

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Board of Education

Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, President
Mr. Samuel North, Vice President
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Mr. Eric Rekeda
Mrs. Jillian Villon

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 6:37 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Pamela Hallman-Johnson (6:39 p.m.) arrived late. Michael Simpkins 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: Mentor; Health and ENL Leave Replacement Teachers; Permanent and Per Diem Substitute Teachers; Elementary STEAM Teacher; Teaching Assistant; Social Studies Teacher; Stipend Positions; Security Aides; Clerical Substitute and Registered Professional School Nurse (RN) Substitute. 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
Jillian Villon

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

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

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:10 p.m.
The meeting reconvened in the Ford Auditorium.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Report of President/Superintendent
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 - [Peekskill Pride](#)
 - BOCES Student of Distinction – Kian Hunt
Assistant Superintendent Louis Riolo of BOCES along with his colleagues presented Kian with a certificate as Student of Distinction.
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
 - [Uriah Hill Presentation](#) – Carmen Vargas

President MacDonald asked for a motion to nominate Sheryl Brady as NYSSBA's Area 10 Director.

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

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: Sasha Granda
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: October 28, 2022 (Last day worked 10/28/2022)

2. Name: Andrea Diaz
Position: Teaching Assistant
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: November 7, 2022 (Last day worked 11/7/2022)

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:

1. Name: Jessica Montoya
Position: Mentor
Mentee: Amanda Cardona
Effective Dates: 2022-2023
Stipend: \$1,559 (Grant Funded)

2. Name: Kelly Jackman
Position: Health Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Health Education, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: October 24, 2022
Effective End Date: June 30, 2023
Salary: \$69,456 (MA, Step 1) (Prorated)

3. Name: Nicole Fry
Position: ENL Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: ESOL, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: October 26, 2022

- Effective End Date: December 9, 2022
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
4. Name: Robert Zurita
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification: N/A - BA
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: October 24, 2022
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$120 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)
5. Name: Shari Applebaum
Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Certification: N/A - BA
Effective Start Date: October 24, 2022
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$120 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)
6. Name: Melanie Wetmore
Position: Elementary STEAM Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: October 27, 2022
Effective End Date: June 30, 2023
Salary: \$69,456 (MA, Step 1) (Prorated)
7. Name: Reyna Soto **
Position: Teaching Assistant
Certification: Teaching Assistant, Level I
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Probationary Start Date: October 31, 2022
Probationary End Date: October 30, 2026
Length of Probation: Four (4) Years
Salary: \$33,340 (Prorated)
8. Name: Gabriel Cosme **
Position: Social Studies Teacher
Certification: Social Studies 7-12, Initial
Location: Peekskill High School
Tenure Area: Social Studies

Probationary Start Date: November 1, 2022
 Probationary End Date: October 31, 2026
 Length of Probation: Four (4) Years
 Salary: \$55,064 (BA, Step 1) (Prorated)

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
9.	Yolanda Campos	Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher	November 1, 2022 – April 18, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
10.	Maria Stratigeas	Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher	November 1, 2022 – April 18, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
11.	Melissa Lepore	Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher	November 1, 2022 – April 18, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
12.	Nadia Hammonds-Council	Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher	November 1, 2022 – April 18, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
13.	Stephanie Dabbs	Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher Aide	November 1, 2022 – April 18, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
14.	Yolanda Bailey	Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher Aide	November 1, 2022 – April 18, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
15.	Jaron Reed	Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher Aide	November 1, 2022 – April 18, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
16.	Winter Henderson	Uriah Hill After School Program Teacher Aide	November 1, 2022 – April 18, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
17.	Carmen Vargas	Uriah Hill After School Administrator	November 1, 2022 – April 18, 2023	\$140 per day (ARP Grant Fund)

18.	Alana Donabie	Varsity (Boys) Swimming Head Coach	Winter 2022-2023	\$5,149
19.	Anthony Turner	Varsity (Boys & Girls) Bowling Head Coach	Winter 2022-2023	\$2,597
20.	Tyrone Searight Jr.	Freshman (Boys) Basketball Head Coach	Winter 2022-2023	\$4,015
21.	Jaclyn Baiata	PHS Night School ENL Teacher (Newcomer Program)	October 26, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
22.	Maria Park	PHS Night School ENL Teacher (Newcomer Program)	October 26, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
23.	Heidi Marroquin	PHS Night School Clinician (Newcomer Program)	October 26, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
24.	Marcus Depompeis	Athletic Event Chaperone	November 2, 2022 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
25.	Timothy Murphy	Oakside Intramurals Coach	Fall 2022	\$1,418
26.	Timothy Murphy	Oakside Intramurals Coach	Winter 2022-23	\$1,418
27.	Timothy Murphy	Oakside Intramurals Coach	Spring 2023	\$1,418
28.	Yolanda Campos	PCSD After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - December 1, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
29.	Maria Stratigeas	PCSD After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - December 1, 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

30.	Amanda Cardona	Woodside After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
31.	Angie Macchia	Oakside After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
32.	Betsy Saavedra	Oakside After School Program Clerical	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAES contract
33.	Nube Vinansaca Orellana	Oakside After School Program Teacher Aide	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
34.	DeVonte Reed	Hillcrest After School Program Teacher Aide	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
35.	Daniel Calabro	Hillcrest After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
36.	Gloria Salumn	Hillcrest After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
37.	Diana Suarez Mesa	Hillcrest After School Program Clinician	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
38.	Nairobi Hernandez	Hillcrest After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
39.	Michael Alfano	After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

40.	Gloria Cordova	After School Program Teacher	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
41.	Lisa Travis	After School Program Clerical	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAES contract
42.	Mary Ann Junkins	PKMS Empire After School Program Teacher Aide	October 17, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
43.	Gladys Fajardo Guapisaca	Woodside After School Program Monitor	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	\$15.00/Hour
44.	Jerry Zehr	Athletic Event Chaperone, Score Keeper, Time Keeper	November 2, 2022 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
45.	Samara Sanchez-Arredondo	Woodside & Hillcrest After School Program Clinician	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
46.	Ellen Gerace	After School Program Substitute Administrator	October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PAA 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: Sasha Granda
Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: October 17, 2022
Effective End Date: December 6, 2022
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
Action: Rescind appointment

2. Name: Sasha Granda
Position: Oakside After School Program Teacher
Effective Dates: October 12, 2022 - October 28, 2022

- Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
- Action: Correct effective dates
3. Name: Ashley Lape
 Position: Oakside After School Program Teacher Aide
 Effective Dates: October 12, 2022 - June 23, 2023
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
 Action: Correct position name
4. Name: Melanie Wetmore
 Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial
 Location: Oakside Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: August 30, 2022
 Effective End Date: October 26, 2022
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
 Action: Correct effective end date
5. Name: Jerry Zehr
 Position: Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: Physical Education, Permanent
 Location: Woodside Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: August 30, 2022
 Effective End Date: January 9, 2023
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
 Action: Correct effective end date
6. Name: Milagros Guzman
 Position: PKMS LEAP Teacher Coordinator
 Effective Dates: October 3, 2022 - June 23, 2023
 Stipend: \$5,683
 Action: Rescind appointment
7. Name: Kelly Le Fevre-Smith
 Position: K-12 Related Services Department Leader
 Effective Dates: 2022-2023
 Stipend: \$2,000
 Action: Rescind appointment

Classified

I. Resignation:

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

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: De'von Beaufort
Position: Security Aide
Location: Peekskill High School
Status: Provisional
Start Date Effective: November 7, 2022
Salary: \$28,685.00 (Prorated)

2. Name: Jessica Gonzalez
Position: Clerical Substitute (Per Diem)
Dates Effective: November 2, 2022 through June 30, 2023
Salary: \$21.00/hour. As worked, without benefits. Not to exceed 4 days/week (without District Administrator approval).

3. Name: Phillip Stiles
Position: Security Aide
Program: 2022-2023 Before and After School Program
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Dates Effective: 2022-2023 School Year
Days/Hours: Monday through Friday, 3:00 PM-6:00 PM
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides Association (PSSAA) contract (Grant Fund: LEAP, ARP.)

4. Name: Lynn Holliman
Position: Security Aide
Program: 2022-2023 Before and After School Program
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Dates Effective: 2022-2023 School Year
Days/Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM-9:00 AM and 3:40 PM-6:00 PM

Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides Association (PSSAA) contract (Grant Fund: LEAP, ARP.)

5. Name: Tashuma Draper
Position: Security Aide
Program: 2022-2023 Before and After School Program
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Dates Effective: 2022-2023 School Year
Days/Hours: Monday through Friday, 3:00 PM-6:00 PM
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides Association (PSSAA) contract (Grant Fund: LEAP, ARP.)

6. Name: Vernon Merriweather
Position: Security Aide
Program: Fall Night School 2022-2023
Location: Peekskill High School
Dates Effective: October 4, 2022 through January 25, 2023
Days/Hours: Monday and Tuesdays, 4:00 PM-7:00 PM
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides Association (PSSAA) contract (General Fund.)

7. Name: Rosaria DiNardo
Position: Registered Professional School Nurse (RN) Substitute (Per Diem)
Dates Effective: November 2, 2022 through June 30, 2023
Salary: \$308.00/day. As worked, without benefits. Not to exceed 4 days/week (without District Administrator approval).

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: Phillip Stiles
Position: Security Aide
Program: Fall Night School 2022-2023
Location: Peekskill High School
Reason: Correct dates
Dates Effective: October 4, 2022 through October 18, 2022
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides Association (PSSAA) contract (General Fund.)

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: Brian Dwyer
- Request: Student Teaching
- Location: Woodside Elementary School
- Assigned to: Therese Wood-Chang
- College: SUNY Fredonia
- Effective Dates: January 23, 2023 - March 20, 2023

	Name of Partner Agency Worker	Location	Organization	Effective Dates:
2.	Scarlett Antonia	Hillcrest Elementary School & PKMS	Antonia Arts	November 2, 2022 - June 30, 2023
3.	Karen Faulkner	Woodside & Hillcrest Elementary Schools & PKMS	Inner Being Yoga	November 2, 2022 - June 30, 2023
4.	Caroline Onwuemeli-Peters	Woodside & Hillcrest Elementary Schools & PKMS	Kinds Create DBA Abrakadoodle	November 2, 2022 - June 30, 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 - Antonia Arts
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Antonia Arts commencing October 12, 2022 - February 28, 2023. Not to exceed \$7,500.
- C. Contract - Arts 10566 Inc./Afterschool Program
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Arts 10566 Inc. for an afterschool program, commencing October 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$2,400.
- D. Contract - Health and Welfare Services
That the Board of Education approve the following contract for Health and Welfare Services provided to the children residing in Peekskill and attending non-public schools, for the 2021/2022 school year:
Yonkers Public School; 3 students, \$1,117.58 per student
- E. Contract - New Era Creative Space (NECS)/Afterschool Program
That the Board of Education approve the contract with New Era Creative Space (NECS) to provide at Oakside Elementary School an afterschool program with Creative Dance classes for 8 weeks commencing October 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$1,600.
- F. Contract - Peekskill Be First Boxing
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Peekskill Be First Boxing commencing on or about November 1, 2022 - June 24, 2023. Not to exceed \$23,500.
- G. Contract - Westchester Rockland Mediation Center of CLUSTER Inc.
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Rockland Mediation Center of CLUSTER Inc. commencing March 18, 2022 - March 31, 2022. Not to exceed \$8,000.
- H. Contract - Woodside Productions
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Woodside Productions commencing on or about November 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed 40 hours, \$3,000.
- I. Contract - Youth Communication
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Youth Communication, commencing on or about October 19, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$3,487.50.
- J. New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Area 10 Director Nomination
That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District hereby casts their vote for in favor of Sheryl Brady to serve on the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Board of Directors representing Area 10 for a two-year term,

January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, and authorizes the District Clerk to execute any documents consistent with this motion.

K. Donation - Staples

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 Staples a donation of school supplies.

L. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Eric Rekeda

Second: Samuel North

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Eric Rekeda

Jillian Villon

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

Allen commented on the NYSSBA conference and how it was refreshing to see things that are being brought to the table that PCSD is already doing.

President MacDonald thought it was fun to find what other districts are doing. It gives us direction as to an advocacy focus and getting a pulse as to what is going on around the State.

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.

Motion: Samuel North

Second: Eric Rekeda

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Eric Rekeda

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk