

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DECEMBER 6, 2022

Board of Education

Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, President  
Mr. Samuel North, Vice President  
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson  
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Mr. Eric Rekada  
Mr. Michael Simpkins  
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 Interim Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education  
Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education  
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk (Virtual)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President MacDonald. at 6:10 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office.

A. Recording of Attendance

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: Per Diem Substitute Teacher; Permanent Substitute Teacher; Teaching Assistant; Mentor; Tenure Candidate; Stipend Positions; and School Monitor (Lunch). The Board will (or may) take action after the executive session. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 6:30 p.m.)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Second: Samuel North

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

Samuel North  
Eric Rekeda  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:15p.m.  
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Samuel North  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:21 p.m.  
The meeting reconvened in the Ford Auditorium.
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Report of President/Superintendent
  - A. Superintendent's Report
    - [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
    - [Woodside Presentation](#) – Staci Woodley and Ana Budds
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:
        1. Name: Elana Holstein  
Position: Reading Leave Replacement Teacher  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: November 30, 2022 (Last day worked 11/30/2022)
        2. Name: Leiny Thomas Lopez  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District

Effective: January 20, 2023 (Last day worked 1/20/2023)

3. Name: David St James  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: November 18, 2022 (Last day worked 11/17/2022)

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:

1. Name: Ana Bueno-Deleon  
Position: School Social Worker  
Action: Non Paid Leave of Absence  
Effective: December 23, 2022
2. Name: Reyna Soto  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Action: Non Paid Leave of Absence  
Effective: December 19, 2022 - January 6, 2023

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Alana Donabie  
Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher  
Certification: N/A - BA  
Effective Start Date: January 3, 2023  
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023  
Salary: \$120 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)
2. Name: Tara Hammond  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial  
Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Effective Start Date: November 28, 2022  
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023  
Salary: \$155 per day as worked, without benefits (Not

to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)

3. Name: Kristy Zupa  
Position: Mentor  
Mentee: Denise Chavarria  
Effective Dates: November 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023  
Salary: \$1,559 (Grant Funded) (Prorated)
4. Name: Chiffone Hill \*\*  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Certification: Teaching Assistant, Level I - Renewal  
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Probationary Start Date: December 5, 2022  
Probationary End Date: December 4, 2026  
Length of Probation: Four (4) Years  
Salary: \$33,340 (Prorated)
5. Name: Jose Fernandez  
Position: School Counselor (.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)  
Certification: School Counselor, Permanent  
Location: Peekskill Middle School  
Effective Start Date: November 7, 2022  
Effective End Date: January 30, 2023  
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
6. Name: Jacqueline Kilanowski  
Position: School Counselor (.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)  
Certification: School Counselor, Permanent  
Location: Peekskill Middle School  
Effective Start Date: November 7, 2022  
Effective End Date: January 30, 2023  
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
7. Name: Johanna Campoverde  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  
Action: Tenure in the Peekskill City School District  
Effective Date: November 25, 2022

8. Name: Margrethe Dasig  
 Position: Music Leave Replacement Teacher  
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional  
 Location: Woodside Elementary School  
 Effective Start Date: November 21, 2022  
 Effective End Date: February 9, 2023  
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
9. Name: Emily Perez  
 Position: Lifeguard  
 Effective Start Date: December 7, 2022  
 Effective End Date: June 30, 2023  
 Salary: \$15.00 per hour

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
10.	Raul Ortiz	Equipment Manager	Fall 2022	\$2,836
11.	Patricia Dundon	PKMS LEAP Teacher Coordinator	December 7, 2022 - June 30, 2022	\$5,683 (LEAP Grant Fund) (Prorated)
12.	Rahsaan Pottillo	PKMS LEAP After School Teacher	December 7, 2022 - June 30, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
13.	Joshian Fernandez	PKMS LEAP After School Clinician	November 28, 2022 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
14.	Miranda Mattiace	Varsity (Boys & Girls) Track Assistant Coach	Spring 2023	\$4,276
15.	Charles Fardales	Modified Baseball Coach	Spring 2022	\$3,142
16.	Brandon Juby	Girls Basketball SEL Coaching Support Staff	Winter 2022-2023	\$2,200
17.	Jason Torres	Boys Basketball SEL Coaching Support Staff (Shared)	Winter 2022-2023	\$1,100
18.	Heather Ausiello	Boys Basketball SEL Coaching Support Staff (Shared)	Winter 2022-2023	\$1,100

19.	Nyrie Holliman	Score Keeper	November 28, 2022 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
20.	Michael Holliday	Athletic Event Chaperone	November 30, 2022 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
21.	Christopher Moljo	Basketball Intramurals Coach (shared)	Winter 2023	\$1,913
22.	Sean Dwyer	Basketball Intramurals Coach (shared)	Winter 2023	\$638
23.	Joseph Tama	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Mentor	October 31, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$1,500 (Prorated)
24.	Diana Suarez Mesa	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Mentor	October 31, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$1,500 (Prorated)
25.	Brian Cuzzi	Hillcrest My Brother's Keeper Mentor	November 28, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$1,500 (Prorated)
26.	Angela Morris	Oakside After School Program Substitute Teacher Aide	October 31, 2022 & November 4, 2022	\$15.00/hour
27.	Mitchell Guido	A Capella Group Advisor (MS)	2022-2023	\$1,702
28.	Emily DiCuio	Art Club Advisor (MS)	2022-2023	\$1,702
29.	Carolee Finney	Chamber of Orchestra Advisor (MS)	2022-2023	\$1,702
30.	Norah Carney	Jazz Band Director (MS)	2022-2023	\$1,134
31.	Emily DiCuio	Student Council/ Congress Advisor (MS)	2022-2023	\$2,836
32.	Melvin Bolden	Saturday Academy Program Substitute Teacher	October 29, 2022 - May 20, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
33.	Cathleen Hannigan	National Honor Society English Advisor (HS)	2022-2023	\$1,676

34.	Noel Cabassa	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program Lead Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
35.	Christine Buckman	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program Lead Substitute Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
36.	Michelle Rios	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program School Counselor	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
37.	Lisa Dorado	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program Substitute School Counselor	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
38.	Jennifer Telesco	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program English Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
39.	Tania Winthal	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program ENL Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
40.	Minuse Thelusma	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program Math Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
41.	Sharon Leon	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program Math Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
42.	Jaclyn Lennane	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program Math Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

43.	Molly McCarthy	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program Social Studies Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
44.	Christen McDonnell	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program Social Studies Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
45.	Jessica Evans	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program Science Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
46.	Romina Caceres-Cosme	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program Science Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
47.	Bridget Connor	PHS Fall Regents Prep Program English Teacher	November 28, 2022 - January 21, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
48.	Kiah Mahy	Drama (HS) - Director	Spring 2023	\$4,538
49.	Terry Sandler	Drama (HS) - Tech Director	Spring 2023	\$1,702
50.	Carolyn Rodgers	My Brother's Keeper Administrator Grant Coordinator	September 1, 2022 - November 22, 2022	\$4,000 (Prorated)
51.	Anabeli Gonzales Pomalaya	Hillcrest After School Program Clerical	November 30, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAES contract
52.	Josie Esposito	PKMS Environmental Awareness Club Advisor	2022-2023	\$2,836

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Reyna Soto
- Position: Uriah Hill After School Program Teaching Assistant
- Effective Dates: November 4, 2022 - June 23, 2023



- Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
- Action: Correct position name
2. Name: Christine Arce  
 Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher  
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional  
 Location: Oakside Elementary School  
 Effective Start Date: August 30, 2022  
 Effective End Date: December 16, 2022  
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits  
 Action: Correct effective end date
  3. Name: Jose Fernandez  
 Position: Intramurals Basketball Coach  
 Effective Dates: Winter 2022-2023  
 Salary: \$2,550  
 Action: Rescind appointment
  4. Name: Terry Sandler  
 Position: Drama (HS) - Director  
 Effective Dates: Spring 2023  
 Salary: \$4,538  
 Action: Rescind appointment
  5. Name: Rachel Sabatini  
 Position: Drama (HS) - Tech Director  
 Effective Dates: Spring 2023  
 Salary: \$1,702  
 Action: Rescind appointment
  6. Name: Kiah Mahy  
 Position: Drama Assistant Director  
 Effective Dates: Fall 2022  
 Salary: \$1,677  
 Action: Correct effective dates & salary amount
  7. Name: Jerry Zehr  
 Position: Basketball Intramurals Coach  
 Effective Dates: Winter 2023  
 Stipend: \$2,550  
 Action: Correct stipend amount

Classified

I. Termination:

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

1. Name: Employee No.  
Effective Date: December 6, 2022

II. Resignation:

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

1. Name: Aroldo Lodolini  
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District

III. Retirement:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff retirement resignation(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:

1. Name: Sophia Skolnick  
Position: Occupational Therapist  
Action: Non-Paid Leave of Absence  
Effective: November 28, 2022 through June 30, 2023

V. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Renita Cato  
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Probationary Start Date: November 28, 2022  
Probationary End Date: November 27, 2023  
Salary: \$15.00/Hour

VI. 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:

1. Name: Tyler McDonald  
Request: Student Teaching

Location: Oakside Elementary School  
Assigned to: Timothy Murphy  
College: SUNY Cortland  
Effective Dates: March 20, 2023 - May 10, 2023

2. Name: Leiny Thomas Lopez  
Request: Student Teaching  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Assigned to: Sonia Veloz  
College: Lehman College  
Effective Dates: January 25, 2023 - May 10, 2023

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. 2022/2023 Budget Increase Modifications

That the Board of Education approved the budget increase modification for the 2022-2023 school year.

C. [Budget Transfers Month of December](#)

That the Board of Education approves the December 2022 Budget Transfer:

D. Agreement - PFA/Family Illness Days

That the Board of Education approve the PFA agreement for the 2022/2023 school year, allowing unit members to use up to three (3) of their personal illness days for the purpose of caring for an immediate family member.

E. Contract - June Campolongo

That the Board of Education approve the agreement with June Campolongo commencing October 3, 2022 - June 23, 2023. Not to exceed \$35,000 (daily rate \$614.90).

F. Contract - Jacqueline Liburd

That the Board of Education approve the agreement with Jacqueline Liburd commencing October 3, 2022 - June 23, 2023. Not to exceed \$35,000 (daily rate \$578.64).

G. Contract - Kazi Oliver

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Kazi Oliver commencing on or about October 12, 2022 - February 28, 2023. Not to exceed \$800 (\$75.00 per class for Extended Day Program and \$175.00 per Saturday Academy Total \$100 to supply drums)

H. Contract - Andrus

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Andrus commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. \$0 Cost to the District.

I. Contract - Arts 10566/Saturday Academy

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Arts 10566/Saturday Academy commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$2,500.

J. Contract - GS Bubbles LLC (Bubble Bus)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with GS Bubbles LLC (Bubble Bus)/Saturday Academy, commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$800.

K. Contract - Guidance Center

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Guidance Center commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. \$0 to the District.

L. Contract - Inner Being, LLC

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Inner Being, LLC/Saturday Academy commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$3,000.

M. Contract - New Era Creative Space (NECS)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with New Era Creative Space (NECS)/Saturday Academy commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$2,500.

N. Contract - Peekskill Be First Boxing

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Peekskill Be First Boxing/Saturday Academy commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$2,500.

O. Contract - Two By Two Animal Haven

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Two By Two Animal Haven/Saturday Academy commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$5,000.

- P. Contract - Westchester Jewish Community Service (WJCS)/Building Better Beginnings  
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Jewish Community Service (WJCS)/Building Better Beginnings, commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. \$0 cost to the District.
- Q. Contract - Westchester Jewish Community Service (WJCS)/Margaret's Place  
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Jewish Community Service (WJCS)/Margaret's Place, commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. \$0 cost to the District.
- R. Contract - Westchester Jewish Community Service (WJCS)/Scopes  
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Jewish Community Service (WJCS)/Scopes, commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$51,103.
- S. Contract - Westchester Rockland Mediation Centers of CLUSTER, Inc.  
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Rockland Mediation Centers of CLUSTER, Inc. commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$70,000.
- T. Contract - White Glove Community Care  
That the Board of Education approve the contract with White Glove Community Care commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$30,000.
- U. MOA - Peekskill School Security Aides Association  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District hereby ratifies, effective December 6, 2022, the agreement between the Board and the Peekskill School Security Aides Association, dated July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2025.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to incorporate said memorandum of agreement into a more formal written agreement and further authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said formal written agreement.
- V. Donation - Jennifer Bruno  
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 Jennifer Bruno a donation of a Gemeinhardt flute.
- W. Approving Consent Agenda  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 7.A. - 7.V.

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

Second: Michael Simpkins  
 No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment in Memory of [Officer Gregory Jones](#) and [Mrs. Faith Lax](#)

A. Adjournment in Memory of Mrs. Faith Lax and Officer Gregory N. Jones

There being no further business to come before the Board, President MacDonald asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Mrs. Faith Lax and Officer Gregory Jones.

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk