

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MAY 2, 2023

Board of Education

Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, President  
Mr. Samuel North, Vice President  
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Mr. Eric Rekeda  
Mr. Michael Simpkins  
Mrs. Jillian Villon

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent  
Ms. Cynthia Hawthorne, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
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 6:02 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Allen Jenkins, Jr. (6:12 p.m.) arrived late. Pamela Hallman-Johnson 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: Stipend Positions; Secretary to School Principal; Clerical Substitute (Per Diem) and Volunteer. 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: Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Eric Rekeda

Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North

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

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

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 6:55 p.m.  
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Jillian Villon  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

3. Public Hearing on Proposed 2023/2024 Budget
  - A. [Proposed 2023/2024 Budget](#) – Dr. Mauricio and Cynthia Hawthorne
  - B. Public Comments  
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.
4. Resume Public Meeting – 7:15 p.m.  
The meeting reconvened in the Ford Auditorium.
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Report of President/Superintendent
  - A. Superintendent's Report
    - [Peekskill Pride](#)
6. Hearing of Citizens
  - A. Public Participation at Board Meeting  
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.
7. Superintendent/President Report Continued
  - A. Superintendent's Report Continued
    - [High School Presentation](#) – Dr. Jenna Ferris
8. 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: Maria Olivier-Flores  
Position: Parent/Family/Community Liaison  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District (for the purpose of accepting a Director position in the District)  
  
Effective: June 30, 2023 (Last day worked 6/30/23)
        2. Name: Ana Budds  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District (for the purpose of accepting an Assistant Principal position in the District)

Effective: June 30, 2023 (Last day worked 6/30/23)

3. Name: Heather Amabile  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District  
Effective: May 5, 2023 (Last day worked 5/5/23)

II. Retirement:

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

III. Leave of Absence:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty non-paid leave of absence(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

IV. Appointment:

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

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
1.	Kaleigh Travis	Hillcrest/Oakside/Woodside Afterschool Program Teacher Aide	May 1, 2023 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract (LEAP Grant Fund)
2.	Patricia Johnson	Athletic Event Chaperone	May 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
3.	Alexei Silva Nuevo	Athletic Event Chaperone & Scorekeeper	May 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Erica Ballester  
Position: Hillcrest After School Program Teacher  
Effective Dates: October 12, 2022 - April 14, 2023

Salary:	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action:	Correct effective end date
2. Name:	Marisa Anzovino
Position:	Mentor
Mentee:	Erica Ballester
Effective Dates:	August 30, 2022 - April 14, 2023
Salary:	\$1,559 (Grant Funded) (Prorated)
Action:	Correct effective end date
3. Name:	Ann Hoskins
Position:	Mentor
Mentee:	Esther Dannenhoffer
Effective Dates:	August 30, 2022 - February 10, 2023
Salary:	\$1,559 (Grant Funded) (Prorated)
Action:	Correct effective end date
4. Name:	Gloria Cordova
Position:	Mentor
Mentee:	Elana Master
Effective Dates:	August 30, 2022 - March 21, 2023
Salary:	\$1,559 (Grant Funded) (Prorated)
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: 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 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: N/A

##### V. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Jessica Foster  
 Position: Secretary to School Principal  
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School  
 Probationary Start Date: May 15, 2023  
 Probationary End Date: May 14, 2024  
 Salary: \$63, 269.00 (Prorated)
  
2. Name: Ilva Lavery  
 Position: Clerical Substitute (Per Diem)  
 Dates Effective: May 3, 2023 through June 30, 2023  
 Salary: \$21.00/hour. As worked, without benefits. Not to exceed 4 days/week (without District Administrator approval)
  
3. Name: Jennifer Sampson  
 Position: Afterschool/Weekend Transportation Administrator  
 Location: Transportation  
 Dates Effective: 2022-2023 School Year  
 Stipend: \$5,000.00 (General Fund)

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: Patti Slobogin  
 Request: Volunteer  
 Location: Woodside Elementary School  
 Assigned to: Staci Woodley  
 Effective Dates: April 20, 2023 - June 30, 2023
  
  2. Name: Aunchalee O'Brien  
 Request: Fieldwork Hours  
 College: Northeastern University  
 Location: District-wide  
 Assigned to: Elizabeth Barbaretti & Dawn Kroohs  
 Effective Dates: May 1, 2023 - June 23, 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. [Budget Appropriation Transfers](#) - May 2023

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of May 2023.

C. Amended Contract - Inferno365 Fitness

That the Board of Education approves to amend the original contract with Inferno365 Fitness dated September 28, 2022, providing additional classes at the Middle School, increasing the contract amount by \$6,000. Not to exceed \$12,700.

D. Contract - Manhattanville College 2022/2023

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Manhattanville College commencing March 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$2500.

E. Contract - Manhattanville College 2023/2024

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Manhattanville College commencing July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$5,000.

F. Side Letter Agreement - Peekskill Administrators Association (PAA)

That the Board of Education approve the Side Letter Agreement with Peekskill Administrators Association (PAA) concerning the Summer 2023 work week.

G. Overnight Field Trip - Albany, NY

That the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip for PHS MBK Fellows students to attend the MBK Symposium. in Albany, NY on May18-19, 2023.

H. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 8.A. - 8.H.

Motion: Samuel North  
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Branwen MacDonald.  
Samuel North  
Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

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

9. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education  
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

10. Executive Session – 8:40 p.m.

A. Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion: Samuel North  
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Branwen MacDonald.  
Samuel North  
Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

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

B. Adjourn Executive Session 9:30 p.m.

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Eric Reveda  
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Branwen MacDonald.  
Samuel North  
Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

Second: Jillian Villon  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained:\_\_\_\_\_

11. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Michael Simpkins  
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.  
Branwen MacDonald.

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

Samuel North  
Eric Reveda  
Michael Simpkins  
Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk