

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 10, 2023

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

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President MacDonald. at 6:10 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Pamela Hallman-Johnson (6:12 p.m.) and Michael Simpkins arrived late. Jillian Villon 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: Elementary, Art, Reading, Science, and Mathematics Leave Replacement Teachers; Permanent Substitute Teacher; High School Tutors; and Stipend Positions. 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: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Eric Rekeda

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

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

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

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:20 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
 - [Oakside Presentation](#) – Crystal Hernandez and Melissa Cruz-Gomez

President MacDonald asked for a motion to accept the medical examination for the employee discussed during executive session to be added to the consent agenda.

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

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

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: Esther Dannenhoffer
Position: ENL Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: February 10, 2023 (Last day worked 2/10/2023)
2. Name: Leslie Kohn
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 5, 2023 (Last day worked 1/4/2023)

II. Retirement:

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

1. Name: Michele Bass
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2023 (Last day worked 6/23/2023)
2. Name: Daniel Robinson
Position: Mathematics Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: December 31, 2022 (Last day worked 12/23/2022)
3. Name: Christine Hirsch
Position: Reading Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2023 (Last day worked 6/23/2023)

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: Melissa Mackhanlall
Position: Reading Teacher
Action: Non Paid Leave of Absence
Effective: January 9, 2023 - January 31, 2023

IV. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Abigail Collura
Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial

- Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Effective Start Date: December 23, 2022
Effective End Date: March 14, 2023
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
2. Name: Hannah Tiso
Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Effective Start Date: February 27, 2023
Effective End Date: June 30, 2023
Salary: \$55,064 (BA, Step 1), Pro-rated
3. Name: Gina Romero
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification: Art, Permanent
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: February 1, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$155 per day as worked, eligible for benefits
4. Name: Gina Romero
Position: Art Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Art, Permanent
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Effective Start Date: February 17, 2023
Effective End Date: May 22, 2023
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
5. Name: Yemilin Giron Giron
Position: High School Tutor
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: January 4, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour (LEAP Grant Fund)
6. Name: Valeria Millan Pedraza
Position: High School Tutor
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: January 6, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour (LEAP Grant Fund)
7. Name: Evelyn Calderon Suconota
Position: High School Tutor

Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: January 4, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour (LEAP Grant Fund)

8. Name: Wendy Calderon
Position: High School Tutor
Location: Oakeside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: January 4, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour (ARP Grant Fund)

9. Name: Mahlath Okoth
Position: High School Tutor
Location: Oakeside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: January 5, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour (ARP Grant Fund)

10. Name: Carley Battle
Position: High School Tutor
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Effective Start Date: January 9, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour (LEAP Grant Fund)

11. Name: Mary Boateng
Position: High School Tutor
Location: Oakeside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: January 6, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour (ARP Grant Fund)

12. Name: Doumina Stewart
Position: Reading Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Literacy (Birth - Grade 6), Initial
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: November 30, 2022
Effective End Date: February 1, 2023
Salary: \$69,456 (MA, Step 1) (Prorated)

13. Name: Doumina Stewart
Position: Reading Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Literacy (Birth - Grade 6), Initial
Location: Peekskill Middle School

Effective Start Date: February 2, 2023
Effective End Date: June 30, 2023
Salary: \$69,456 (MA, Step 1) (Prorated)

14. Name: April Kellam
Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher
(6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 9, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with
the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
contract

15. Name: Sharon Leon
Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher
(6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 9, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with
the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
contract

16. Name: Jessica Van Galen
Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher
(6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 9, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with
the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
contract

17. Name: Minuse Thelusma
Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher
(6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 9, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with

the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
contract

18. Name: Stephen Witter
Position: Mathematics Leave Replacement Teacher
(6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Emergency COVID-19
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 9, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with
the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
contract

19. Name: Michael Telesco
Position: Science Leave Replacement Teacher (6th
Assignment)
Certification: Earth Science 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 5, 2023
Effective End Date: February 3, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with
the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
contract

20. Name: Jonathan Barone
Position: Science Leave Replacement Teacher (6th
Assignment)
Certification: Chemistry 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 5, 2023
Effective End Date: February 3, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with
the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
contract

