Peekskill City School District 1031 Elm Street Peekskill, New York

Colin Smith

BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION DECEMBER 16, 2014

Mr. E Mr. C Ms. J Mrs. Mr. N	ed of Education Douglas Glickert, President Colin Smith, Vice President Jillian Clausen Maria Pereira Michael Simpkins Richard Sullivan	Central Office Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Interim Superintendent Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Asst Supt for Business Dr. Joseph Mosey, Asst Supt for Admn Services Dr. David Fine, Asst Supt for Secondary Education Mrs. Mary Foster, Asst Supt for Elementary Education Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk			
Th B	irdas Room. Recording of Attendance	by President Glickert at 6:03 p.m. in the George arrived late. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon was absent.			
 2. Proposed Executive Session A. Open Meeting (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discuss particular contractual and personnel items. The public part of the meetin open at approximately 7:00PM) 					
В	 Adjourn to Executive Session Motion to Adjourn Meeting in a 	order to enter to Executive Session			
	Motion: Richard Sullivan Yes: Doug Glickert Maria Pereira Michael Simpkins Richard Sullivan	Second: Michael Simpkins No: Abstained:			
С	. Adjourn Executive Session Motion to Re-Open Meeting				
	Motion: Michael Simpkins Yes: Jillian Clausen Doug Glickert Maria Pereira Michael Simpkins	Second: Maria Pereira No: Abstained:			

Richard Sullivan

- 3. Resume Public Meeting
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:10 p.m.
- 4. Hearing of Citizens

George Ondek of 31 Winchester Avenue wished everyone happy holidays. Mr. Ondek would like to see higher academic scores, prudence in spending and a tax reduction. He also spoke regarding The Guardian Academy Charter School, where a comment was made that the school would be hiring teachers that were not qualified.

Dr. Licopoli responded to Mr. Ondek stating there was no victory for PCSD, the Guardian Academy withdrew their application from NYSED. Also, in the application for the school it stipulates they would be hiring uncertified teachers.

Reginald Johnson of 677 Catherine Street commented his daughter was in the play, "The Breakfast Club" and it was a wonderful presentation with a smorgasbord of talent. Mr. Johnson noted what a phenomenal job the Board is doing and he also commended the Board on toeing the line with the budget.

Dr. Licopoli remarked on the incredible job the students did in their work with "The Breakfast Club," and noted that the actors brought their own personal experience into their roles.

- 5. Superintendent/Board President Report
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 - B. Recognition of Cast and Crew of "The Breakfast Club"
 Terry Sandler, Theater and Arts Teacher, introduced the cast and crew to the
 Board. Mr. Sandler also acknowledged Dave Markoff, Bridget Connor and Laura
 Belfiore as part of the team.
 - Dr. Licopoli recognized Cami Basso as Coach of the Year from the Westchester/Rockland/Putnam/Dutchess Coach's Association.
 - C. The Student Council report was given by Nancy Lopez, secretary of student Council. Miriam Skrivanek commented the Student Council was proud of the cast and crew of "The Breakfast Club".
 - D. Pupil Personnel Services (PPS)
 - Dr. Fine shared with the Board a PowerPoint on Pupil Personnel Services.
 - E. Educational Plan and Budget Workshop 1 Superintendent Licopoli along with Robin Zimmerman presented to the Board the first draft of the Educational Plan and Budget.
 - F. Contracts Under \$10,000
 - President Glickert read into the minutes the following contract under \$10,000:
 - Westchester Jewish Community Service/Margaret's Place MOU; Peekskill Middle School/Domestic Violence Education; \$0
 - G. Donations/grants under \$5,000

President Glickert read into the minutes the following donations/grants under \$5,000:

- IBM Community Grant; PCSD to promote STEM(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math); \$1500 for Books; \$500 for Science Fair Supplies
- Wheelabrator; Smart Start Program at Peekskill Middle School for transportation costs for trips to Vassar and the University of Connecticut; \$500
- Arthur Weeks & Sons Jewelers; Smart Start Program at Peekskill Middle School for transportation costs for trips to Vassar and the University of Connecticut; \$50
- Taconic Road Runners Club; Peekskill High School Track Team; \$1,000
- Donors Choose Program: PHS Freshman Academy to provide five (5) Kindles;
 \$500
- Michael Schilale Architects, LLP; Library Grant; \$250
- 6. Old Business
 - A. New Agenda Item
- 7. New Business
 - A. New Agenda Item
- 8. Accepting of Minutes
 - A. Business Meeting November 18, 2014
 - B. Special Meeting November 25, 2014
 - C. Business Meeting/Work Session December 2, 2014
 - D. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting November 18, 2014

Special Meeting November 25, 2014

Business Meeting/Work Session December 2, 2014

Motion: Michael Simpkins	Second: Richard Sullivan		
Yes: Jillian Clausen	No:	Abstained:	
Doug Glickert			
Maria Pereira			
Michael Simpkins			
Colin Smith			
Richard Sullivan			

9. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

- I. Resignation
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher resignation to the Board of Education for approval:
 - 1. Allison Risoli Teacher For the purpose of retirement Effective June 30, 2015
- II. Leave of Absence
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following non-paid leave of absence to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Amy Yanarelli Teaching Assistant

Effective: December 1, 2014

Anticipated to be 6-8 weeks duration

III. Appointments

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointments to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Amy Yanarelli

Position: Elementary Education Teacher - LOA replacement

Certification Status: Early Childhood Education, Students w/Disabilities;

Initial

Effective Date: December 2, 2014 Start Date: December 2, 2014

End Date: February 2015 (6-8 weeks duration)

Salary: \$308/day

2. Name: Amy Pollack

Position: . 4 FTE English Language Learner Teacher

Certification Status: ESOL; Permanent Effective Start Date: November 19, 2014

End Date: June 30, 2015

Salary: \$77,423 (Pro-rated) MA + 45, Step 1

3. Name: Sean Dwyer

Position: Physical Education - LOA replacement

Certification Status: Health and Physical Education; initial

Effective Date: September 17, 2014 Extension Start date: January 5, 2014 Extension End Date: June 30, 2015 Salary: \$ 49,073 Pro-rated (BA, Step 1)

B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 permanent substitute appointments for the 2014-2015 school year, at the rate of \$120.00 per day (no benefits), to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Gabriel Lee

Certified: Social Studies (7-12) and Special Education; Permanent

Location: Middle School

Effective: November 12, 2014- June 26, 2015

Work Days: Tuesday - Friday, maximum of four (4) days per week/worked,

seven (7) hour work day.

Rate: \$120/day. No benefits

2. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following chaperone appointments for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

a.	Jennifer Farenga	Drama Production Dec. 2014	\$38.00/per 2 hr block
b.	Merritt Brown	Drama Production Dec. 2014	\$38.00/per 2 hr block
C.	Sarah McLaughlin	Drama Production Dec. 2014	\$38.00/per 2 hr block
d.	April Kellam	Drama Production Dec. 2014	\$38.00/per 2 hr block
e.	John Hahn	Drama Production Dec. 2014	\$38.00/per 2 hr block
f.	Maria Gordineer	Drama Production Dec. 2014	\$38.00/per 2 hr block
g.	Francine Yeagley	Drama Production Dec. 2014	\$38.00/per 2 hr block
h.	Selma Dias	Drama Production Dec. 2014	\$38.00/per 2 hr block

- C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following home-bound tutor appointments on an as-needed basis for the 2014-2015 school year, at the rate of \$48/hour, to the Board of Education for approval:
 - 1. Kathleen Barthelmes

Certified: Elementary (N-6); Permanent

Effective: December 10, 2014 - June 30, 2015

2. Nicholas Agnello

Certified: Students w/ Disabilities (7-120 and Visual Arts; Initial

Effective: December 10, 2014 - June 30, 2015

3. Jenna Ferris

Certified: Elementary (N-6) and Special Education; Permanent

Effective: December 10, 2014 - June 30, 2015

- D. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 Extra Co-curricular; non-athletic appointments for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:
- E. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 LEAP-Family University appointments, to the Board of Education for approval:

Anthony Turner
 Barbara Volpe
 Yvonne Feliciano
 Fitness instructor
 Career readiness facilitator
 Parental workshop facilitator
 \$40/hr
 \$40/hr

F. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 LEAP-Extended Day appointments, to the Board of Education for approval:

Eileen Alvarez Substitute Teacher \$48/hour
 Elizabeth Boyle Substitute Teacher \$48/hour

Classified

- I. Appointments
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointments to the Board of Education for approval:

 Name: Deborah- Ann Feliciano Position: Teacher Aide- part-time Location: Woodside School Probationary Start date: November 24, 2014 Probationary End date: November 23, 2015

Salary: \$8.00 hour (1-24 days) \$9.00 hour (days 25 and beyond) w/ATAS \$

11,160 (pro-rated), no benefits

2. Name: Deborah Kraemer

Position: Part-time Teacher Aide- 3.5hour/day, 5 days/week

Location: Woodside

Effective Date: December 17, 2014

Probationary Start date: December 17, 2014 Probationary End date: December 16, 2015

Salary: \$10.00 hour, no benefits

3. Name: Jennifer Arce-Borrell Position: Part-time Teacher Aide

Location: Woodside

Effective Date: December 8, 2014

Probationary Start date: December 8, 2014

End date: December 7, 2015

Salary: \$8.00 hour (1-24 days) \$9.00 hour (days 25 and beyond) w/ATAS

\$10.00hour, no benefits

4. Name: Mychal Holiday

Position: Substitute Custodial Worker

Location: District wide

Effective Date: December 1, 2014

End date: June 30, 2015

Salary: \$13.50/Hour – per diem, no benefits

5. Name: Edward Peterson

Position: Security Aide, Saturday Academy Location: High School, 8:30 am -12:00 pm

