

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 2, 2021**

Board of Education

Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., President
Mrs. Jillian Villon, Vice 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 6:05 p.m. in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202 relating to the COVID-19 emergency the Board met at PHS auditorium but, In-person attendance will NOT be permitted. The District will provide video-conference links online, translated into Spanish, as well as a section for public comments via our BoardDocs website.

A. Recording of Attendance

Virtual Participants:

Pamela Hallman-Johnson;677 Catherine Street

Michael Simpkins arrived late.

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) Police Department SRO and employment history of particular person(s) for the following positions: Saturday Academy Program Teachers; PHS Evening Theatre Academy. 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

Second: Samuel North

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

No: _____

Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:08 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: Branwen MacDonald
No: _____ Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting – In Person Attendance is Not Permitted
The meeting was reconvened at 7:08 p.m.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Superintendent/Board President Report
 - A. [Peekskill Pride](#)
5. Hearing of Citizens
 - A. Public Participation at Board Meetings
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.
6. Superintendent/President Report Continued
 - A. Superintendent's Report Continued
[Oakside Elementary School Presentation](#) – Crystal Hernandez and Staci Woodley presenting.
7. Consent Agenda
 - A. Personnel Agenda
Certificated
 - I. Resignation:
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:
 - i. Name: Allison Kramer
Position: Music Teacher
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2021
- 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: N/A

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Charitssa Taveras
Position: Elementary Teacher Leave Replacement
Location: Woodside
Certification Status: Childhood Education (1-6) & Students with Disabilities (1-6) - Emergency COVID
Effective Start Date: March 1, 2021
Effective End Date: June 4, 2021 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day (As worked, without benefits)
2. Name: Rachel O'Mara
Position: Social Studies Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Social Studies 7-12 - Initial
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: March 8, 2021
Effective End Date: June 18, 2021 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day (as worked, without benefits)

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
3.	Catherine McCabe	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - Health	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
4.	Patricia Vernon	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - Physical Education	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
5.	Zorielle Rodriguez	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - Social Studies	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
6.	Stephanie Werner	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - Social Studies	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the

				Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
7.	Christin McDonnell	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - Social Studies	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
8.	Kiah Mahy	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - English	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
9.	Todd Newby	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - English	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
10.	Susan Imhoff	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - Science	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
11.	Jessica Van Galen	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - Math	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
12.	Darlene Molina	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - Math	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
13.	Noel Cabassa	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - Guidance	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
14.	Jaime Farez	PHS Evening Theatre Academy - ENL	Spring 2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract
15.	William Toro	PHS Evening Theatre Academy Administrator	Spring 2021	\$6,750
16.	Nadia Hammonds-Council	Saturday Academy Program Teacher	2020-2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (Community Schools Funding)
17.	Jennifer Feliz	Saturday Academy Program Teacher	2020-2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association

				(PFA) Contract (Community Schools Funding)
18.	Sean Dwyer	Saturday Academy Program Teacher	2020-2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (Community Schools Funding)
19.	Raul Ortiz	Saturday Academy Program Teacher	2020-2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (Community Schools Funding)
20.	Alexei Silva Nuevo	Saturday Academy Program Teacher	2020-2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (Community Schools Funding)
21.	Matthew Evans	Saturday Academy Program Teacher	2020-2021	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (Community Schools Funding)

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Shirley Machado
Position: Special Education Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Students with Disabilities - Initial
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: January 19, 2021
Effective End Date: March 11, 2021 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day (as worked, without benefits)
Action: Correct 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. 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: N/A

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: 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. 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. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 7.A.

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

Branwen McDonald commented she has trepidation with the state test and feels it might not be an accurate measure of what her children are doing. Mrs. McDonald would seriously consider not having her children take the State tests this year. She is worried the State will not be getting accurate data and it is not good for the kids who have been through a lot.

Dr. Mauricio stated it is extremely difficult for students to do the State assessment in the spring.

President Jenkins, Jr. thanked Dr. Mauricio for speaking to the group Black Diamonds on Saturday. He spoke about BMW's which was very inspiring and informational. Dr. Mauricio stated what he spoke about was from a recycled speech he heard a pastor speak about in Buffalo and the acronym BMW stands for **B**elieve and set high expectations for yourself; **M**ind - Feed your mind, **W**ork - Have to do the work to reach your goals.

9. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk