

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 5, 2024

Board of Education

Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, President
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., Vice President
Mr. Eric Rekada
Mr. Michael Simpkins
Ms. Amy Vele
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 Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Mrs. Carmery Mendez-Battle, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President MacDonald. at 6:05 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Amy Vele and Jillian Villon (7:08 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: ENL, and English Teachers (6th Assignment); Physical Education Leave Replacement; ENL Teacher Certified/Classified Stipend Positions; 1:1 Teacher Aides; Classroom Teacher Aides; and Partner Agency Workers. The Board will (or may) take action after the executive session. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00 p.m.)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda
Michael Simpkins

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:06 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Amy Vele

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:09 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in the Ford Auditorium.

- Pledge of Allegiance

4. Report of President/Superintendent

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)
- [Black History Month Summary](#) and [Equity Overview](#) and – Dr. Margie Daniels

5. Hearing of Citizens

Ken Barnum appreciates the staff working with students and they have helped his child. Mr. Barnum had a hard time finding how to register for Parent Teacher conference at the high school. It should be made easier to find. He thanked the Board for all the free work they do.

Dr. Mauricio commented, if you have a problem to please reach out to the high school.

6. Superintendent's/President Report Continued

A. Superintendent's Report Continued

- [Woodside School Presentation](#) – Stacey Woodley, Cynthia Welker
- Educational Plan and Budget Workshop #3 – Cynthia Hawthorne
[Technology](#) – Janice Reid
[Operations and Maintenance](#) – Carmine Crisci

7. Policy

A. First Reading Policy # [1230 Public Comments at Board Meetings](#)

B. First Reading Policy # [6700 Purchasing](#) and [Regulation](#)

C. First Reading Policy # [8505 Charging School Meals & Prohibition Against Shaming](#)

D. First Reading Policy # [8520 Free and Reduced Price Meal Services](#)

E. Second Reading Policy # [100 Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity](#)

F. Second Reading - Policy # [105 Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education, Regulation](#) and [Exhibit](#)

G. Second Reading - Policy # [115 Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention](#)

H. Second Reading - [Workplace Violence Statement](#)

I. Approving Policies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following policies:
100 Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity
105 Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education, Regulation and Exhibit
115 Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention
Workplace Violence Statement

Motion: Amy Vele

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekada

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

10. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting January 23, 2024

B. Business Meeting/Work Session February 6, 2024

C. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:

Business Meeting January 23, 2024

Business Meeting/Work Session February 6, 2024

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Eric Rekada

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekada

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

11. Consent Agenda - Personnel

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:

Sharon McCarron

Position:

ENL Teacher

Location:

Peekskill High School

Action:

Resignation from the Peekskill City School District

Effective Date:

June 30, 2024

Last Date Worked:

June 26, 2024 (Anticipated)

2. Name:

Tiffany Balseca

Position:

Special Education Teacher

Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: June 30, 2024
Last Date Worked: June 26, 2024 (Anticipated)

II. Termination:

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

III. Retirement:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty retirement(s) to the Board of Education for approval: 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: Matthew Adler
Position: Mathematics Teacher
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Non-Paid Leave of Absence
Effective Dates: April 8, 2024 through June 10, 2024 (Anticipated)

2. Name: Kimberly Khilnani
Position: Speech/Language Teacher
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Action: Non-Paid Leave of Absence
Effective Dates: April 15, 2024 through June 24, 2024 (Anticipated)

V. Appointment:

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

1. Name: Anna Stahlie
Position: ENL Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: ESOL, Permanent
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 17, 2024
Effective End Date: March 22, 2024
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

2. Name: Maria Park
Position: ENL Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: ESOL, Permanent
Location: Peekskill High School

- Effective Start Date: January 17, 2024
Effective End Date: March 22, 2024
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
3. Name: Todd Newby
Position: English Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: English 7-12, Permanent
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 17, 2024
Effective End Date: February 6, 2024
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
4. Name: Stephanie Potts
Position: English Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: English 7-12, Permanent
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 17, 2024
Effective End Date: February 6, 2024
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
5. Name: George Goess
Position: English Teacher (6th Assignment)
Certification: English 7-12, Permanent
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Start Date: January 8, 2024
Effective End Date: February 6, 2024
Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
6. Name: Matthew Makar
Position: Physical Education Leave Replacement
Teacher Certification: Physical Education, Initial
Effective Start Date: March 6, 2024 (Anticipated)
Effective End Date: April 29, 2024 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$244 per day. As worked, without benefits.
7. Name: Samuel Charles
Position: ENL Teacher
Certification: ESOL, Emergency COVID-19
Tenure Area: ENL
Probationary Start Date: March 25, 2024 (Anticipated)

Probationary End Date: March 25, 2028 (Anticipated)
 Length of Probation: Four (4) Years
 Salary: \$76,965 (MA, Step 4)

#	Employee:	Position / Program:	Effective Date/s:	Stipend:
8.	Searight, Ramon	Athletic Chaperone	2023 -2024 School Year	\$45.00/hr
9.	Searight, Ramon	Score Keeper	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$45.00/hr
10.	Searight, Ramon	Time Keeper	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$45.00/hr
11.	Potillo, Rahsaan	PHS Night School - Mathematics	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
12.	Shillingford, Apryl	PHS Night School - English	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
13.	Rodriguez Alcazar, Zorielle	PHS Night School - Social Studies	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
14.	Imhof, Susan	PHS Night School - Science	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

15.	Cabassa, Noel	PHS Night School - Teacher Leader (Split)	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
16.	Buckman, Christine	PHS Night School - Teacher Leader (Split)	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
17.	Newby, Todd	PHS Night School - Substitute	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
18.	Thelusma, Minuse	PHS Night School - Substitute	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
19.	Dorado, Lisa	PHS Night School - ENL SEL	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
20.	Marroquin, Heidi	PHS Night School - ENL SEL	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

21.	Gilchrest, Sheree	PHS Night School - School Counselor	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
22.	Rios, Michelle	PHS Night School - School Counselor	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
23.	Gordineer, Maria	PHS Night School - Teacher Assistant (College Readiness)	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
24.	DiCuio, Emily	PKMS Art Club Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,702
25.	Aucar, Ashley	PKMS Girls on The Run (GOTR) Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,702 (Split)
26.	Lehoczky, Nicole	PKMS Girls on The Run (GOTR) Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,702 (Split)
27.	Martinez, Nicole	PKMS Girls on The Run (GOTR) Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,702 (Split)
28.	Burke, Jenna	PKMS National Junior Honor Society Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,702 (Split)
29.	Larkin, Keren	PKMS National Junior Honor Society Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,702 (Split)
30.	Finney, Carolee	PKMS Chamber of Orchestra Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,702

31.	Bolden, Mel	PKMS Sound A/V (Building Level)	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,702
32.	Esposito, Josie	PKMS Environmental Awareness Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$2,836
33.	Bolden, Natalie	PKMS Literary Magazine Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$2,836
34.	DiCuio, Emily	PKMS Student Council Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$6,239
35.	Bolden, Mel	PKMS Sound A/V (Drama)	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$851
36.	Lester, Katrina	PKMS Drama Assistant (Music Director)	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$3,403
37.	Norman, Heather	PKMS Drama Assistant (Stage Crew Director)	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$3,403
38.	Holden, James	PKMS Drama Assistant	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$3,403
39.	Finney, Carolee	PKMS Drama Director	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$4,538
40.	Carney, Norah	PKMS Jazz Band Director	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,702
41.	Winston, Andrea	PKMS Extended Day - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
42.	Donabie, Alana	PKMS Extended Day - Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

43.	Bean, Stacey	Saturday Academy Team for Special Events	2023 -2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
44.	Kearse, Renee	Saturday Academy Team for Special Events	2023 -2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
45.	McCabe, Catherine	Saturday Academy Team for Special Events	2023 -2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
46.	Holliman, Nyrie	High School Senior Class Advisor	2023 -2024 School Year	\$5,672 (Split)
47.	McCarthy, Molly	High School Model United Nations (U.N.) Advisor	2023 -2024 School Year	\$2,836
48.	McCarron, Shannon	High School Gay-Straight Alliance	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,702
49.	Murphy, Timothy	Hillcrest Intramurals Flag Football Coach	Spring 2024	\$2,550
50.	Thompson, William	Athletic Chaperone	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$45.00/hr
51.	Thompson, William	Score Keeper	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$45.00/hr
52.	Cray, Kathleen	PHS Extended Day - English	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are

				in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
53.	Fuego, Lidia	PHS Extended Day - AP Spanish	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
54.	Garulli, Breigh	PHS Extended Day - Earth Science	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
55.	Kellam, April	PHS Extended Day - Mathematics	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
56.	McDonnell, Christen	PHS Extended Day - Global (ENL)	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
57.	McCarron, Shannon	PHS Extended Day - English (ENL)	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill

				Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
58.	McCarthy, Molly	PHS Extended Day - Global	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
59.	Newby, Todd	PHS Extended Day - English (ENL)	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
60.	Peterson, Sarah	PHS Extended Day - Mathematics	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
61.	Rodriguez Alcazar, Zorielle	PHS Extended Day - US History	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
62.	Sobral, Dora	PHS Extended Day - Physics	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA)

				Contract (5% ARP Grant)
63.	Suero, Daysi	PHS Extended Day - AP Spanish	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
64.	Telesco, Jennifer	PHS Extended Day - English	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
65.	Telesco, Michael	PHS Extended Day - Earth Science	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
66.	Thelusma, Minuse	PHS Extended Day - Mathematics	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
67.	Dabsheh, Lena	WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)

68.	Ferraras Molina, Sindy	WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
69.	Hernandez, Crystal	WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
70.	Welker, Cynthia	WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
71.	Dykstra, Lauren	WIN Targeted Tutoring Program	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
72.	Gardner, Demetric	Intramurals - Flag Football Coach	Spring 2024	\$2,550
73.	Dwyer, Sean	Intramurals - Flag Football Coach	Spring 2024	\$2,550
74.	Van Galen, Jessica	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Spring 2024	\$4,350
75.	Adams, Dennis	Intramurals - Volleyball Coach	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$2,550

76.	Kness, Christopher	Pioneer Club - Coach	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,418
77.	Kearney, Delilah	Pioneer Club - Assistant Coach	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,418
78.	Guardino, Yolanda	Centennial Gala Docent Leader	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
79.	Quijada, Axa	Teaching the Peekskill Adult Spanish Classes (PRC)	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
80.	Leon, Sharon	PHS Extended Day - Mathematics Teacher	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
81.	Ausiello, Heather	Intramurals - Volleyball Coach	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$2,550
82.	Lopez, Nina	Dual Language PLC for Spanish Content Planning	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
83.	Molina Ferreras, Sindy	Dual Language PLC for Spanish Content	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are

		Planning		in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
84.	Orejuela, Katherine	Dual Language PLC for Spanish Content Planning	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
85.	Machado, Shirley	Dual Language PLC for Spanish Content Planning	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
86.	Polanco Rosario, Santo	Dual Language PLC for Spanish Content Planning	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
87.	Camacho, Luz	Dual Language PLC for Spanish Content Planning	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill Faculty Association (PFA) Contract (5% ARP Grant)
88.	Marquez, Heidi	Dual Language PLC for Spanish Content Planning	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with Peekskill

				Faculty Association (PFA Contract (5% ARP Grant))
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VI. Correction:

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

1. Name: Molly McCarthy
 Position: High School Academic Challenge Program Advisor
 Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
 Action: Splitting stipend amount
 Stipend: \$2,836 (Split)

2. Name: Zorielle Rodriguez Alcazar
 Position: High School Academic Challenge Program Advisor
 Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
 Action: Splitting stipend amount
 Stipend: \$2,836 (Split)

3. Name: Angela Byrne
 Position: High School Interact Club Advisor
 Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
 Action: Splitting stipend amount
 Stipend: \$2,836 (Split)

4. Name: George Goess
 Position: High School Interact Club Advisor
 Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
 Action: Splitting stipend amount
 Stipend: \$2,836 (Split)

5. Name: Patricia Johnson
 Position: High School Junior Class Advisor
 Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
 Action: Splitting stipend amount
 Stipend: \$3,970 (Split)

6. Name: Stephanie Ramirez
 Position: High School Junior Class Advisor
 Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
 Action: Splitting stipend amount
 Stipend: \$3,970 (Split)

7. Name: Diana Marino
Position: High School Mathematics National Honor Society Advisor
Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
Action: Splitting stipend amount
Stipend: \$1,702 (Split)
8. Name: Jessica Van Galen
Position: High School Mathematics National Honor Society Advisor
Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
Action: Splitting stipend amount
Stipend: \$1,702 (Split)
9. Name: Jodi Fernandez
Position: High School Multicultural Club Advisor
Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
Action: Splitting stipend amount
Stipend: \$3,970 (Split)
10. Name: Lidia Fuego
Position: High School Multicultural Club Advisor
Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
Action: Splitting stipend amount
Stipend: \$3,970 (Split)
11. Name: Cathleen Hannigan
Position: High School Newspaper Advisor
Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
Action: Splitting stipend amount
Stipend: \$4,538 (Split)
12. Name: Rachel O'Brien
Position: High School Senior Class Advisor
Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
Action: Splitting stipend amount
Stipend: \$5,672 (Split)
13. Name: Tania Winthal
Position: High School Senior Class Advisor
Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
Action: Splitting stipend amount
Stipend: \$5,672 (Split)
14. Name: Yolanda Guardino
Position: High School Sophomore Class Advisor
Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year

- Action: Splitting stipend amount
Stipend: \$2,836 (Split)
15. Name: Denise Lopez
Position: High School Sophomore Class Advisor
Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
Action: Splitting stipend amount
Stipend: \$2,836 (Split)
16. Name: Mel Bolden
Position: High School Sound / A/V
Effective Dates: Spring 2024
Action: Correct stipend amount
Stipend: \$851
17. Name: Jill Schultz
Position: Special Education Teacher
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Correct Non-Paid Leave of Absence Dates Effective
Dates Effective: February 5, 2024 through March 5, 2024 (Anticipated)
18. Name: Chris Moljo
Position: Intramurals Basketball Coach
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Action: Correct stipend total
Stipend: \$2,550
19. Name: Timothy Cavanaugh
Position: Special Education Teacher
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Correct 6th Assignment Dates Effective
Dates Effective: February 1, 2024 through February 27, 2024 (Anticipated)
20. Name: Nicolas Agnello
Position: Special Education Teacher
Location: Peekskill High School
Action: Correct 6th Assignment Dates Effective
Dates Effective: December 21, 2023 through March 5, 2024 (Anticipated)

Classified:

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

1. Name: Jaron Reed
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Date Effective: March 16, 2024
Last Date Worked: March 15, 2024

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

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

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

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

1. Name: Malaysia Bremby
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Peekskill High School
Probationary Start Date: February 26, 2024
Probationary End Date: February 25, 2025 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$20,299.11 (Prorated)

2. Name: Eddie Del Valle Jr.
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Peekskill High School
Probationary Start Date: February 26, 2024
Probationary End Date: February 25, 2025 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$20,299.11 (Prorated)

3. Name: Zainab Khan
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: February 26, 2024
Probationary End Date: February 25, 2025 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$18,737.64 (Prorated)

4. Name: Lasean Bates
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School

Probationary Start Date: February 27, 2024
 Probationary End Date: February 26, 2025 (Anticipated)
 Salary: \$18,737.64 (Prorated)

#	Employee:	Position / Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
5.	Eckhart, Diane	Peekskill Middle School Go Treasurer	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$2,836
6.	Leff, Maria	LEAP Classroom Teacher Aide	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Teacher Aides' Organization (PTAO) contract. (Grant Funded)
7.	Holliman, Lynn	PHS Freshman Class Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$2,269 (Split)
8.	Merriweather, Vernon	PKMS Crafts & Cooking Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,702
9.	Robinson, Shawna	PHS Freshman Class Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$2,269 (Split)
10.	Venero, Chemay	PKMS Gardening Advisor	2023 - 2024 School Year	\$1,134
11.	Holliman, Lynn	PHS Night School Security Aide	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) contract.
12.	Contreras, Sheonna	Black Excellence Workshop Security Aide	2023 - 2024 School Year	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aides' Association (PSSAA) contract.

VI. Correction:

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

1. Name: Laura Belfiore
 Position: High School Newspaper Advisor
 Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
 Action: Splitting stipend amount
 Stipend: \$4,538 (Split)

2. Name: Vernon Merriweather
 Position: High School Sophomore Class Advisor
 Effective Dates: 2023 - 2024 School Year
 Action: Splitting stipend amount
 Stipend: \$2,836 (Split)

3. Name: Allen Smith
 Position: Intramurals Basketball Coach
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
 Action: Correct stipend total
 Stipend: \$2,550

Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

II. Appointment

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

#	Name of Partner Agency Worker:	Location:	Organization / Program:	Effective Dates:
1.	Jasmyn Lucas	Hillcrest Elementary School, Peekskill Middle School, & Peekskill High School	Kids Create LLC DBA Abrakadoodle	March 6, 2024 through June 26, 2024
2.	Kara Santucci	Peekskill High School	Students Assistance Program (SAS Corp.)	Thursdays from March 7, 2024 through June 30, 2024
3.	Giana Petilli	Peekskill High School	Mercy University - Student Teaching	March 18, 2024 through May 15, 2024 with Jonathan Barone
4.	Nelson Lojano Coronel	Peekskill High School	Mount Saint Mary College -	March 11, 2024 through March 15, 2024 with Jaclyn

			18 Field Hours	Lennane
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Using an asterisk (*) at the end of the individual appointment resolutions with the following quoted language as a legend at the end of the personnel resolutions or as a legend below the consent agenda:

*For Volunteers- As per Volunteer Board Policy 4532 - the following volunteers are approved for 10 or less events for current school year

** The appointment resolutions for classroom teachers (or building principal) are conditioned upon meeting the requirement of the current tenure laws and pursuant to the provisions of Regents Rule§30-1.3. Accordingly, to be eligible for tenure consideration the probationer must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to §3012-c and/or §3012-d of the Education Law during the four-year period under review and may not receive an ineffective rating during the last year of probation.

*** For classroom teachers with prior tenure as a teacher (or administrators appointed after June 30, 2020) with prior tenure as a teacher or administrator in a New York public school district or BOCES, the probationary term will be three years if there is proof of prior tenure and an APPR rating during the final year of service in the previous school district or BOCES.

**** Classroom Teachers with two years of Jarema Act Credit in this school district shall serve a two-year probationary term if during the two years of Jarema Act service they received APPR ratings pursuant to §§3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law. Where the probationary term is shortened, to be eligible for tenure conferral, the probationer must have at least three effective and/or highly effective APPR ratings and the APPR rating in the final year of probation may not be an ineffective rating.

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

B. Permanent (Certified) Substitute Teacher Rates

That the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the following pay rate for the following non-bargaining unit members effective February 14, 2024:

Permanent (Certified) Substitute Teachers

- \$175.00 per diem jobs worked in the middle school and/or high school

12. Consent Agenda - Special Services

A. Special Services/Committee on Special Education

That the Board of Education approve the Recommendation of the District's Committee on Special Education 27 students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement.

B. Contract - ReThink Ed

That the Board of Education approve the contract with ReThink Ed, commencing February 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$38,500

C. Stipulation of Settlement

That the Board of Education approve the Stipulation of Settlement dated March 5, 2024. Not to exceed \$87,740.

13. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of December 2023

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month of December 2023.

B. Budget Appropriation Transfers - February 2024

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of February 2024.

C. Extraclassroom Activities - December 2023

That the Board of Education, accept the December 2023 financial statements for the Peekskill High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Accounts.

D. Contract (Attorney Client Contingency Fee) - Frantz Law Group, APLC

That the Board of Education approve the Attorney Client Contingency Fee contract with Frantz Law Group, APLC who are associated with the Social Media Litigation.

E. Contract - Custom Computer Specialist

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Custom Computer Specialist, commencing on or about March 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$15,200 (\$95 hourly, 40 hours monthly).

F. Contracts - Health and Welfare Services

That the Board of Education approve the following contracts for Health and Welfare Services provided to the children residing in Peekskill and attending non-public schools, for the 2023/2024 school year:

Arlington Central School District – 1 student, \$927.45 per student

Elmsford Union Free School District – 1 student, \$1,145.54 per student

Harrison Central School District – 2 students, \$1,146.28 per student

Yorktown Central School District – 28 students, \$1,676.75 per student

G. Coach Bus Transportation Services Cooperative Bid 2024-2025

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mamaroneck Union Free School District to allow any officer, board, or agency of a political subdivision or of any district therein, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly for Coach Bus Transportation Services.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Peekskill City School District agrees to participate with other school Districts, with Mamaroneck Union Free School District as the lead agency, adopting this in the joint bidding of Coach Bus Transportation Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this Board agrees to bid its required amount of said services jointly with other participating school districts and the Mamaroneck Union Free School District. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by the Mamaroneck Union Free School District in the Journal News in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 to the General Municipal Law.

H. Award of Contract for Transportation

WHEREAS, on or about December 15, 2023, the Peekskill City School District (the "District") requested proposals for the provision of student transportation services for (1) Home-to-School Transportation (including In and Out-of-District Transportation for Public, Private, Parochial Schools); (2) Field and Sports Trips; and (3) Summer Transportation, each for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school years;

WHEREAS, on or about January 11, 2024 the District received and opened proposals in response to its request for proposals for student transportation services;

WHEREAS, the District evaluated, reviewed and scored the proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the request for proposals for student transportation;

WHEREAS, based upon said review and evaluation, the District Administration recommends that the Board of Education award each of the transportation contracts as follows:

- Home-to-School Transportation contract (including In and Out-of-District Transportation for Public, Private, Parochial Schools) for a five-year term to First Student, Inc. in accordance with the proposal attached hereto;
- Field and Sports Trips contract for a five-year term to First Student, Inc. in accordance with the proposal attached hereto;
- Summer Transportation contract for a five-year term to First Student, Inc. in accordance with the proposal attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, voter approval is required for each multi-year contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby awards each of the transportation contracts as follows: (1) Home-to-School Transportation (including In and Out-of-District Transportation for Public, Private, Parochial Schools) contract to First Student, Inc. in accordance with the proposal attached hereto for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school years subject to voter approval; (2) Field and Sports Trips contract to First Student, Inc. in accordance with the proposal attached hereto for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school years subject to voter approval; and (3) Summer Transportation contract to First Student, Inc. in accordance with the proposal attached hereto for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school years subject to voter approval.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the voters do not approve the Home-to-School Transportation, Field and Sports Trip, or the Summer Transportation contracts for a five-year term, each of said contracts shall be awarded to First Student, Inc. in accordance with the attached proposals submitted by First Student for (1) Home-to-School Transportation (including In and Out-of-District Transportation for Public, Private, Parochial Schools) for the 2024-2025 school year; (2) Field and Sports Trips contract for the 2024-2025 school year; and (3) Summer Transportation contract for the 2024-2025 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School

District authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said contract awards.

I. Contract - Gymnastics City (Uriah Hill)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Gymnastic City (Uriah Hill), commencing on or about April 19, 2024 - June 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$10,500 (\$1,500 per day;7 week residency during school days on Fridays).

J. Contract - DataWorks

That the Board of Education approve the contract with DataWorks, commencing on or about March 8, 2024 - September 30, 2024. Not to exceed \$9,625.

14. Other Agenda Items

A. Overnight Field Trip - MVCC, Utica, NY

That the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip for the Robotics Team to compete in the MVCC, in Utica, NY, leaving March 2 - 3, 2024.

B. Field Trip Over 100 Miles - Howe Caverns, Howes Cave, NY

That the Board of Education approve the field trip over 100 miles for PHS 10th grade earth science class to visit Howe Caverns, Howes Cave, NY on April 12, 2024.

C. Donation - A.L.A.S.

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 A.L.A.S. a donation of \$5,000.00.

15. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 11.A. - 14.C.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Branwen MacDonald.

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

16. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

17. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

Vice President Jenkins commented the Audit Committee met and they will provide a report at the next meeting. There weren't any serious concerns for safety and school security as well as financial security.

President MacDonald stated the PTO met and discussed the importance of how to work together as a family. They are also looking for volunteers.

18. Executive Session

19. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Amy Vele

Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald.

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Carmery Mendez-Battle

District Clerk

Minutes taken by Debra McLeod

Deputy District Clerk