

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 3, 2025

Board of Education

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

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Cynthia Hawthorne, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Eudes Budhai Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Dr. 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 6:05 p.m. in the Peekskill High School room 222.

A. Recording of Attendance

Vice President Jenkins, Jr., 6:20 p.m.) and Amy Vele arrived late. Branwen MacDonald 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 Assistant Principal; Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Instructional Systems Technology Coach; Clinical Substitute; Certified/Classified Stipend Positions; and Security Aide Substitute (Per Diem). 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: Eric Reveda

Second: Jillian Villon

Yes: Eric Rekeda
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon
Christina Washington

No: _____ Abstained: _____

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

Motion: Jillian Villon
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Eric Rekeda
Michael Simpkins
Amy Vele
Jillian Villon
Christina Washington

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

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in the Peekskill High School Auditorium

4. Report of President/Superintendent

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Retiree and Tenure Recognition](#)

B. Teacher Tenure Recognition – Presenters: Eudes Budhai and Dr. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez

Dr. Mauricio requested a recess so the retiree and tenure candidates could be excused from the meeting. 7:45 – 7:50 p.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance

President Simpkins asked for a motion to appoint the tenure candidates.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools recommendations of the following appointments for tenure:

1. Name: Amanda Cabintoy
Position: ENL Teacher
Certification: English to Speakers of Other Languages, Professional
Tenure Area: ENL
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
2. Name: Amanda Cardona
Position: Elementary Teacher
Certification: Early Childhood (Birth - Grade 2), Professional
Tenure Area: Elementary
Effective Date: August 30, 2025

3. Name: Maryam Castro
Position: School Social Worker
Certification: School Social Worker, Permanent
Tenure Area: School Social Worker
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
4. Name: Michael Diago
Position: School Social Worker
Certification: School Social Worker, Professional
Tenure Area: School Social Worker
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
5. Name: Emely Fernandez
Position: Teaching Assistant
Certification: Teaching Assistant I - Renewal
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
6. Name: Joshian Fernandez
Position: School Counselor
Certification: School Counselor, Provisional
Tenure Area: School Counselor
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
7. Name: Jenna Ferris
Position: High School Principal
Certification: School Building Leader, Professional
Tenure Area: Principal
Effective Date: July 1, 2025
8. Name: Lidia Fuego
Position: Spanish Teacher
Certification: Spanish, Professional
Tenure Area: Foreign Language
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
9. Name: Andre Lee
Position: Physical Education Teacher
Certification: Health Education, Professional
Tenure Area: Health
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
10. Name: Andre Lee

Position:	Physical Education Teacher
Certification:	Physical Education, Professional
Tenure Area:	Physical Education
Effective Date:	August 30, 2025
11. Name:	Sharon Leon
Position:	Mathematics Teacher
Certification:	Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Tenure Area:	Mathematics
Effective Date:	August 30, 2025
12. Name:	Christina Lobo
Position:	Mathematics Teacher
Certification:	Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Tenure Area:	Mathematics
Effective Date:	August 30, 2025
13. Name:	Denise Lopez
Position:	Teaching Assistant
Certification:	Teaching Assistant Level II
Tenure Area:	Teaching Assistant
Effective Date:	August 30, 2025
14. Name:	Ashley MacEwan
Position:	Special Education Teacher
Certification:	Students with Disabilities - Grades 7-12, Social Studies, Professional
Tenure Area:	Special Education
Effective Date:	August 30, 2025
15. Name:	Shirley Machado
Position:	Elementary Teacher
Certification:	Literacy (Birth - Grade 6), Initial Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial Elementary
Tenure Area:	Elementary
Effective Date:	August 30, 2025
16. Name:	Ashley Martinez
Position:	ENL Teacher
Certification:	English to Speakers of Other Languages, Professional
Tenure Area:	ENL
Effective Date:	August 30, 2025

17. Name: Alyx Moskowitz
Position: Elementary Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional
Tenure Area: Elementary
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
18. Name: Kelly Murphy
Position: Special Education Teacher
Certification: Students with Disabilities 7-12, Professional
Tenure Area: Special Education
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
19. Name: Katherine Orejuela
Position: ENL Teacher
Certification: Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 2), Professional
Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional
Tenure Area: ENL
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
20. Name: Taylor Pelican
Position: Special Education Teacher
Certification: Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Professional
Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional
Tenure Area: Special Education
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
21. Name: Katherine Richard
Position: School Counselor
Certification: School Counselor, Permanent
Tenure Area: School Counselor
Effective Date: August 30, 2025
22. Name: Kelly Rios
Position: Elementary Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional
Tenure Area: Elementary
Effective Date: August 30, 2025

23. Name: Lilian Sager Villarreal
Position: ENL Teacher
Certification: English to Speakers of Other Languages, Professional
Tenure Area: ENL
Effective Date: August 30, 2025

24. Name: Amanda Teeling
Position: Elementary Reading Teacher
Certification: Literacy (Birth - 6), Professional
Tenure Area: Reading
Effective Date: August 31, 2025

25. Name: Charitssa Taveras
Position: Elementary Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional
Tenure Area: Elementary
Effective Date: August 30, 2025

26. Name: Jason Torres
Position: Special Education Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Initial
Tenure Area: Special Education
Effective Date: August 30, 2025

27. Name: Stephen Witter
Position: Mathematics Teacher
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Initial Students with Disabilities, 7-12 Generalist, Initial
Tenure Area: Mathematics
Effective Date: August 30, 2025

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Eric Rekeda
Michael Simpkins
Amy Vele
Jillian Villon
Christina Washington

Second: Christina Washington
No: _____ Abstained: _____

5. Hearing of Citizens

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Superintendent/President Report Continued

A. Superintendent's Report Continued

- [Middle School Presentation](#) - Donald Peters, Iris Sepulveda, Dr. William Toro, and Dr. James Gordon
- [High School Presentation](#) - Dr. Jenna Ferris, Dr. Naima Smith, Christian Zambrano, and Christian Cabral

7. 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: Michelle Hernandez
Position: Elementary Literacy Coach
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Action: Resignation from Peekskill City School District to accept another position within the District

Effective Date: June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked: June 30, 2025 (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: 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:

1. Name: Emily Esposito
Position: Elementary Teacher
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Action: Non Paid Leave of Absence
Effective Date: June 2, 2025 - June 27, 2025 (Anticipated)

V. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Michelle Hernandez
Position: Elementary Assistant Principal
Certification: School Building Leader, Initial
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Tenure Area: Assistant Principal
Probationary Start Date: July 1, 2025 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: July 1, 2028 (Anticipated)
Length of Probation: Three (3) Years
Salary: \$152,421 (Step 16)
2. Name: Greta Schorr
Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Certification: School Counselor, Provisional
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Effective Start Date: August 27, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$165 per day, as worked, no benefits
3. Name: Elizabeth Thomas Capello
Position: Instructional Systems Technology Coach
Certification: Statement of Continued Eligibility
Computer Science
Location: Technology Department
Tenure Area: Computer Science
Probationary Start Date: August 27, 2025 (Anticipated)
Probationary End Date: August 26, 2028 (Anticipated)
Length of Probation: Three (3) Years
Salary: \$130,220 (MA+45, Step 12)
4. Name: Michelle McCaffrey
Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Certification: Chemistry 7-12, Permanent
Biology 7-12, Permanent
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: June 3, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: June 27, 2025 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$165 per day, as worked, no benefits
5. Name: Jennifer Meija Murphy
Position: Clinical Substitute
Certification: N/A
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: June 2, 2025 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)

Salary:

\$140 per day, as worked, no benefits

#	Employee:	Position / Program:	Effective Date/s:	Salary:
6.	Campos, Yolanda	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Uriah Hill	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
7.	Stratigeas, Maria	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Uriah Hill Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
8.	Echeverria, Jaclyn	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Uriah Hill Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
9.	Sanchez - Arredondo, Samara	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Uriah Hill Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
10.	Esposito, Laura	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
11.	Lopez, Nina	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
12.	Lynch, Kris	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
13.	Curras, Samantha	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
14.	Wetmore, Melanie	PLC - Elementary	2024 -2025 School	\$47 per hour

		Content Area Planning - Woodside Elementary School	Year	(Title Funding)
15.	Cordova, Gloria	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
16.	Del Monaco, Anna	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
17.	Lasoce, Iantha	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
18.	Mackhanlall, Melissa	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
19.	Wood-Chang, Therese	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
20.	Castro, Maryam	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
21.	Loreto, Nicole	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
22.	Montoya, Jessica	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Woodside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
23.	Castro, Nancy	PLC - Elementary	2024 -2025 School	\$47 per hour

		Content Area Planning - Teacher -Oakside Elementary School	Year	(Title Funding)
24.	Ferriera, Teresa	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Oakside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
25.	Fidanza, Melissa	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Oakside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
26.	Dykstra, Laura	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Oakside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
27.	Newby, Jessica	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Oakside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
28.	McCalman, Alexine	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Oakside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
29.	Feliz, Jennifer	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Oakside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
30.	Quijada, Axa	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Oakside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
31.	Rossano, Lauren	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Oakside Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
32.	Arce, Christine	PLC - Elementary	2024 -2025 School	\$47 per hour

		Content Area Planning - Teacher -Oakside Elementary School	Year	(Title Funding)
33.	Curry, Gabrielle	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Hillcrest Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
34.	Pomerantz, Kimberly	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Hillcrest Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
35.	Valenzuela, Valeria	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Hillcrest Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
36.	Doino, Britany	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher - Hillcrest Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
37.	Nassisi, Jane	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher - Hillcrest Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
38.	King, Tara	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Hillcrest Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
39.	Owens, Peggy	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Hillcrest Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
40.	Peralta, Ashley	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Hillcrest Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
41.	Bueno, Ana	PLC - Elementary	2024 -2025 School	\$47 per hour

		Content Area Planning - Teacher -Hillcrest Elementary School	Year	(Title Funding)
42.	Suarez Mesa, Diana	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Hillcrest Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
43.	Casey, Barbara	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Hillcrest Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
44.	MacPherson, Heather	PLC - Elementary Content Area Planning - Teacher -Hillcrest Elementary School	2024 -2025 School Year	\$47 per hour (Title Funding)
45.	Fernandez, Joshian	Peekskill High School - ENL Summer Program - Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
46.	Myones, Megan	Peekskill High School - ENL Summer Program - Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
47.	Rivera Guerrero, Anel	Peekskill High School - ENL Summer Program - Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
48.	Dorado, Lisa	Peekskill High School - ENL Summer Program - Bilingual Counselor	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
49.	Gordineer, Maria	Peekskill High School - ENL Summer Program - Teacher Assistant	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$50 per hour (General Fund)
50.	Jones, Ellen	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
51.	Mahy, Kiah	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025	\$47 per hour (General Fund)

		Regents Scorers	(Anticipated)	
52.	Bryne, Angela	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
53.	Van Galen, Angela	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
54.	Leon, Sharon	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
55.	Lennane, Jaclyn	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
56.	Kothari, Ishita	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
57.	Garulli, Breigh	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
58.	Telesco, Michael	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
59.	Filiciano, Vilmarie	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
60.	Malcolm, Thomas	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
61.	Newby, Todd	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
62.	Kellam, April	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)

63.	Ramirez, Stephanie	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
64.	Mannion, Lisa	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
65.	Tamborski, John	Peekskill High School - Teacher - August Regents Scorers	August 21, 2025 - August 22, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$47 per hour (General Fund)
66.	Camacho, Regina	Peekskill High School - Summer School Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$50 per hour (General Fund)
67.	Cugliandro, Nicole	Peekskill High School - Summer School Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$50 per hour (General Fund)
68.	Del Vino, Tina	Peekskill High School - Summer School Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$50 per hour (General Fund)
69.	Lopez, Denise	Peekskill High School - Summer School Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$50 per hour (General Fund)
70.	Savage, Frank	Peekskill High School - Summer School Teaching Assistant	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$50 per hour (General Fund)
71.	Mahy, Kiah	Peekskill High School - Summer School English Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
72.	Telesco, Jennifer	Peekskill High School - Summer School English Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
73.	Willis, Joanna	Peekskill High School - Summer School English Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
74.	Feliciano, Vilmaire	Peekskill High School - Summer School Social	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025	\$60 per hour (General Fund)

		Studies Teacher	(Anticipated)	
75.	Mannion, Lisa	Peekskill High School - Summer School Social Studies Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
76.	Latorre, Alex	Peekskill High School - Summer School Social Studies Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
77.	Kothari, Ishita	Peekskill High School - Summer School Math Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
78.	Leon, Sharon	Peekskill High School - Summer School Math Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
79.	Thelusma, Minuse	Peekskill High School - Summer School Math Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
80.	Garulli, Briegh	Peekskill High School - Summer School Science Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
81.	Tamborski, John	Peekskill High School - Summer School Science Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
82.	Telesco, Michael	Peekskill High School - Summer School Science Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
83.	Johnson, Patricia	Peekskill High School - Summer School Physical Education/Health Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
84.	Espinoza, Carolyne	Peekskill High School - Summer School Spanish Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
85.	Ishoo, Leslie	Peekskill High School - Summer School Spanish Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)

86.	Veloz, Sonia	Peekskill High School - Summer School Spanish Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
87.	Potillo, Rahsaan	Peekskill High School - Summer School Special Education Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
88.	Van Galen, Jessica	Peekskill High School - Summer School Special Education Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
89.	Cabassa, Noel	Peekskill High School - Summer School Counselor	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
90.	Gilchrest, Sheree	Peekskill High School - Summer School Counselor	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
91.	Rios, Michelle	Peekskill High School - Summer School Counselor	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
92.	Buckman, Christine	Peekskill High School - Summer School Lead Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)
93.	Thompson, Willam	Peekskill High School - Summer School Substitute Teacher	July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)	\$60 per hour (General Fund)

	Teacher Mentor:	Teacher Mentee:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
94.	Tania Winthal	Anel Rivera Guerreo	March 19, 2025 - April 1, 2025	\$1559 (Prorated)

VI. Correction:

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

1. Name: Joanni Fernandez
- Program: Peekskill Middle School Summer School
- Position: Teaching Assistant
- Effective Dates: July 7, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Anticipated)

Action: Correcting Stipend Amount
Stipend: \$50 per hour (Title Funding)

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:

1. Name: Rosemarie Veira
Position: 1:1/Floater Teacher Aide
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Action: Resignation for the purpose of retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: June 28, 2025 (Anticipated)
Last Date Worked: June 27, 2025 (Anticipated)

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
Location: District Wide
Action: Non Paid Leave of Absence
Effective Date/s: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (Anticipated)

V. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Darnell Turner
Position: Security Aide Substitute (Per Diem)
Status: Part-Time Availability (PTA)
Dates Effective: June 4, 2025 through June 30, 2025 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$17.00/Hour. As worked, without benefits.

#	Employee:	Program/Position:	Effective Date/s:	Stipend:
2.	Mojica, Debbie	PKMS Extended Day Program - Clerical Support Staff	2024-2025 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Association of Educational Secretaries (PAES) Contract.
3.	Carroll, Kaitlyn	Teacher Aide Stipend - Additional Health/ Behavioral Needs	October 2024 through June 2025 (9 Months)	\$1,250 Prorated (\$1,125) Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
4.	Coogan, Lori	Teacher Aide Stipend - Additional Health/ Behavioral Needs	September 2024 through June 2025 (10 Months)	\$1,250 Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
5.	McGriff, Lorraine	Teacher Aide Stipend - Additional Health/ Behavioral Needs	September 2024 through March 2025 (7 Months)	\$1,250 Prorated (\$875) Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
6.	Pinyol Vargas, Edgar	Teacher Aide Stipend - Additional Health/ Behavioral Needs	September 2024 through June 2025 (10 Months)	\$1,250 Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
7.	Rivera-Martinez, Maria	Teacher Aide Stipend - Additional Health/ Behavioral Needs	September 2024 through April 2025 (8 Months)	\$1,250 Prorated (\$1,000) Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract

8.	Scott, Tajah	Teacher Aide Stipend - Additional Health/ Behavioral Needs	September 2024 through June 2025 (10 Months)	\$1,250 Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
9.	Varella, Jennifer	Teacher Aide Stipend - Additional Health/ Behavioral Needs	September 2024 through June 2025 (10 Months)	\$1,250 Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
10.	Vermandois, Louise	Teacher Aide Stipend - Additional Health/ Behavioral Needs	September 2024 through June 2025 (10 Months)	\$1,250 Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
11.	Veira, Rosemarie	Teacher Aide Stipend - Additional Health/ Behavioral Needs	September 2024 through June 2025 (10 Months)	\$1,250 Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
12.	Holliman, Lynn	Peekskill High School Summer School - Security Aide	July 7, 2025 through July 31, 2025; Monday-Thursday from 9 AM-11:30 AM & 12 PM-2:30 PM	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract (General Fund.)
13.	Perry, Nathaniel	Peekskill High School Summer School - Security Aide	July 7, 2025 through July 31, 2025; Monday-Thursday from 9 AM-11:30 AM & 12 PM-2:30 PM	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract (General Fund.)
14.	Robinson, Shawna	Peekskill High School	July 7, 2025 through July 31,	Terms of employment are in

		Summer School - Security Aide	2025; Monday-Thursday from 9 AM-11:30 AM & 12 PM-2:30 PM	accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract (General Fund.)
15.	Stiles, Phillip	Peekskill High School Summer School - Security Aide	July 7, 2025 through July 31, 2025; Monday-Thursday from 9 AM-11:30 AM & 12 PM-2:30 PM	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract (General Fund.)
16.	Merriweather, Vernon	Peekskill High School August Regents Prep Summer Program - Security Aide	August 15th or 18th, 2025 (2 days) from 8:30 AM-12 PM	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract (General Fund.)
17.	Robinson, Shawna	Peekskill High School August Regents Prep Summer Program - Security Aide	August 15th or 18th, 2025 (2 days) from 8:30 AM-12 PM	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract (General Fund.)
18.	Stiles, Phillip	Peekskill High School August Regents Prep Summer Program - Security Aide	August 15th or 18th, 2025 (2 days) from 8:30 AM-12 PM	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract (General Fund.)

19.	Robinson, Shawna	PCSD Elementary School Jumpstart Program - Security Aide (Uriah Hill / Woodside / Oakside)	August 25, 2025 (Uriah Hill); August 20, 2025 (Woodside), & August 26, 2025 (Oakside) from 9 AM-12 PM	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) Contract (General Fund.)
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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:

1. Name: Michael Rodman
Request: School Counseling Practicum Experience
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Assigned to: Jacqueline Kilanowski
College/University: Walsh University
Effective Date/s: August 18, 2025 - October 11, 2025
2. Name: Leslie Dutan
Request: School Counselor Internship
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Assigned to: Noel Cabassa
College/University: SUNY Oneonta
Effective Date/s: August 27, 2025 - December 27, 2025
3. Name: Laura Ciarcia
Request: Student Teaching Experience
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Assigned To: Charitssa Tavares
College/University: SUNY New Paltz
Effective Dates/s: September 2, 2025 - December 19, 2025
4. Name: Elias Gonzalez
Request: Student Teaching Experience
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Assigned To: Laura Rossano
College/University: SUNY New Paltz

Effective Dates/s: October 27, 2025 - December 19, 2025

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.

*** 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.

**** Classroom Teachers with two years of Jarema Act Credit in this school district shall serve a two-year probationary term.

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

B. [Approval of Budget, Assessment Roll and Tax Warrant, 2025/2026](#)

That the Board of Education of the City School District of Peekskill adopt as its Assessment Roll, excepting that portion thereof which sets for the amount and rate of tax for the year 2025/2026 the Assessment Roll prepared by the Commissioner of Taxation and Assessment of the City of Peekskill bearing the taxable status date of July 1, 2025, and delivered to the Board of Education on September 30, 2025, with subsequent changes, and
That the budget for the 2025/2026 school year be adopted in the amount of \$131,740,528, with anticipated state aid and other receipts accounting for \$85,706,011 and local taxes accounting for \$46,034,517 and
That the sum of \$46,034,517 be levied and raised by a tax upon the taxable property within the boundaries of the City School District of the City of Peekskill on the basis of the aforementioned assessment roll of the City of Peekskill filed in the Office of the Comptroller of the City of Peekskill, and
That the Board of Education of the City School District adopt the attached Tax Warrant for the collection of the 2025/2026 school year and it be duly signed by the members of the Board. Copy attached.

- C. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of April 2025
That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of April 2025.
- D. Budget Transfers - Maintenance Equipment
That the Board of Education approves the Budget Transfer request for \$24,042.21 to the Maintenance Equipment account for the Lighting Boards purchase and set up.
- E. Budget Transfer - Special Education Department
That the Board of Education approves the Budget Transfer request for \$50,000 to cover the high cost tuition for additional unanticipated student enrollment for the remainder of 2024-2025 school year.
- F. Budget Transfer - Wisdom Security Greeters Services
That the Board of Education approves the Budget Transfer request for the Wisdom Security Greeter services district-wide for the 2024-2025 school year.
- G. Amended Contract - PearlCare Search Group LLC
That the Board of Education approve the amendment to the contract with PearlCare Search Group LLC approved on February 25, 2025, to expand the provided services to include Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech Therapy. Hourly rate is based on the attached schedule.
- H. Amended Contract - Westchester Sandbox Theatre (All Elementary Schools)
That the Board of Education approve the amendment to the contract with Westchester Sandbox Theatre (All Elementary Schools) dated September 3, 2024, to extend the end date from March 31, 2025 to June 30, 2025.
- I. Contract - White Glove Community Care
That the Board of Education approve the contract with White Glove Community Care, commencing July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. Not to exceed \$120,000 (\$62.50 LPN/\$75 RN per hour).
- J. Side Letter of Agreements - Summer 2025 Workweek
That the Board of Education approves the Side Letter of Agreements concerning the Summer 2025 Workweek for the following Bargaining Units:
Peekskill Association of Administrators (PAA)
Peekskill Association of Educational Secretaries (PAES)
Peekskill Custodial & Maintenance Employees (CSEA)
- K. 2025 Summer Work Hours for Unaffiliated Staff
That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following benefit enhancement for unaffiliated staff for the 2025-2026 school year:
Effective July 11, 2025, staff with wage and benefits agreements shall be provided with five summer workweeks ("Summer Workweek") as follows:
The Summer Workweeks shall be applicable the week ending July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, and August 8, 2025.
A Summer Workweek shall be defined as working Monday through Thursday eight (8) consecutive hours per day with a thirty (30) minute lunch, with Friday off (e.g. Friday is a non-work day)

In order to be eligible for the Friday as a non-work day, the unit member must work Monday through Thursday, eight (8) hours per day. Any vacation or leave day(s) used by a unit member during a Summer Workweek will render the week ineligible for a Friday off.

For the other workweeks in which the employee will work until 12PM on Friday, summer hours shall consist of: Monday through Thursday, a seven (7) hour workday with a thirty (30) minute lunch, and Friday a four (4) hour workday with no lunch.

L. Void - Donations Resolution/Peekskill Rotary Club

That the Board of Education void the donation resolution dated May 20, 2025 from the Peekskill Rotary Club who gifted the following:

Peekskill Education Foundation in the estimated cash valued amount of \$2,500, for VR Goggles to be used in all schools;

Peekskill Parent Teacher Organization in the amount of \$7,500, for the PHS Robotics Team;

Peekskill Parent Teacher Organization in the amount of \$1,000, for Oakside's Courtyard and Garden.

M. Donations - Peekskill Parent Teacher Organization

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 the donation from Peekskill Parent Teacher Organization to the following:

\$7,500/ PHS Robotics Team;

\$1,000/Oakside's Courtyard and Garden.

N. Donation - Proto, Sachs & Brown, LLP

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 the donation from the Proto, Sachs & Brown, LLP in the amount of \$2,220.00.

O. Overnight Field Trip - Orlando, FL

That the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip for the 2026 Senior Class trip. Approximately 50-100 students will attend to Orlando, FL on April 29, 2026 - May 2, 2026.

P. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Christina Washington

Second: Amy Vele

No: _____

Abstained:_____

8. Additional Consent Agenda Items

A. Appointment - Teacher Aide Stipend

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

Simpkins, Imani

Teacher Aide Stipend - Additional Health/ Behavioral Needs

September 2024 through June 2025 (10 Months)

\$1,250 Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Christina Washington

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: Michael Simpkins

Eric Reveda

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Christina Washington

9. Executive Session:

10. Adjournment in Memory of [Ms. Dawn Cancro](#)

A. Adjournment in Memory of Ms. Dawn Cancro

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Simpkins asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Ms. Dawn Cancro.

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Christina Washington

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Carmery Mendez-Battle
District Clerk

Minutes taken by Debra McLeod
Deputy District Clerk