta Ramirez
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: September 6, 2025
Last Date Worked: September 5, 2025
3. Name: Maria Rivera
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Action: Resignation from her position to accept a promotion with Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: October 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked: September 30, 2025 (Anticipated)

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(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: Debbie Mojica
Position: Clerical Substitute (Per Diem)
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Status: Part-Time Availability (PTA)
Effective Start Date: October 29, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$ 21.00/hour. As worked, without benefits.
(Not to exceed 4/days per week without District Administrator approval.)

2. Name: Jhoselin Gavilanes
Position: 1:1/Floater Teacher Aide

Location: Oakside Elementary School
Status: Probationary
Probationary Start Date: September 22, 2025
Probationary End Date: September 21, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$21,313.39 (Prorated)

3. Name: Karen Coronel^
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Status: Probationary
Probationary Start Date: October 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: September 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$17/hour. As worked, without benefits.

4. Name: Suganya Mathavanur Vethantham
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Status: Probationary
Probationary Start Date: October 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: September 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$17/hour. As worked, without benefits.

5. Name: Cynthia Rodriguez^
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Status: Probationary
Probationary Start Date: October 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: September 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$17/hour. As worked, without benefits.

6. Name: Alexis Martinez^
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Status: Probationary
Probationary Start Date: October 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: September 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$21,313.39 (Prorated)

7. Name: Maria Rivera
Position: 1:1/Floater Teacher Aide
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Status: Probationary
Probationary Start Date: October 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: September 30, 2026 (Anticipated)

Salary: \$21,313.39 (Prorated)

8. Name: Danielle Macario^
Position: Registered Professional School Nurse (RN)
Substitute (Per Diem)
Status: Part-Time Availability (PTA)
Start Date Effective: October 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
End Date Effective: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day. As worked, without benefits.
(Not to exceed 4/days per week without District Administrator approval.)

9. Name: Janett Mora
Position: Clerical Substitute (Per Diem)
Status: Part-Time Availability (PTA)
Start Date Effective: October 6, 2025 (Anticipated)
End Date Effective: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$21/hour. As worked, without benefits. (Not to exceed 4/days per week without District Administrator approval.)

#	Employee:	Position / Program:	Effective Date/s:	Stipend:
10.	Merriweather, Vernon	Peekskill High School - Senior Class Advisor	2025 -2026 School Year	\$1928 (Split 3 Ways) (General Fund)
11.	Robinson, Shawna	Peekskill High School - Junior Class Advisor	2025 - 2026 School Year	\$4049 (General Fund)
12.	Watford, Shataya	Chaperone	2025 -2026 School Year	\$45 per hour (General Fund)
13.	Watford, Shataya	Score Keeper	2025 -2026 School Year	\$45 per hour (General Fund)
14.	Watford, Shataya	Chain Crew	2025 -2026 School Year	\$45 per hour (General Fund)
15.	Watford, Shataya	Time Keeper	2025 -2026 School Year	\$45 per hour (General Fund)
16.	Stiles, Phillip	Saturday Academy - Security Aide	2025-2026 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with

				the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract.
17.	Venero, Chemay	Saturday Academy - Security Aide	2025-2026 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract.
18.	Draper, Tashuma	Oakside Elementary School LEAP - Security Aide	2025-2026 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract.
19.	Venero, Chemay	Peekskill Middle School LEAP - Security Aide	2025-2026 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract.
20.	Gillison, Ricky	Hillcrest Elementary School LEAP - Security Aide	2025-2026 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract.

VI. Correction:

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

1. Name: Nashaya Godfrey
- Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
- Location: Woodside Elementary School
- Status: Probationary

Probationary Start Date:	August 26, 2025
Probationary End Date:	August 25, 2026 (Anticipated)
Action:	Correct Salary
Salary:	\$23,866.07

Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

I. Appointment

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

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.

*** 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.

**** Classroom Teachers with two years of Jarema Act Credit in this school district shall serve a two-year probationary term.

^ Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of the onboarding process and contingent upon obtaining required certification by the start date.

- B. Agreement - Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Concerning the Workday
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) concerning the workday for employee #881 dated September 9, 2025.
- C. Agreement - Jacqueline Liburd
That the Board of Education approve the Agreement with Jacqueline Liburd, commencing September 15, 2025 - June 30, 2026 Mrs. Liburd is to be compensated at a daily rate of \$725 supporting school buildings in an administrator capacity and compensated \$400 for the completion of one (1) observation as per the agreement.
- D. Agreement - Mr. Flores

That the Board of Education approve the Agreement with Mr. Flores, commencing September 11, 2025 - June 30, 2026 Mr. Flores is to be compensated at \$725 per day (for a full day/prorated for a portion of a day).

12. 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 13 students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

B. Contract - Amergis Healthcare Staffing, Inc.

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Amergis Healthcare Staffing, Inc., commencing July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. Not to exceed \$300,000.

C. Contract - Clear View School & Day Treatment Center

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Clear View School & Day Treatment Center, commencing July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. Tuition rate is set by the State Education Department.

13. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of June 2025

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of June 2025.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of August 2025

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of August 2025.

C. Budget Appropriation Transfers -June 2025

That the Board of Education approves the negative Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of June - September 2025.

D. Budget Transfer - Special Education

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Transfer request for \$30,000 for Special Education protocol testing and FM auditory testing.

E. Extraclassroom Activities - June 2025

That the Board of Education, accept the June 2025 financial statements for the Peekskill High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Accounts.

F. Contract - Black Diamonds Academic Success

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Black Diamonds Academic Success, commencing September 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. Not to exceed \$35,000.

G. Contract - City of Peekskill Police Department DARE (21st CCLC After School/PKMS)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with City of Peekskill Police Department DARE (21st CCLC After School/PKMS), commencing October 14, 2025 - May 1, 2026. Not to exceed \$7333.04 (Two (2) classes weekly at \$166.66 per class).

H. Contract - Palma Multilingual Solutions

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Palma Multilingual Solutions, for the 2025/2026 school year. Not to exceed \$10,500 (\$3,500 per day).

14. Other Agenda Items

A. Overnight Field Trip - Rochester, NY/NYSSMA

That the Board of Education approve the Overnight Field Trip for two (2) PHS students to attend the NYSSMA All State Performing Ensemble in Rochester, NY from December 4 - 7, 2005.

15. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 11.A. - 14.A.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Amy Vele

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Frank Robinson, Jr.

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Christina Washington

16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

- Branwen MacDonald thanked Dr. Daniels for the tickets for the performance of Tango at the Paramount Theater.

17. Executive Session

18. Adjournment in Memory of [Mr. Robert Strang](#)

A. Adjournment in Memory of Mr. Robert Strang

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Villon asked for a motion to adjourn in memory of Mr. Robert Strang.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Frank Robinson, Jr.

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Frank Robinson, Jr.

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Christina Washington

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Carmery Mendez-Battle
District Clerk

Minutes taken by Debra McLeod
Deputy District Clerk