Date: November 15, 2014 Salary: As per contract rate

CORRECTION:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following corrections to appointments for the 2014-2015 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, as follows:

1. Name: Lisa Hammel

Position: Early Childhood Coordinator

Certification Status: School District Leader; Professional

Tenure Area: Coordinator

Effective Date: November 19, 2014

Probationary period begins: November 19, 2014 Probationary period ends: November 18, 2017 Salary: \$125,000 (pro-rated)

2. Name: Maria Pagani

Position: Teacher Aide, 1:1 Location: Hillcrest

Effective Date: November 3, 2014

Probationary Start date: November 3, 2014

End date: November 2, 2015

Salary: November 3, 2014 - November 15, 2014 \$8.00/hour

Salary: November 16, 2014 - \$12,090 (pro-rated) (w/ATAS completed

11/15/14)

IV. Termination

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Bonnie Agosta School Nurse (RN)

Effective: November 24, 2014

V. Student Teachers

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following candidates for student teaching and internship to the Board of Education for approval:

 Name: Stephanie Elcock Request: Observation hours Location: Middle School

Effective Dates: January 26, 2015 - March 30, 3015

2. Name: Josephine Calderon-Soto

Request: Volunteer

Location: Oakside, Ms. Woodley

Effective Dates: December 17, 2014 - June 26, 2015

10. Consent Agenda - Special Services

A. Special Services/Committee on Special Education

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Recommendation of the District's Committee on Special Education for the following fifty-four (54) students for declassification/ classification and/or placement:

Student ID# Meeting Type Determination

45396 Transfer Classified

45270 Amendment Continue Classification

25999 Section 504/Annual Eligible

40175 Program Review Continue Classification

44249 Section 504/Annual Eligible

44747 Amendment Continue Classification

42555 Amendment Continue Classification

21621 Amendment Continue Classification

44210 Amendment Continue Classification

- 44211 Amendment Continue Classification
- 46463 Transfer Classified
- 27748 Amendment Continue Classification
- 27755 Amendment Continue Classification
- 40045 Amendment Continue Classification
- 40938 Amendment Continue Classification
- 46462 Transfer Classified
- 40773 Section 504/Annual Eligible
- 44867 Amendment Continue Classification
- 40271 Amendment Continue Classification
- 41524 Amendment Continue Classification
- 43596 Amendment Continue Classification
- 44623 Amendment Continue Classification
- 42952 Amendment Continue Classification
- 40825 Amendment Continue Classification
- 41778 Amendment Continue Classification
- 44714 Amendment Continue Classification
- 43972 Amendment Continue Classification
- 44349 Amendment Continue Classification
- 23614 Transfer Classified
- 42873 Section 504/Annual Eligible
- 40741 Amendment Continue Classification
- 44288 Amendment Continue Classification
- 46331 Transfer Classified
- 41573 Amendment Continue Classification
- 40912 Amendment Continue Classification
- 43321 Program Review Continue Classification
- 41988 Amendment Continue Classification
- 41822 Amendment Continue Classification
- 21915 Amendment Declassify
- 26237 Amendment Continue Classification
- 27078 Amendment Continue Classification
- 41308 Initial Classified
- 45984 Amendment Continue Classification
- 22376 Amendment Continue Classification
- 43417 Section 504/Annual Eligible
- 44319 Amendment Continue Classification
- 46238 Transfer Classified
- 40799 Section 504/Annual Eligible
- 41761 Amendment Continue Classification
- 43978 Amendment Continue Classification
- 46460 Transfer Classified
- 44644 Amendment Classified
- 42000 Section 504/Annual Eligible

- A. Treasurer's Report for the Month of October 2014
 That the Board of Education accepts the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month ending October 31, 2014.
- B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of November 2014
 That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of November 2014.
- C. Budget Appropriation Transfers for October 2014
 That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for October 2014.
- D. GHMT Properties, LLC Tax Certiorari

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings pertaining to properties identified on the tax roll as 33.30-2-5 and 33.30-2-6, for tax years 2012 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

NOW, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other relevant settlement papers necessary to effectuate the settlement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the Consent Judgment in a sum not to exceed \$14, 425.91.

E. Curry Associates Tax Certiorari

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings pertaining to properties identified on the tax roll as 33.22-3-23 and 2008 through 2011; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

NOW, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other relevant settlement papers necessary to effectuate the settlement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the Consent Judgment in a sum not to exceed \$4,276.77.

F. Lappe - Volpe Tax Certiorari

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings pertaining to properties identified on the tax roll as 32.20-8-10, for tax years 2011 through 2013; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

NOW, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other relevant settlement papers necessary to effectuate the settlement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the Consent Judgment in a sum not to exceed \$15,263.51.

- G. Corrective Action Plan as of June 30, 2014
 That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District accepts the correction action plan based on the annual external audit report for 2013-14.
- H. Contract Family Ties of Westchester
 That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District approves the
 contract with Family Ties of Westchester in an amount not to exceed \$91,050.
- 2014-15 Capital Construction Projects SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District desires to embark upon a Capital Construction Projects to rehabilitate or replace existing interior and exterior elements of the following buildings:

Hillcrest Elementary School; 4 Horton Drive Paving and Cafeteria floor finish Uriah Hill Elementary School; 980 Pemart Avenue. Interior partition removals and finishes.

Peekskill High School; 1072 Elm Street. Interior partition modifications and finishes Administration Building; 1031 Elm Street. New toilet construction.

WHEREAS, said Capital Construction Projects at the Peekskill City School District are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, in the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4, are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (2); and

WHEREAS, routine activities such as renovations to, or expansions of, existing public school facilities by less than 10,000 square feet are classified as Type II actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (8);

and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the Environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information

related to the listed Capital Construction Projects and has determined that these Capital Construction Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c) (2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the

Capital Construction Projects, as listed above, are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this resolution to the New York State Education department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of these Capital Construction Projects from the New York State Education Department.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 9.A. - 11.I.

Motion: Richard Sullivan	Second: Michael Simpkins		
Yes: Jillian Clausen	No:	Abstained:	
Doug Glickert			
Maria Pereira			
Michael Simpkins			
Colin Smith			
Richard Sullivan			

12. Other Agenda Items

A. Legal Defense and Indemnification for District Employees/Board of Education WHEREAS, a party has commenced an action against the Peekskill City School District and certain School District employees (Cami Basso, Anthony DiCuio, Jon Iasillo and Susan Callahan) in the Matter of the Claim of Rosio Oliva Romero, an infant by her mother and natural guardian Sindy E. Guerra, individually and on behalf of all persons similarly situated v. Peekskill City School District, Board of Education for the Peekskill City School District, Peekskill Middle School, Cami Basso, Anthony DiCuio, Jon Iasillo and Susan Callahan,

WHEREAS, defendants Cami Basso, Anthony DiCuio, Jon Iasillo and Susan Callahan have made application to the Board of Education for defense and indemnification relative to the applicable provisions of the N.Y. Education Law

including Sections 3023, 3028 and 3811 of the Education Law as well as N.Y. Public Officer's Law Section 18,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has examined the Notice of Claim in the action of Rosio Oliva Romero, an infant by her mother and natural guardian Sindy E. Guerra, individually and on behalf of all persons similarly situated v. Peekskill City School District, Board of Education for the Peekskill City School District, Peekskill Middle School, Cami Basso, Anthony DiCuio, Jon Iasillo and Susan Callahan and has determined that the causes of action set forth against Cami Basso, Anthony DiCuio, Jon Iasillo and Susan Callahan arise out of the exercise of the powers and performance of the duties and responsibilities of said employees under the Education Law and Public Officer's Law,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the N.Y. Education Law Sections 3023, 3028 and 3811 and N.Y. Public Officer's Law Section 18, the Board of Education and the School District hereby agree to defend and indemnify Defendant employees Cami Basso, Anthony DiCuio, Jon Iasillo and Susan Callahan in the within action to the extent authorized by law.

B. Standard Reporting Work Day

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District /Location Code70061 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the District Clerk:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 Digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)		Time Kooping	
APPOINTED OFFICIALS							
District Clerk	Debra McLeod	XXXX	XXXXXXXX	8	07/01/14 - 6/30/15	Yes	N/A
District Treasurer	Felecia Mighty	XXXX	xxxxxxx	8	07/01/14 - 6/30/15	Yes	N/A

C. Extra-Classroom Activities Purpose Statements

That the Board of Education approves the following Extra-classroom Activities Peekskill High School:

Art Club

Class of 2015

Class of 2018

Interact Club

Latino Culture Club

PHS Mercury Student Council

13.	αA	provina	Consent	Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 12.A. - 12.C.

Motion: Richard Sullivan Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Richard Sullivan

No: ____ Abstained: ____

14. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

15. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

President Glickert wished everyone a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

- 16. Executive Session (if necessary)
 - A. Executive Session
 - B. Adjourn Executive Session
- 17. Adjournment

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

Motion: Richard Sullivan Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Jillian Clausen No: ____ Abstained: ____

Doug Glickert Maria Pereira Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith Richard Sullivan

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Debra McLeod District Clerk