21. Name: Arben Cukaj
Position: Science Leave Replacement Teacher (6th
Assignment)
Certification: Earth Science 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 5, 2023
Effective End Date: February 3, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with
the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)

contract

22. Name: Megan Daniels
Position: Science Leave Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Biology 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 5, 2023
Effective End Date: February 3, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

23. Name: Richard Flacinski
Position: Science Leave Replacement Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: Earth Science 7-12, Permanent
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 5, 2023
Effective End Date: February 3, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
24.	Patricia Johnson	Drama Assistant Director (HS)	Spring 2023	\$1,677
25.	Andre Lee	Fitness Center (Boys & Girls) Attendant	Spring 2023	\$2,552
26.	Patricia Johnson	Varsity (Girls) Basketball Assistant Coach	Winter 2023	\$3,418
27.	Alana Donabie	Athletic Event Chaperone	January 11, 2023 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contact
28.	Kerianne Harrison	Hillcrest After School Program Administrator	2022-2023	\$140 per day as worked (LEAP Grant Fund)
29.	Yoralis Peralta Malena	Woodside After School Program Clerical	2022-2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAES contact
30.	Sherly Velez	Woodside After School Program Clerical	2022-2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAES contact

31.	Christopher Moljo	Intramurals Flag Football Coach	Spring 2023	\$2,550
32.	Daquan Brickhouse	Varsity (Boys and Girls) Track Assistant Coach	Spring 2023	\$4,276
33.	Madeline Diamond	GEMS Coordinator	2022-2023	\$3,000
34.	Ana Budds	Hillcrest After School Program Administrator	2022-2023	\$140 per day as worked (LEAP Grant Fund)
35.	Staci Woodley	Hillcrest After School Program Administrator	2022-2023	\$140 per day as worked (LEAP Grant Fund)
36.	Crystal Hernandez	Hillcrest After School Program Administrator	2022-2023	\$140 per day as worked (LEAP Grant Fund)
37.	Melissa Cruz	Hillcrest After School Program Administrator	2022-2023	\$140 per day as worked (LEAP Grant Fund)

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Yolanda Bailey
 Position: Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher Aide
 Effective Dates: November 1, 2022 - December 23, 2022
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
 Action: Correct effective dates
2. Name: Jason Torres
 Position: Boys Basketball SEL Coaching Support Staff (Shared)
 Effective Dates: Winter 2022-2023
 Salary: \$1,100
 Action: Rescind appointment
3. Name: Heather Ausiello
 Position: Boys Basketball SEL Coaching Support Staff
 Effective Dates: Winter 2022-2023
 Salary: \$2,200
 Action: Correct salary amount
4. Name: Lisana Burnett
 Position: Varsity (Girls) Basketball Assistant Coach
 Effective Dates: November 7, 2022 - December 20, 2022
 Salary: \$1,709
 Action: Correct effective dates & salary
5. Name: Catherine Lively

Position: School Guidance Counselor Leave
Replacement
Certification: School Counselor, Initial
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: November 17, 2022
Effective End Date: February 1, 2023
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
Action: Correct effective end date

6. Name: Hannah Tiso
Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Effective Start Date: November 16, 2022
Effective End Date: February 17, 2023
Salary: \$244 per day as worked, without benefits
Action: Correct effective end date

7. Name: Doumina Stewart
Position: Reading Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Literacy (Birth - Grade 6), Initial
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: November 21, 2022
Effective End Date: November 29, 2022
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
Action: Correct effective end date

Classified

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name: De'Von Beaufort
Position: Security Aide
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 5, 2023 (Last day worked: 1/5/2023)

2. Name: George Rios Sr.
Position: Custodial Worker
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 4, 2023 (Last day worked: 1/4/2023)

3. Name: Azucena Garcia
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 13, 2023 (Last day worked: 1/13/2023)

4. Name: Johana Mendoza
Position: Sr. Office Assistant (Automated Systems)
(Spanish Speaking)
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: January 19, 2023 (Last day worked: 1/19/2023)

II. Termination:

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

III. Retirement:

B. 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: Laura Belfiore
Position: Public Relations Assistant
Action: Non-Paid Leave of Absence
Effective: January 23, 2023 through February 5, 2023

V. Appointment:

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

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: Gurvir Singh
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Peekskill Middle School

Assigned to: Vincent Wallace
College: SUNY New Paltz
Effective Dates: January 23, 2023 - March 17, 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. Contract - Lakeland Central School District

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Lakeland Central School District to provide Special Education services for a student with disabilities, commencing July 1, 2022 - June 23, 2023.

C. Contracts - Approved Education Providers (ASEPS)

That the Board of Education approves the following 20 contracts with Approved Education Providers (ASEPS) commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

Amounts are based on number of students with disabilities served by ASEP:

Institution Flow-through Funds Total Payout

ACDS Inc \$7,760.00

Alcott School \$1,940.00

AMIC - Clear View School \$13,455.00

Bilinguals Inc - Child & Parent Services \$647.00
Easter Seals - Project Explore \$3,880.00
Easter Seals - Project Soar \$11,640.00
Family Services of Westchester - Prime Time Therapeutic PreSchool \$11,640.00
Fred S Keller School \$3,880.00
Green Chimneys School \$6,108.00
Hawthorne Country Day \$23,568.00
HTA of New York \$5,176.00
Mid Island Therapy - All About Kids \$1,940.00
New York Institute for Special Education \$1,527.00
PreSchool of CP Westchester and Bridge School at CP Westchester \$1,940.00
SAIL at Ferncliff Manor \$3,054.00
The Guidance Center of Westchester \$20,697.00
Union Child Day Care - Lois Bronz Children's Center \$3,880.00
Westchester Arc - The Children's School for Early Development \$3,880.00
Westchester Community Opportunity Program \$5,820.00
Westchester County Department of Health \$9,700.00
Total \$142,132.00

- D. Contract - GS Bubbles LLC (d.b.a. Bubble Bus)/Saturday Academy
That the Board of Education approve the contract with GS Bubbles LLC, (d.b.a. Bubble Bus)/Saturday Academy commencing September 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. Not to exceed \$900.
- E. Contract - Go No Sen Karate
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Go No Sen Karate commencing on or about January 13, 2023 - June 30 2023. Not to exceed \$6,300 (\$300 hourly).
- F. Contract - Roy Escobar (DJ Entertainment)/Saturday Academy
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Roy Escobar (DJ Entertainment)/Saturday Academy, commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$1,250 (Five (5) events at \$250 an event).
- G. Contract - Noo Moves Entertainment
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Noo Moves Entertainment, commencing and ending on January 14, 2023. Not to exceed \$500.00.
- H. Contract - Inferno365 Fitness
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Inferno365 Fitness commencing on or about January 25, 2023 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$6,700.
- I. Contract - New Era Creative Spaces (NECS)/Afterschool Workshops
That the Board of Education approve the contract with New Era Creative Spaces (NECS)/Afterschool Workshops commencing on or about January 11, 2023 - June 22, 2023. Not to exceed \$16,795.
- J. [Budget Transfers - January 2023](#)
That the Board of Education approves the January 2022 Budget Transfers.
- K. Donation - Fused Fitness
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 Fused Fitness a donation of 35 various toys.

L. Field Trip Over 100 Miles - University at Albany, Albany, NY
That the Board of Education approve the field trip over 100 miles for 40 PHS students to attend the University at Albany, Albany, NY on February 8, 2023.

M. Medical Examination
BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law §913, the employee identified and discussed in executive session, is directed to report for a medical examination in order to determine the mental/physical capacity of such person to perform his/her duties as an employee of the Peekskill City School District. Said medical examinations shall be before Dr. Andrew Levin, at the specific date and time discussed in executive session and at any subsequent days said doctor may require to complete said exam; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the employee is directed to produce at said medical examinations any and all medical records related to the present state of his/her health for the past three (3) years.

N. Approving Consent Agenda
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 7.A. - 7.M.

Motion: Samuel North	Second: Eric Rekeda
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson	No: _____ Abstained:_____
Allen Jenkins, Jr.	
Branwen MacDonald	
Samuel North	
Eric Rekeda	
Michael Simpkins	

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

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

Motion: Samuel North	Second: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson	No: _____ Abstained:_____
Allen Jenkins, Jr.	
Branwen MacDonald	
Samuel North	
Eric Rekeda	
Michael Simpkins	

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk