

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 7, 2025

Board of Education

Mr. Michael Simpkins, President
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., Vice President
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald
Mr. Eric Rekada
Ms. Amy Vele
Mrs. Jillian Villon
Mrs. Christina Washington

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
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 Simpkins. at 6:03 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Christina Washington (6:05 p.m.) and Amy Vele 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: Per Diem Substitute Teacher; Lifeguard (Per Diem); Certified Stipend Positions and Partner Agency Workers. 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: Jillian Villon

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekada

Second: Branwen MacDonald

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

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

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Christina Washington

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:25 p.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium.

4. Report of President/Superintendent

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)

5. Hearing of Citizens

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Personnel Agenda

Certified:

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name:	Juliette Zerello
Position:	Permanent Substitute Teacher
Location:	Hillcrest Elementary School
Action:	Resignation from Peekskill City School District
Effective Date:	December 18, 2024 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked:	December 18, 2024 (Anticipated)

II. Termination:

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

III. Retirement:

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

1. Name:	Mark Andujar
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Position: Social Studies Teacher
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Retirement from Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: July 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked: June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)

2. Name: Stephanie Garcia-Antonio
Position: Dual Language Elementary Teacher
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Action: Retirement from Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: July 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked: June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)

3. Name: Lisa Norton
Position: Mathematic Teacher
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Retirement from Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: July 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked: June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)

4. Name: Rita Rosa
Position: Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Action: Retirement from Peekskill City School District.
Effective Date: July 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked: June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)

5. Name: Frank Cancro
Position: English Teacher (Grade 6)
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Action: Retirement from Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: July 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked: June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)

6. Name: Timothy Murphy
Position: Physical Education Teacher
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Action: Retirement from Peekskill City School District.
Effective Date: July 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked: June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)

7. Name: Richard Flacinski
Position: Science Teacher
Location: Peekskill High School

Action:	Retirement from Peekskill City School District.
Effective Date:	July 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked:	June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)

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:

1. Name:	Jennifer Crowell
Position:	Teaching Assistant
Location:	Hillcrest Elementary School
Action:	Non Paid Leave of Absence
Effective Date:	January 27, 2025 - March 28, 2025 (Anticipated)

V. Appointment:

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

1. Name:	Nina Reed
Position:	6th Assignment (0.20 FTE)
Certification:	ESOL, Professional
Location:	Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date:	January 2, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date:	April 7, 2025 (Anticipated)
Salary:	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty (PFA) Contract

2. Name:	Samuel Charles
Position:	6th Assignment (0.20 FTE)
Certification:	ESOL, Emergency Covid
Location:	Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date:	January 2, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date:	April 7, 2025 (Anticipated)
Salary:	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty (PFA) Contract

3. Name:	Tania Winthal
Position:	6th Assignment (0.20 FTE)
Certification:	ESOL, Professional
Location:	Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date:	January 2, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date:	April 7, 2025 (Anticipated)
Salary:	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty (PFA) Contract

4. Name: Leslie Ishoo
 Position: 6th Assignment (0.20 FTE)
 Certification: ESOL, Initial
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Start Date: January 2, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: April 7, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty (PFA) Contract
5. Name: Greta Schorr
 Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
 Certification: School Counselor, Permanent
 Location: District Wide
 Effective Start Date: January 2, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Salary: \$165 per day, as worked, no benefits.
6. Name: Ariana Lopez^
 Position: Lifeguard (Per Diem)
 Certification: Lifeguard Certification
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Effective Start Date: January 13, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Effective End Date: June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Stipend: \$45.00 hour

#	Employee:	Position / Program:	Effective Date/s:	Salary:
7.	George, Molly	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - Global Studies	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
8.	McDonnell, Christian	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - Global Studies (Spanish Support)	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per (General Fund) hour
9.	Rodriguez, Zorielle	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - US History (Spanish Support)	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
10.	Mannion, Lisa	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - US History	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)

11.	Rodriguez, Ralph	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - Earth Science (Spanish Support)	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
12.	Torres, Joseph	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - Living Environment	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
13.	Caceras-Cosme, Romina	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - Living Environment (Spanish Support)	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
14.	Cabassa, Noel	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - Lead Teacher	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
15.	Buckman, Christine	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - Lead Teacher	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
16.	Leon, Sharon	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - Algebra (Spanish Support)	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
17.	Witter, Stephen	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - Algebra	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
18.	Castro, Maryam	After School Clinical Team	2024 - 2024 School Year	\$60 per hour (Revocs Grant)
19.	Brown, Shenea	After School Clinical Team	2024 - 2024 School Year	\$60 per hour (Revocs Grant)
20.	Lucero, Katherine	After School Clinical Team	2024 - 2024 School Year	\$60 per hour (Revocs Grant)
21.	Feliciano, Yvonne	After School Clinical Team	2024 - 2024 School Year	\$60 per hour (Revocs Grant)
22.	Garofalo, Jimena	After School Clinical Team	2024 - 2024 School Year	\$60 per hour (Revocs Grant)
23.	Coster, Paul	After School Clinical Team	2024 - 2024 School Year	\$60 per hour (Revocs Grant)

24.	Detres, Leslie	After School Clinical Team	2024 - 2024 School Year	\$60 per hour (Revocs Grant)
25.	Myones, Megan	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - ENL	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
26.	Newby, Todd	Peekskill High School - Regents Prep - English	January 6, 2025 - January 17, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
27.	Loreto, Nicole	Oakside Elementary School LEAP - Teacher	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
28.	Newby, Jessica	Oakside Elementary School LEAP - Teacher	2024 -2025 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
29.	Marquz, Heydi	Oakside Elementary School LEAP - Teacher	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
30.	Sangurima, Heidy	Oakside Elementary School LEAP - Teaching Assistant	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$50 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
31.	Roldan, Patricia	Peekskill Middle School - Drama Assistant	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$3,403 (General Fund)
32.	Ejamal, Venesse	Oakside Elementary School LEAP - Teacher	2024 - 2025 School Year	\$60 per hour (21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
33.	Salumn, Gloria	Hillcrest Elementary	2024 - 2025 School	\$60 per hour

		School LEAP - Teacher	Year	(21st CCLC (LEAP) Peek and RECOV grant)
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VI. Correction:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty correction(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: Rudine Dillard
- Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
- Location: Peekskill Middle School
- Action: Resignation from Peekskill City School District
- Effective Date: January 8, 2025 (Anticipated)
- Last Date Worked: January 7, 2025

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: N/A

VI. Correction:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff correction(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:

#	Name of Partner Agency Worker:	Location:	Organization / Program:	Effective Dates:
1.	Boone, Juliet	Administration Building	Jays Nest Educational Services	Monday - Friday January 7, 2025 - June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)
2.	Boone, Juliet	Administration Building	CSE Specialist	January 7, 2025 - June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)
3.	Licona, Jacob	Oakside Elementary School	Dancing Classrooms	Every Tuesday January 7, 2025 - June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)
4.	McGee, Maeve	Hillcrest Elementary School	New Era Creative Space	Every Wednesday January 15, 2025 - June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)
5.	Filocco, N. Stella	Hillcrest Elementary	New Era Creative	January 15, 2025 - June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)

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.

- B. Contract - Javier Angulo Soccer Academy, LLC/Saturday Academy
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Javier Angulo Soccer Academy, LLC, commencing September 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. \$250 per Saturday Academy Event.
- C. Contract - Juliet Boone/Jays Nest Educational Services
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Juliet Boone/Jays Nest Educational Services, commencing January 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025 at a rate of \$60 per hour.
- D. Contract - Carolina Abreu
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Carolina Abreu, commencing on or about January 16, 2025 ending January 16, 2025. Not to exceed \$500.
- E. Contract - School of Rock Briarcliff Manor/PKMS
That the Board of Education approve the contract with School of Rock Briarcliff Manor/PKMS, commencing January 3, 2025 - May 30, 2025. Not to exceed \$3,900 (\$130 per hour).
- F. Overnight Field Trip - Utica, NY
That the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip for Robotics students traveling to MVCC Utica, NY for a Robotics Competition on January 11 - 12, 2025.
- G. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 6.A. - 6.F.

Motion: Branwen MacDonald

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Christina Washington

7. Executive Session

8. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Amy Vele

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Reveda

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Jillian Villon

Christina Washington

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Carmery Mendez-Battle

District Clerk

Minutes taken by Debra McLeod

Deputy District Clerk