

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 5, 2021**

Board of Education

Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., 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  
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 6:15 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, as well as a section for public comments via our BoardDocs website.

A. Recording of Attendance

Virtual Participants:

Pamela Hallman-Johnson; 677 Catherine Street

Samuel North; 1230 Seymour Lane

Pamela Hallman-Johnson arrived late. Vice President Villon was absent.

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) and employment history of particular person(s). 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

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Second: Michael Simpkins

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

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

Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:18 p.m.  
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Branwen MacDonald  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Resume Public Meeting – In Person Attendance is Not Permitted  
The meeting was reconvened at 7:21 p.m. in the PHS auditorium.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. [Peekskill Pride](#)

5. Hearing of Citizens

Luke Davenport inquired if Board of Ed meetings are publicly accessible by Zoom or are meetings recorded on video? I'm new to Peekskill and just interested to listen in on a meeting. Thanks! Laura Belfiore commented she will share with Mr. Davenport how to view our meetings live. Dr. Mauricio welcomed Mr. Davenport to the community and thanked him for his interest, The BOE meetings are also looped on cable channels; Verizon channel 77 and Optimum channel 32. The Board meetings may be viewed online.

Judi Lewis Ockler: My daughter attends Peekskill Middle School. Part of her virtual curriculum requires her to use third party websites/apps such as FlipGrid, Kami, Brainpop, Edpuzzle, Commonlit to complete assignments. We have encountered difficulties making sure the assignments using these external sites/apps load properly in Google Classroom, resulting in missing or lost work. Several of these sites require parental consent for users under the age of 13. I don't recall signing parental consent forms to use these external sites, or create accounts in them. Several of these sites allow data access to other parties, and allow access to personal profiles from the general public. My questions are: 1. What are the parameters by which the school/teachers are facilitating access/consent to these third party sites? 2. How is the school ensuring privacy settings of the students from data collection/interaction with general public when using these sites? 3. How are teachers/admin helping students who have problems uploading assignments from these third party sites to Google Classroom? Thank you. Janice Reid: If we purchase the software directly we require the companies to sign our Data privacy policy. If we purchase the software through BOCES, they have the company sign a data privacy policy. By signing the acceptable use policy students can use these programs. The students do not sign up for the programs so the companies cannot contact them directly. 1. Teachers are provided with a list of programs which have signed a data privacy policy. 2. If companies don't sign our

acceptable use policy then do not authorize use of the programs 3. If students are having problems using Google Classroom: a- Teachers provide assistance during office hours b- Woodside through High School have a Technology Teaching Assistant that can assist the students'. We are in the process of updating the website to provide parents with the information I just shared as well as additional information about student data privacy.

6. Superintendent/President Report Continued

A. Superintendent's Report Continued

[2020 DTSDE Surveys](#) – Presenters: Marisa Lopez Rivera and Alexandra Weiss

[Uriah Hill Elementary School Presentation](#) – Carmen Vargas

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: Michele Cruz  
Position: Permanent Substitute  
Location: Hillcrest  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: January 4, 2021 (Last day worked 12/22/2021)
2. Name: Stacey Durling  
Position: CPSE Special Education Specialist  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: January 5, 2021 (Last day worked 12/2/2020)

II. Retirement:

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

1. Name: June Campolongo  
Position: Assistant Principal  
Location: Peekskill Middle School  
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: July 1, 2021
2. Name: Cindy Hattem  
Position: Speech/Language Teacher  
Location: Peekskill Middle School  
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2021
3. Name: Luz Gonzalez  
Position: School Social Worker

Location: Peekskill Middle School  
 Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
 Effective: June 30, 2021

4. Name: Jacqueline Liburd  
 Position: Assistant Principal  
 Location: Woodside  
 Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
 Effective: June 30, 2021

5. Name: Teresa Rivera  
 Position: Reading Teacher  
 Location: Woodside  
 Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District  
 Effective: June 30, 2021

### 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: Anna Stahlie  
 Position: Permanent Substitute  
 Certification: English to Speakers of Other Languages - Initial & French 7-12 - Initial  
 Location: Peekskill High School  
 Effective Start Date: January 6, 2021  
 Effective End Date: June 25, 2021  
 Salary: \$155/day as worked, eligible for benefits

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
2.	Lisa Travis	RTI Direct K-12 Leader	2020-2021	\$2,000.00 (Title IV Grant Funding)
3.	Heather Goggins	Saturday Academy Teacher	2020-2021	Contracted Rates/School Community Funding
4.	Jessica Newby	Saturday Academy Teacher	2020-2021	Contracted Rates/School Community Funding
5.	Heather Brown	Saturday Academy Teacher	2020-2021	Contracted Rates/School Community Funding

6.	Elizabeth Tabone	Saturday Academy Teacher	2020-2021	Contracted Rates/School Community Funding
7.	Jamie Rossi	Saturday Academy Teacher	2020-2021	Contracted Rates/School Community Funding
8.	Heather Ausiello	Saturday Academy Teacher	2020-2021	Contracted Rates/School Community Funding
9.	Malcolm Wright	Saturday Academy Teacher	2020-2021	Contracted Rates/School Community Funding
10.	Patricia Vernon	Saturday Academy Teacher	2020-2021	Contracted Rates/School Community Funding
11.	Emily DiCuio	Art Club Advisor	2020-2021	\$1,656.00
12.	Carolee Finney	Chamber of Orchestra	2020-2021	\$1,656.00
13.	Melvin Bolden	Drama - Sound AV	2020-2021	\$828.00
14.	Josie Esposito	Environmental Awareness Club Advisor	2020-2021	\$2,760.00
15.	Nicole Fervan	Gardening Advisor	2020-2021	\$1,104.00
16.	Ashley Aucar	Girls on the Run Advisor (shared)	2020-2021	\$552.00
17.	Jenna Burke	Girls on the Run Advisor (shared)	2020-2021	\$552.00
18.	Michelle Cruz	Girls on the Run Advisor (shared)	2020-2021	\$552.00
19.	Norah Carney	Jazz Band Director	2020-2021	\$1,104.00
20.	Natalie Bolden	Literary Magazine Advisor (shared)	2020-2021	\$1,380.00
21.	Patricia Roldan	Literary Magazine Advisor (shared)	2020-2021	\$1,380.00
22.	Eileen Alvarez	National Junior Honor Society Advisor	2020-2021	\$1,656.00
23.	Diane Eckhart	School Treasurer	2020-2021	\$2,760.00
24.	Melvin Bolden	Sound/AV	2020-2021	\$1,656.00
25.	Emily DiCuio	Student Council/Congress Advisor	2020-2021	\$2,760.00
26.	Patricia Roldan	Yearbook Advisor	2020-2021	\$4,415.00

27.	Crystal DiLorenzo	STEAM Academy Teacher	2020-2021	In accordance with the PFA contract - Integration PLC Grant
28.	Jamie Rossi	STEAM Academy Teacher	2020-2021	In accordance with the PFA contract - Integration PLC Grant

V. Correction:

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

Classified

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name: Divya Gupta  
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: June 30, 2020  
Last Day Worked: June 26, 2020

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:

1. Name: Maria Arevalo  
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Probationary Start Date: January 6, 2021  
Probationary End Date: January 5, 2022  
Salary: \$15,624.00 (Prorated)
2. Name: Tia Marie Margret Canero  
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School  
Probationary Start Date: January 6, 2021

Probationary End Date: January 5, 2022  
Salary: \$15,624.00 (Prorated)

3. Name: Shalisha Dennis  
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Probationary Start Date: January 6, 2021  
Probationary End Date: January 5, 2022  
Salary: \$15,624.00 (Prorated)

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Marissa Gordon  
Position: School Nurse (RN)  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
  
Effective Date: December 18, 2020  
Last Day Worked: December 18, 2020  
Action: Rescind Resignation

2. Name: Divya Gupta  
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide  
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School  
Action: Non-Paid Leave of Absence  
Effective Date/s: August 31, 2020 - June 30, 2021  
Action: Rescind Non-Paid Leave of Absence

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: Nicole Bregante  
Request: Student Teacher  
Location: Peekskill High School  
Assigned to: Sarah Peterson  
College: Fordham University  
Effective Date/s: January 6, 2021 - June 25, 2021

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: Maria Pereira

Second: Branwen MacDonald

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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

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

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Maria Pereira

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 Jenkins, Jr. asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

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

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

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

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Maria Pereira



Michael Simpkins

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk