

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 3, 2023

Board of Education

Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, President
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr., Vice President
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Mr. Eric Rekeda
Mr. Michael Simpkins
Ms. Amy Vele
Mrs. Jillian Villon

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
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., Michael Simpkins (6:07 p.m.) and Amy Vele (6:07 p.m.) arrived late.
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 Teacher; Stipend Positions; 3:1 Shared, 1:1 Shared, Classroom Teacher Aides; Security Aide; Clerical Substitutes (Per Diem); and Federal Funds Manager. 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: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Branwen MacDonald.
Eric Rekeda

Second: Eric Rekeda
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session – 7:14 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr

Second: Amy Vele

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

No: _____

Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald.

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

3. Resume Public Meeting – 7:19 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

4. Report of President/Superintendent

A. Superintendent's Report

- [Peekskill Pride](#)
- [Capital Project: Community Update](#)

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Elena Walker stated the links on the District's website still are not working. Is the investigation over, regarding the student? She hasn't heard from the police department.

Dr. Mauricio commented the problems with the District's website was looked into and was fixed immediately. The areas that were identified, the links were removed. The website is functional.

6. 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: N/A

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: Nina Reed
 Position: ENL Teacher (.2 FTE, 6th Assignment)
 Certification: ESOL, Professional
 Effective Start Date: September 26, 2023
 Effective End Date: October 27, 2023
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
2.	Oswal Perez Lazaro	Woodside After School Program Teaching Assistant	October 2, 2023 - March 28, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
3.	Maryam Castro Kalantari	Woodside After School Program Social Worker	October 2, 2023 - March 28, 2023	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
4.	Jennifer Lombardo	Oakside Gardening Advisor	2023-2024	\$1,134
5.	Alexei Silva Nuevo	Hillcrest Soccer Intramurals Coach	September - October 2023	\$2,550
6.	Lanay Rodney	Hillcrest Soccer Intramurals Coach	September - October 2023	\$2,550
7.	Heather Ausiello	Hillcrest Soccer Intramurals Coach	September - October 2023	\$2,550
8.	Oscar Moscoso	Hillcrest Soccer Intramurals Coach	September - October 2023	\$2,550
9.	Lanay Rodney	Athletic Event Chaperone	2023-2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
10.	Dennis Adams	Score Keeper	2023-2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
11.	Timothy Murphy	Oakside Intramurals Coach Fall Sports	Fall 2023	\$1,439
12.	Timothy Murphy	Oakside Intramurals Coach Winter Sports	Winter 2023 - 2024	\$1,439

13.	Timothy Murphy	Oakside Intramurals Coach Spring Sports	Spring 2024	\$1,439
14.	Timothy Murphy	Hillcrest Intramurals Soccer Program Site Director	September - October 2023	\$3,250
15.	Timothy Murphy	Hillcrest Intramurals Basketball Program Site Director	November 2023 - January 2024	\$3,650
16.	Timothy Murphy	Hillcrest Intramurals Volleyball Program Site Director	January - March 2024	\$3,250
17.	Timothy Murphy	Hillcrest Intramurals Flag Football Program Site Director	April - June 2024	\$3,250
18.	Todd Newby	PHS Fall Night School English Teacher	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
19.	Zorielle Rodriguez- Alcazar	PHS Fall Night School Social Studies Teacher	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
20.	Christen McDonnell	PHS Fall Night School Social Studies Teacher	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
21.	Minuse Thelusma	PHS Fall Night School Mathematics Teacher	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
22.	Susan Imhof	PHS Fall Night School Science Teacher	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
23.	Lidia Fuego	PHS Fall Night School Spanish Teacher	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

24.	Apryl Shillingford	PHS Fall Night School Special Education Teacher	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
25.	Sheree Gilcrest	PHS Fall Night School Counselor	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
26.	Michelle Rios	PHS Fall Night School Counselor	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
27.	Christine Buckman	PHS Fall Night School Lead Teacher	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
28.	Noel Cabassa	PHS Fall Night School Lead Teacher	October 2, 2023 - January 12, 2024	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: Melvin Bolden
 Position: STEAM Teacher (.2 FTE, 6th Assignment) - shared
 Certification: Music, Permanent
 Effective Start Date: August 30, 2023
 Effective End Date: June 26, 2024
 Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
 Action: Correct position as it is shared

2. Name: Frank Bucci
 Position: STEAM Teacher (.2 FTE, 6th Assignment) - shared
 Certification: Educational Technology Specialist, Professional
 Effective Start Date: August 30, 2023

Effective End Date: June 26, 2024
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct position as it is shared

3. Name: Carmen Monahan
Position: Oakside After School Program Teaching Assistant
Effective Dates: October 2, 2023 - March 28, 2024
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct position title

4. Name: Gladys Fajardo Guapisaca
Position: Oakside After School Program Teaching Assistant
Effective Dates: October 2, 2023 - March 28, 2024
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
Action: Correct position title

Classified:

I. Resignation:

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

1. Name: Cristal Martinez
Position: 1:1 Teacher Aide
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: September 22, 2023 (Last day worked: 9/22/2023)

2. Name: Pernell Gross
Position: Custodial Worker
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: September 27, 2023 (Last day worked: 9/27/2023)

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:

1. Name: Luke Torres-Rossi
Position: 3:1 Shared Teacher Aide
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Probationary Start Date: September 26, 2023
Probationary End Date: September 25, 2024 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$20,299.11 (Prorated)
2. Name: Ericka Rivas
Position: 1:1 Shared Teacher Aide
Location: Peekskill Middle School
Probationary Start Date: September 27, 2023
Probationary End Date: September 26, 2024 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$20,299.11 (Prorated)
3. Name: Pamela Peralta Vele
Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
Location: Uriah Hill Elementary School
Probationary Start Date: October 3, 2023
Probationary End Date: October 2, 2024 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$18,737.64 (Prorated)
4. Name: Lynn Holliman
Position: Security Aide
Location: Peekskill High School
Probationary Start Date: October 4, 2023
Probationary End Date: October 3, 2024 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$32,507.49 (Prorated)
5. Name: Loretta Melomo
Position: Clerical Substitute (Per Diem)
Status: Part-Time Availability (PTA)
Dates Effective: October 4, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Salary: \$21.00/hour. As worked, without benefits.
Not to exceed 4 days/week (without District Administrator approval).

6. Name: Michelle Marello
Position: Clerical Substitute (Per Diem)
Status: Part-Time Availability (PTA)
Dates Effective: October 4, 2023 through June 30, 2024
Salary: \$21.00/hour. As worked, without benefits.
Not to exceed 4 days/week (without District Administrator approval).

7. Name: Elizabeth Varuolo
Position: Federal Funds Manager
Dates Effective: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024
Stipend: \$4,000.00 (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:

1. Name: Shannon David
Position: Custodial Worker
Location: Peekskill High School
Effective Date: August 31, 2023
Salary: \$51,948.00 (Prorated)
Action: Correct position start date

Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

I. Appointment:

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

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. Contract - Rafael Abreu Teixeira dba Cai Na Capoeira

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Rafael Abreu Teixeira dba Cai Na Capoeira commencing October 1, 2023 - December 15, 2023. Not to exceed \$4,000.

C. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 6.A. - 6.B.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald.

Eric Reveda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

No: _____ Abstained: _____

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

Vice President Jenkins, Jr. commented the Audit committee met and the external audit report will be brought before the Board at the October 17 meeting. The recommendations in the past have been completed and all documents were made readily available for the auditors. Vice President Jenkins, Jr. also thanked

Laura Belfiore for all the activities pertaining to the homecoming. Both teams won with soccer. The Board wished Dr. Mauricio an early Happy Birthday.

8. Executive Session

9. 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.

Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Branwen MacDonald

Eric Rekeda

Michael Simpkins

Amy Vele

Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

No: _____ Abstained:_____

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Debra McLeod