

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 7, 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. 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 6:00 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Allen Jenkins, Jr. and Jillian Villon 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: School Guidance Counselor Floater; Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher; Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher; Teaching Assistant; Stipend Positions and Student Teaching. 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: Samuel North

Yes: Branwen MacDonald.

Samuel North

Eric Rekeda

Second: Michael Simpkins

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Michael Simpkins

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:20 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:26 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in the Ford Auditorium.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Report of President/Superintendent

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)

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

- [Hillcrest Presentation](#) – Kerianne Harrison

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: Salvatore Dodaro
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: February 3, 2023 (Last day worked 2/3/2023)
2. Name: Jessica McKinney
Position: Reading Teacher
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2023 (Last day worked 6/23/2023)
3. Name: Marisa Vitale
Position: Elementary Teacher

Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2023 (Last day worked 6/23/2023)

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: Catherine Lively
Position: School Guidance Counselor Floater
Certification: School Counselor, Provisional
Effective Start Date: February 2, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
2. Name: Nicolette Thompson
Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Childhood Grades 1-6, Emergency COVID-19
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: February 1, 2023
Effective End Date: March 2, 2023
Salary: \$244 per day as worked, without benefits
3. Name: Lauren Dellbrugge
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Emergency COVID-19
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Effective Start Date: January 6, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: \$155 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)
4. Name: Joanni Fernandez **
Position: Teaching Assistant
Certification: Teaching Assistant, Level I
Location: Peekskill Middle School

Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
 Probationary Start Date: February 6, 2023
 Probationary End Date: February 5, 2027
 Length of Probation: Four (4) Years
 Salary: \$33,340 (Prorated)

5. Name: Rebecca Miller
 Position: Mathematics Teacher (.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
 Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
 Location: Peekskill High School
 Effective Start Date: February 6, 2023
 Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

6. Name: Bianca Mendola
 Position: School Counselor Leave Replacement
 Certification: School Counselor, Provisional
 Location: Oakside Elementary School
 Effective Start Date: March 17, 2023
 Effective End Date: May 5, 2023
 Salary: \$69,456 (MA, Step 1) (Prorated)

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
7.	Elsa Merchan	Oakside After School Program Teacher Aide	January 30, 2023 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
8.	Jessica Newby	Oakside After School Program Teacher	January 30, 2023 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
9.	Amanda Nguyen	Oakside After School Program Teacher	January 30, 2023 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
10.	Ana Aguero	PKMS LEAP Afterschool Program Drone Flight Teacher Trainee	February 1, 2023 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

11.	Andree Lee	Score Keeper	February 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
12.	Valerie Boscia	Volleyball Intramurals Coach	Spring 2023	\$2,550
13.	Nikki Brady	Swimming Intramurals Coach	Spring 2023	\$1,418
14.	Demetric Gardner	Hillcrest Afterschool Program Teacher	February 1, 2023 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
15.	Yolanda Roman	Woodside Afterschool Program Teacher	February 1, 2023 - June 23, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
16.	Kevin Larsen	City Singers Advisor	2022-2023	\$1,676

V. Correction:

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

1. Name: Oswal Perez Lazaro
Position: Woodside After School Program Teaching Assistant
Effective Dates: December 1, 2022 - June 23, 2023
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct position and stipend
2. Name: Alana Donabie
Position: Intramurals (Boys & Girls) Swimming Coach
Effective Dates: Spring 2023
Stipend: \$1,418
Action: Rescind appointment
3. Name: Daniel Robinson
Position: Mentor
Mentee: Patrick Cumiskey
Effective Dates: August 30, 2022 - December 23, 2022
Stipend: \$1,559 (Grant Funded) (Prorated)
Action: Correct effective dates and prorate stipend

amount

4. Name: Amelia Silverman
Position: Mathematics Teacher (0.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: January 3, 2023
Effective End Date: March 3, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
Action: Correct effective end date
5. Name: Justin Maldonado
Position: Mathematics Teacher (0.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: Mathematics 7-12, Emergency COVID-19
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Effective Start Date: January 3, 2023
Effective End Date: June 23, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA)
Action: Correct effective end date
6. Name: Brittany Doyno ***
Position: Elementary Teacher
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional
Tenure Area: Elementary
Probationary Start Date: August 31, 2020
Probationary End Date: August 30, 2023
Length of Probation: Three (3) Years
Action: Correct probationary start and end date
7. Name: Lauren Dellbrugge
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Certification: N/A - BA
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Effective Start Date: September 7, 2022
Effective End Date: January 5, 2023
Salary: \$120 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)
Action: Correct effective end date
8. Name: Gina Romero
Position: Art Leave Replacement Teacher
Certification: Art, Permanent

Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Effective Start Date: February 6, 2023
Effective End Date: May 15, 2023
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
Action: Correct effective start and end date

9. Name: Bianca Mendola
Position: School Counselor Leave Replacement
Certification: School Counselor, Provisional
Location: Oakside Elementary School
Effective Start Date: February 6, 2023
Effective End Date: March 16, 2023
Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
Action: Correct effective start and end date

10. Name: Stacy Leitner
Position: Girls on the Run Advisor (shared)
Effective Dates: 2022-2023
Stipend: \$851
Action: Rescind appointment

11. Name: Ashley Aucar
Position: Girls on the Run Advisor
Effective Dates: 2022-2023
Stipend: \$1,702
Action: Correct stipend amount

12. Name: Breigh Garulli
Position: Science Teacher (.4 FTE, 6th Assignment)
Certification: Earth Science 7-12, Professional
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: November 2, 2022
Effective End Date: January 20, 2023
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct position to include 2 6th assignments

Classified

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name: Diane Jackson
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Location: Oakside Elementary School

Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: February 10, 2023 (Last day worked: 2/10/2023)

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: N/A

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: Zoe Lyons-Davis
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Assigned to: Scott Purificato
College: SUNY New Paltz
Effective Dates: March 20, 2023 - May 17, 2023

	Name of Partner Agency Worker:	Location:	Organization:	Effective Dates:
2.	Michele Cunningham	Hillcrest Elementary School/ PKMS	Be First Boxing	January 26, 2023 - June 30, 2023
3.	Isabella Millan Pedraza	Oakside Elementary School	Inner Being Yoga	January 26, 2023 - June 30, 2023
4.	Sharon Simmons-Wright	Woodside & Hillcrest	Just the Place	January 26, 2023 - June 30, 2023

		Elementary Schools / PKMS		
5.	Amanda Armenteros	Hillcrest Elementary School	Just the Place	January 26, 2023 - June 30, 2023
6.	Matthew Benson	PKMS	New Era Creative Space (NECS)	January 26, 2023 - June 30, 2023
7.	Zahira Martin	PKMS	Inferno365 Fitness	January 26, 2023 - June 30, 2023
8.	Monique Chewning	Woodside, Hillcrest Elementary Schools / PKMS	Peekskill Be First Boxing	January 26, 2023 - June 30, 2023
9.	Jenna Chapa	PKMS	WJCS	January 31, 2023 - 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. Amended Contract - Edward (Pete) Peterson
That the Board of Education approves to amend the original contract with Edward (Pete) Peterson dated September 6, 2022 to increase the number of hours by an additional 100 hours and the contract amount by \$5,000. Not to exceed \$12,500.
- C. Contract - Garrett Artman Service
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Garrett Artman Service commencing September 1, 2022 = June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$2,500.
- 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 2022/2023 school year:
Yorktown Central School District – 22 students, \$1,544.45 per student
- E. Contract - HMB Consultants, LLC
BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business to enter into an agreement with H.M.B. Consultants to provide services to assist in the construct of the Child Nutrition Bid specification process in an amount not to exceed \$10,500 and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is authorized and empowered to entered into said agreement.
- F. Contract - New Era Creative Space (NECS)/Oakside Afterschool Program
That the Board of Education approve the contract with New Era Creative Space (NECS)/Oakside Afterschool Program commencing February 8, 2023 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$4950.
- G. Contract - Westchester-Putnam TheraTeam LLC
That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester-TheraTeam LLC, commencing September 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Not to exceed \$1,600 (\$80 per session).
- H. Budget Appropriation Transfers - February 2023
That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of February 2023.
- I. Award of Bid - Architectural/Engineering Services
That the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business, and according to Section 103 of the New York State Municipal Law, that the Architectural/Engineering Services, Energy Performance Project RFP be awarded to Mosaic Associates Architects, subject to school district counsel's review.
- J. Extraclassroom Activities - December 2022
That the Board of Education, accept the December 2022 financial statements for the Peekskill High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Accounts.
- K. Donation - PEF Foundation
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 Peekskill Education Foundation a donation of \$14,000.00 for the Music Department.

L. Scholarship Fund - Dr. Bridget Holloman

That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that donations received by donors be held in Dr. Bridget Holloman Scholarship in accordance with Education Law 1718(2),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the equivalent amount of \$4,800 be appropriated into the Dr. Bridget Holloman scholarship TG and the recipients being two black men scholars from the Class of 2023.

M. Stipulation of Settlement

That the Board of Education approve the Stipulation of Settlement dated September 28, 2022. Not to exceed \$5,700.

N. Overnight Field Trip - Albany, NY

That the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip for the MBK Fellows students for a MBK Fellows Leadership Workshop to Albany, NY February 16 - 18, 2023.

O. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

No: _____ Abstained: _____

8. Additional Consent Agenda Items

A. Appointment - Pioneer Special Olympics Sports Teacher Aide

Imani Simpkins Pioneer Special Olympics Sports Teacher Aide Spring 2023

Terms of employment are in accordance with the PTAO contract
(Title IV Grant Fund)

B. Approving Additional Consent Agenda Items

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda item 8.A.

Motion: Samuel North

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Eric Reveda

Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

No: _____ Abstained: Michael Simpkins

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

11. Adjournment in Memory of [Mr. Gordon Hubbard](#)

A. Adjournment in Memory of Mr. Gordon Hubbard

There being no further business to come before the Board, President MacDonald asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Mr. Gordon Hubbard.

Motion: Jillian Villon

Second: Eric Rekeda

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Samuel North

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk