

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 9, 2024

Board of Education

Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, President
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., Vice President
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Mr. Eric Rekeda
Mr. Michael Simpkins
Ms. Amy Vele
Mrs. Jillian Villon

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 MacDonald. at 6:01 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Vice President Jenkins, Jr., Michael Simpkins and (Jillian Villon (6:02 p.m.) 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: Mathematics Teacher (6th Assignment) and Certified/Classified Stipend Positions. 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: Amy Vele

Second: Eric Rekeda

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Amy Vele

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:05 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in the Ford Auditorium.

- Pledge of Allegiance

4. Report of President/Superintendent

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)

5. Hearing of Citizens

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Superintendent's/President Report Continued

A. Superintendent's Report Continued

- [Oaksides School Presentation](#) – Ana Budds, Micensis Garrido
- [Educational Plan and Budget Workshop #5](#) – Cynthia Hawthorne, Dr. Mauricio, Dr. Aviles-Rodriguez and Eudes Budhai

7. Consent Agenda

A. [Budget Transfers](#) - Budget Appropriation Transfers March 2024

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of March 2024.

B. Amended Contract DataWorks

That the Board of Education approves to amend the original contract with DataWorks, dated February 12, 2024 to increase the contract amount by an additional \$4,891.25. Not to exceed \$14,516.25.

C. Amended Contract - Inferno365 Fitness

That the Board of Education approves to amend the original contract with Inferno365 Fitness, dated November 7, 2023, to increase the contract by \$4,200 and the \$1,500 allocated to equipment into ULIFTT sessions. Not to exceed \$8,100.

D. Amended Contract - Edgar Pineda

That the Board of Education approves to amend the original contract with Edgar Pineda, dated July 5, 2023 to increase the contract amount by an additional \$1,475.00. Not to exceed \$5,000.

E. Contract - Kathryn Czerwinski

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Kathryn Czerwinski, commencing on or about April 12, 2024 and terminating on April 12, 2024. Not to exceed \$150.

F. Contract - Lawrence DelCasale

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Lawrence DelCasale commencing on or about April 12, 2024 and terminating on April 12, 2024. Not to exceed \$150.

G. Contract - MHM Productions

That the Board of Education approve the contract with MHM Productions commencing on or about June 26, 2024 and terminating on June 26, 2024. Not to exceed \$1,750.

H. Contract - Edward (Pete) Peterson

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Edward (Pete) Peterson commencing on or about April 12, 2024 and terminating on April 12, 2024. Not to exceed \$450.

I. Contract - Two By Two Animal Haven

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Two By Two Haven commencing on or about April 22, 2024 and terminating on April 22, 2024. Not to exceed \$550.

J. Contract - Westchester County Center

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester County Center, commencing June 26, 2024 and ending June 26, 2024. Not to exceed \$10,500.

K. Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES Cooperative Bid

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Putnam/Northern Westchester Counties, adopting this resolution to jointly request bids for commodities and services for the 2024/2025 school year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT that the Peekskill City School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Putnam/Northern Westchester Counties, New York, in the joint bidding of commodities and services to be requested by the school district Purchasing Agent and approved by the Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specifications as prepared by a Steering Committee of participating school districts and presented to this Board of Education will be used and that this Board, if it desires to purchase these commodities agrees to purchase said commodities at the lowest bid price recommended by the Steering Committee of the joint school districts; provided, however, that each participating Board of Education in exercising its legal responsibilities, has the right to reject and/or modify the recommendation of the Steering Committee in the awarding of the bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

L. Personnel Agenda

Certified:

I. Resignation:

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

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| 1. Name: | Anny Willis |
| Position: | Dual Language Teacher |

Location:	Hillcrest Elementary School
Action:	Resignation
Effective Date:	June 30, 2024 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked:	June 30, 2024 (Anticipated)

II. Termination:

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

1. Employee ID:	4562
Position:	Permanent Substitute Teacher
Location:	Middle School
Effective Date:	March 27, 2024

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: N/A

V. Appointment:

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

1. Name:	April Kellam
Position:	Mathematics Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification:	Mathematics (Grades 7-12), Professional
Location:	Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date:	April 9, 2024 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date:	June 10, 2024 (Anticipated)
Stipend:	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
2. Name:	Stephen Witter
Position:	Mathematics Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification:	Mathematics (Grades 7-12), Initial
Location:	Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date:	April 8, 2024 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date:	June 10, 2024 (Anticipated)
Stipend:	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
3. Name:	Minuse Thelusma
Position:	Mathematics Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification:	Mathematics (Grades 7-12), Professional

Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Start Date: April 8, 2024 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: June 10, 2024 (Anticipated)
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

4. Name: Sarah Peterson
 Position: Mathematics Teacher (6th Assignment)
 Certification: Mathematics (Grades 7-12), Professional
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Start Date: April 8, 2024 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: June 10, 2024 (Anticipated)
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

5. Name: Sharon Leon
 Position: Mathematics Teacher (6th Assignment)
 Certification: Mathematics (Grades 7-12), Professional
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Start Date: April 8, 2024 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: June 10, 2024 (Anticipated)
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

6. Name: Ashley MacEwan
 Position: English Teacher (6th Assignment)
 Certification: Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12), Professional
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Start Date: January 1, 2024 (Anticipated)
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

#	Employee:	Position / Program:	Effective Date/s:	Stipend:
7.	Molle, Melissa	Brigance Screening - Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

8.	Sullivan, Kelsey	Brigance Screening - Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
9.	Echeverria, Jaclyn	Brigance Screening - Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
10.	Inoa, Maria	Brigance Screening - Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
11.	Rodriguez, Yadira	Brigance Screening - Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
12.	Campos, Yolanda	Brigance Screening - Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
13.	Stratigeas, Maria	Brigance Screening - Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
14.	Rosa, Rita	Brigance Screening - Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
15.	Campoverde, Johanna	Brigance Screening - Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
16.	Soto, Reyna	Brigance Screening - Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
17.	Esposito, Laura	PDS Family SEL Support Workshop -	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill

		PDS Manhattanville Partnership - Teacher		Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
18.	Loreto, Nicole	PDS Family SEL Support Workshop - PDS Manhattanville Partnership - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
19.	Ferraras, Sindy	PDS Family SEL Support Workshop - PDS Manhattanville Partnership - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
20.	Cordova, Gloria	PDS Family SEL Support Workshop - PDS Manhattanville Partnership - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
21..	Castro, Maryam	PDS Family SEL Support Workshop - PDS Manhattanville Partnership - Social Workers	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
22.	Glassberg, Fannie	PDS Family SEL Support Workshop - PDS Manhattanville Partnership - Social Workers	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
23.	Bizoni, Astrid	PDS Family SEL Support Workshop - PDS Manhattanville Partnership - Teacher Assistant	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
24.	Burns, Yolanda	PDS Family SEL Support Workshop - PDS Manhattanville Partnership - Teacher Assistant	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
25..	Bailey, Yolanda	PDS Family SEL Support Workshop - PDS Manhattanville	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

		Partnership - Teacher Aides		
26.	Andrade - Maldonado, Deysi	PDS Family SEL Support Workshop - PDS Manhattanville Partnership - Teacher Aides	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

VI. Correction:

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

1. Name: Matthew Adler
Position: Computer Science Club Advisor
Effective Start Date: 2023 - 2024 School Year
Stipend: \$1,702
Action: Rescind Appointment

Classified:

I. Resignation:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff 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: 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: Alaijah Kingsley
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Status: Probationary
Probationary Start Date: April 10, 2024 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: April 9, 2025 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$20,299.11 (Prorated)

#	Employee:	Position / Program:	Effective Date/s:	Stipend:
2.	La Belle, Tina	Uriah Hill Parent/Student Orientation and Screening; Parent Orientation Facilitator - School Nurse (RN)	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) contract.
3.	Mendez, Ayleen	Uriah Hill Parent/Student Orientation and Screening; Parent Orientation Facilitator - Secretary	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Association of Education Secretaries (PAES) contract.
4.	Dabbs, Stephanie	Uriah Hill Parent/Student Orientation and Screening; Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher Aide	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aides' Organization (PTAO) contract.
5.	Chavarria, Isabella	Uriah Hill Parent/Student Orientation and Screening; Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher Aide	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aides' Organization (PTAO) contract.
6.	Erazo Pinto, Tatiana	Uriah Hill Parent/Student Orientation and Screening; Parent Orientation Facilitator - Teacher Aide	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aides' Organization (PTAO) contract.
7.	Gillison, Ricky	Uriah Hill Parent/Student Orientation and Screening; Parent Orientation Facilitator - Security Aide	2023 - 2024 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: Stephany Mejia
Position: Office Assistant (Automated Systems) (Spanish Speaking)
Location: Peekskill High School - Attendance Office
Status: Probationary
Probationary Start Date: April 8, 2024 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: April 7, 2025 (Anticipated)
Action: Correct Probationary Start/End Date/s
Salary: \$57,179 (Prorated)

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.

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

M. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Vice President Jenkins, Jr. stated he is excited for the gala to celebrate 100 years with PCSD.

8. Executive Session

9. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Amy Vele

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Carmery Mendez-Battle
District Clerk

Minutes taken by Debra McLeod
Deputy District Clerk