

**BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 20, 2015**

Board of Education

Mr. Douglas Glickert, President
Mr. Colin Smith, Vice President
Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Ms. Jillian Clausen
Mrs. Maria Pereira
Mr. Michael Simpkins
Mr. 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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Glickert at 6:02 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance
Jillian Clausen arrived late.

2. Proposed Executive Session

A. Open Meeting

- (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular contractual and personnel items. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00PM)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Richard Sullivan
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Doug Glickert
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Richard Sullivan

Second: Colin Smith
No: _____ Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Colin Smith
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Jillian Clausen
Doug Glickert

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Richard Sullivan

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium in the Administration Building at 7:10 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

President Glickert thanked the local clergies in the area for the Martin Luther King service held at the middle school. There were many in attendance to honor Dr. King's legacy.

B. Student Council Report

Savion Williams presented to the Board the Student Council Report for December 2014.

C. Communication Plan

Dr. Licopoli commented the District is dedicating the month of February as open house to the schools. There will be a District open house located at the Administration Building, February 2, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Walk-Through Wednesday's will be at all schools from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., February 3, 10, 24 and March 3. They will be reaching parents through an all-call, letters, publications, websites, Facebook and, Twitter.

D. Educational Plan & Budget Workshop 3/Draft 2-Tentative Budget

Interim Superintendent Licopoli along with Robin Zimmerman presented to the Board the Education Plan and Budget for the 2015-2016 school year. The proposed budget is \$82,449,265.73, with an increase of 2.7 million dollars.

E. Requesting Postponement of February 10 Board Meeting

The February 10 meeting has been postponed until February 24. The community will be informed.

F. Contracts Under \$10,000

Dr. Licopoli read into the minutes the following contracts under \$10,000:

- Hudson River HealthCare - PKMS/LEAP to provide health related classes to students attending LEAP; 2014-2015 School Year; Not to Exceed \$5,000 (Funded through the LEAP Grant)
- Red House Entertainment/Paramount of the Hudson Valley; Rental of the Paramount for the Middle and High School graduations June 2015; Not to exceed \$7,892
- Susan Piowaty; To provide Professional Development Services; 2014-2015 School Year; Amended Contract- Not to Exceed \$1,500

- The Crossover Yoga Project; Provide yoga and movement instruction to Pre-K students; January 7 - June 4, 2015; Not to Exceed \$3,000 (Funded through UPK Grant)
- Mad Science: Provide four science classes for nine Pre-K classes, Not to Exceed \$3,060 (Funded through UPK Grant)
- Shawn Jackson; Sport Clock Operator; 2014 - 2015 School Year; Not to Exceed \$10,000 (Chaperone Rate from PFA contract)
- Michael Sabini; Peekskill High School Announcer; 2014 - 2015 School Year; Not to Exceed \$10,000; (Chaperone Rate from PFA contract)

Dr. Licopoli commented he is setting up a date and time with City Manager Ruggerio to have a meeting with PHS student council.

6. Old Business

A. New Agenda Item

7. New Business

(Moved by motion from Personnel Agenda Item 9C)

A. Appointment - Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education

That the Board of Education appoints Mr. Daniel Callahan to the Position of Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education effective July 1, 2015 and authorizes the Interim Superintendent to prepare a work agreement to be presented at the Business Meeting in February 2015.

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: Richard Sullivan Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Mr. Callahan thanked the Board for this wonderful opportunity and he is excited to be on board with PCSD. He also stated he is impressed with the District's teaching staff.

8. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting December 16, 2014

B. Business Meeting/Work Session January 6, 2015

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting December 16, 2014

Business Meeting/Work Session January 6, 2015

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Richard Sullivan

9. Consent Agenda – Personnel

A. Increase in salary for Teacher Aide Substitutes

That the Board of Education approves the NYS minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2015, therefore,

Each newly-hired teacher aide substitute must pass the New York State ATAS (teaching assistant) exam.

- \$8.75 per hour for days 1 through 24 (consecutive or non-consecutive, during lifetime of teacher aide substitute service).
- \$9.00 per hour for days 25 and beyond (consecutive or non-consecutive, during lifetime of teacher aide substitute service).

B. Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith approves and authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute a certain Settlement Agreement with Employee No. 3047.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in approving and executing said Settlement Agreement, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to take action in accordance with the terms provided therein.

Executive File Attachments

C. Appointment - Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education

That the Board of Education appoints Mr. Daniel Callahan to the Position of Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education effective July 1, 2015 and authorizes the Interim Superintendent to prepare a work agreement to be presented at the Business Meeting in February 2015.

Motion to move Agenda Item 9C to New Business

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

This agenda item was moved to New Business

D. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignations

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

1. Robert Cushing Permanent Substitute Teacher – Oakside
Effective: December 18, 2014
2. Frances Ortiz Teaching Assistant – Woodside
Effective: January 12, 2015
3. Rita Gurkin Elementary Teacher- Retirement
Effective: February 2, 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. Jennifer Telesco Maternity Leave
Effective: February 2, 2015 – June 30, 2015

III. Appointments

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

1. Name: Nicholas Nastasi
Position: Elementary Teacher - Leave replacement
Certification Status: Elementary Education and Students w/Disabilities;
Initial
Effective Date: February 2, 2015
Start date: September 2, 2014
End Date: June 26, 2015
Salary: \$ 49,073 (BA, STEP 1)
2. Name: Howard Golding
Position: .4 FTE Physical Education Teacher
Location: Middle School
Certification Status: Physical Education; Initial
Start Date: January 20, 2015
End Date: June 26, 2015
Salary: \$ 61,900 (pro-rated) MA, STEP 1
3. Name: Cynthia Cruz –meeting with Dr. Mosey 1/16/15
Position: Teaching Assistant
Location: Woodside
Certification Status: Teaching Assistant;
Probationary Start Date: January 20, 2015
Probationary End Date: January 19, 2018
Salary: \$29,711 (pro-rated)

- B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 Co-Curricular Athletic appointments to the Board of Education for approval: (note: Salaries based on PFA agreed contract dated 2012-2016)
1. Anthony DiCuio Softball Intramurals - Middle School \$1,509
Effective: January 21, 2015
 2. Jonathan Travis Wrestling Intramurals – Middle School \$1,257
Effective: January 21, 2015
 3. Pete Capozzelli Shot clock operator
\$38 per hour in two (2) hour blocks of time
Effective: January 21, 2015
- C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 permanent teacher substitutes, at the rate of \$120/day for days worked (no benefits) to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Bryan Mardit
Certification: Childhood Education; Initial
Location: Middle School- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday- not to exceed 28 hours per week
Effective: January 12, 2015 - June 30, 2015
- D. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 LEAP-Saturday Academy appointments to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Magdalena Ayavaca 7th Grade Math \$48.00/hour
 2. Elizabeth DeMicco Clerical per contractual rate
 3. Frank Lilos Security Aide per contractual rate
 4. Gloria Blackman 6th Grade Teacher \$48.00/hour
 5. Lucretia Giha Teacher Assistant \$38.00/hour
 6. Michael Eaton Secondary Teacher Sub \$48.00/hour
 7. Cami Basso Teacher Assistant \$38.00/hour
 8. Miriam Skrivanek 8th Grade Math \$48.00/hour
 9. Josie Esposito Lead Teacher (paid an extra 2 hours per session) \$48.00/hour
- E. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 Co-Curricular Non-Athletic appointments to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Cynthia Reynolds Middle School Dramatics - Co-coach \$3,521
 2. Christine Otero Middle School Dramatics - Co-coach \$3,521
 3. Yolanda Burns Middle School Dramatics - Assistant \$3,018
- F. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 teacher substitutes, at the rate of \$100/day for days worked (no benefits) to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Wendy DeGiglio
Certified: Nursery, K & Grades (1-6); Permanent
English (7-12); Permanent

Social Studies (7-12); permanent
Effective: February 2, 2015 through June 26, 2015

Classified

IV. Appointments

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

1. Name: Laura Urezzio
Position: Teacher Aide, part time (3.5 hrs/day, 5 days/week- 11:15 a.m.– 3:15 p.m.)
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Start date: January 5, 2015
Probationary Start Date: January 5, 2015
Probationary End Date: January 4, 2016
Salary: \$10/hour
2. Name: Lisa Kahn
Position: Senior Office Assistant (AS) Spanish speaking
Location: Uriah Hill
Start date: February 2, 2015
Probationary Start Date: February 2, 2015
Probationary End Date: February 1, 2016
Salary: \$46,399 (pro-rated)
3. Name: Theresa Fahey
Position: Office Assistant (AS)
Location: Hillcrest and Oakside Elementary Schools
Start date: January 21, 2015
Probationary Start Date: January 21, 2015
Probationary End Date: January 20, 2016
Salary: \$41,915 (pro-rated) Entry level
4. Name: Robert Paulson
Position: Maintenance Mechanic (Buildings)
Location: District Wide
Start date: January 6, 2015
Probationary Start Date: January 6, 2015
Probationary End Date: January 5, 2016
Salary: \$53,113 (pro-rated)
5. Name: Vielka Iaderosa
Position: Teacher Aide, part time (3.5 hrs/day, 5 days/week- 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Start date: January 21, 2015

Probationary Start Date: January 21, 2015
Probationary End Date: January 20, 2016
Salary: \$10/hour

6. Name: Miriam DiMarzo
Position: Teacher Aide, part time (3.5 hrs/day, 5 days/week- 8:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m.)
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Start date: January 20, 2015
Probationary Start Date: January 20, 2015
Probationary End Date: January 19, 2016
Salary: \$8.75 per hour days 1 through 24
(Consecutive or non-consecutive, during the lifetime of the teacher aide substitute service)
\$9.00 per hour days 25 and beyond
(Consecutive or non-consecutive, during the lifetime of the teacher aide substitute service)
\$10.00 per hour when successfully completes the ATAS exam
7. Name: Heidi Murphy
Position: Teacher Aide, part time (3.5 hrs/day, 5 days/week- 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)
Location: Woodside Elementary School
Start date: February 2, 2015
Probationary Start Date: February 2, 2015
Probationary End Date: February 1, 2016
Salary: \$10/hour

V. Resignations

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations to the Board of Education for approval:
 1. Deborah Kraemer Teacher Aide - part time, Woodside
Effective: December 17, 2014
 2. Ellis Burress Maintenance Mechanic II- Retirement
Effective: May 31, 2015
 3. Robert Lazevnick Maintenance Mechanic II – Retirement
Effective: May 30, 2015

VI. Student Teachers/Volunteers

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following candidates for volunteer, student teaching and/or internship to the Board of Education for approval:
 1. Name: Randi Alberino
Request: Volunteer
Location: Woodside, Ms. Duffler/Ms. McKinley
Effective Dates: December 18, 2014 – June 30, 2015

2. Name: Isabel Pipolo
Request: Volunteer
Location: Woodside, Ms. Duftler/Ms. McKinley
Effective Dates: December 18, 2014 – June 30, 2015
3. Name: Jennifer Cotter
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Middle School, 1st placement w/C. Otero, and 2nd placement w/G. Blackman
Effective Dates: January 15, 2015 – May 30, 2015
College/University: Concordia College
4. Name: Benjamin Glassman
Request: Observation Hours/Student Teaching
Location: Middle School, N. Bolden
Effective Dates: January 20, 2015 – May 4, 2015
College/University: Columbia University
5. Name: Geraldine Almanzar-Gomez
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Middle School; M. Laible
Effective Dates: January 20, 2015 – March 23, 2015
College/University: Dutchess Community College

10. 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 for the following thirty-four(34) students for declassification/ classification and/or placement:

Student ID# Meeting Type Determination

46444 Transfer Classified

40166 Manifestation Continue Classification

43988 Amendment Continue Classification

19356 Amendment Continue Classification

44084 Amendment Continue Classification

41457 Requested Review Continue Classification

41304 Manifestation Continue Classification

43671 Transfer Classified

16659 Amendment Continue Classification

41531 Program Review Continue Classification

43112 Section 504/Annual Continue Eligibility

40826 Requested Review Continue Classification

44234 Section 504/Annual No Longer Eligible

43301 Section 504/Annual No Longer Eligible

44823 Manifestation Continue Classification
 43882 Manifestation Continue Classification
 41880 Manifestation Continue Classification
 42982 Section 504/Annual Continue Eligibility
 23333 Amendment Declassified
 43279 Amendment Continue Classification
 43403 Section 504/Annual Continue Eligibility
 43903 Amendment Continue Eligibility
 44048 Section 504/Annual No Longer Eligible
 40026 Amendment Continue Classification
 40869 Amendment Continue Classification
 40541 Amendment Continue Classification
 40935 Section 504/Initial Eligible
 45417 Amendment Continue Classification
 42669 Program Review Continue Classification
 44648 Amendment Continue Classification
 44285 Amendment Continue Classification
 40351 Manifestation Continue Classification
 42400 Section 504/Annual Eligible
 45244 Transfer Classified

11. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

- A. Treasurer's Report and Interim Financial Statements for the month of November 2014
That the Board of Education accepts the General Fund Treasurer's Report for month ending November 30, 2014.
- B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of December 2014
That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of December 2014.
- C. Budget Appropriation Transfers
That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of November 2014.
- D. Budget Transfer - Tax Certiorari Payment
That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools for a budget transfer of \$11, 223.82 to cover the 2013 41 N Division Realty LLC tax certiorari payment.

12. Consent Agenda - Other Agenda Items

- A. Extra-classroom Activity Purpose Statements
The Board of Education approves the following Extra-classroom Activities
Peekskill High School:
Environmental Awareness
4H- Gardening
- B. Donation - Gunterberg Charitable Foundation
That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District approve the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that, in accordance with Education Law 1718(2), that a gift of \$15,000 be accepted from the Gunterberg Charitable Foundation for the

Girls Varsity Soccer team to be used for various expenses but not limited to (i.e. soccer cleats, indoor soccer shoes, transportation, etc.)

C. Retirement Incentive - PFA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a retirement incentive program with the Peekskill Faculty Association ("PFA"); and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education agrees the minimum number of total employees (PFA) required to participate in the incentive from nine (9) to fourteen (14) with the amount of \$20,000; fifteen employees and above the incentive will be \$25,000. In the event any retiree who owes the District money, shall deduct that amount from their incentive.

13. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 9.A., B., D.

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 10.A. – 12.C.

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Richard Sullivan

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

14. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

15. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

Maria Pereira stated the Director of the Youth Bureau will be launching soon the Youth Builds Program. Any student interested should contact John Mulroney at the Youth Bureau.

LisaAspinall-Kellawon commented on the police with young adults. The message is how students can get home safely and how to speak to people in authority. Students get to realize we are concerned with their lives and they do matter. There are ways to empower themselves. There is talk about future forums and getting our children ID's. Mrs. Aspinall-Kellawon hopes to see city municipalities and the school district work together.

Michael Simpkins commented the District needs to find more resources and activities for our youth in Peekskill. There should be an affordable, safe and educational environment for them to go to.

16. Executive Session (if necessary) - Time: ____

- A. Executive Session
- B. Adjourn Executive Session

17. Adjournment

- A. Adjournment

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

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: ____

Abstained: ____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk