

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 17, 2015**

Board of Education

Mr. Douglas Glickert, President  
Mr. Colin Smith, Vice President  
Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon  
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 Administrative 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 6:03 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Michael Simpkins arrived late. Jillian Clausen was absent.

2. Proposed Executive Session

A. Open Meeting

- (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 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: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Maria Pereira

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

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins  
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon  
Doug Glickert  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins

Second: Richard Sullivan

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Colin Smith  
Richard Sullivan

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas Room at 7:10 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

George Ondek of 31 Winchester Avenue commented on veteran's benefits and that bilingual courses should be available for all grades. Dr. Licopoli stated the District is making provisions for next year creating a core team at PHS regarding bilingual courses.

5. Superintendent/President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Licopoli stated the Drama Club's presentation of, "The Wiz" will be May 7 – 9, at PHS starting at 7 p.m.

B. Student Council Report

Chelsea Ogendo presented to the Board the Student Council report for February.

C. Comptrollers Audit Update

Robin Zimmerman reported the comptroller will schedule a date with the District on Friday.

D. Lobbying Statement

E. Mid-Year Report

Dr. David Fine along with Mary Foster shared with the Board their mid-year report.

F. Educational Plan and Budget

Dr. Licopoli and Robin Zimmerman presented to the Board a PowerPoint on the 2015/2016 Educational Plan and Budget. After a review of protocols for transportation to private schools, some of the District's propositions are not necessarily valid according to SED law. This information will be reviewed and then the Board will need to make a recommendation for transportation for grades K-12. Dr. Licopoli hopes to have various transportation referendums. There will be a Board retreat on Saturday and they will go into more detail. A comprehensive plan is being put together to discuss on Tuesday. An all call will go out to parents. Transportation referendums are currently being analyzed. The District is focusing on what the budget impact will be. Transparency, transportation and enhancing our programs are important to the District.

G. Donations/Grants Under \$5,000

Dr. Licopoli read into the minutes the following donations/grants under \$5,000:

- Marilyn Gorman - Deford Flute to be used for band or student lessons; Estimated cash value \$200

Dr. Licopoli thanked the Board for the vision of an instrumental program. Hillcrest's instrumental program was great.

6. Old Business

A. New Agenda Item

7. New Business

A. New Agenda Item

8. Policy Readings

A. First Reading - Policy #6250 Miscellaneous Cash Receipts and Regulation

B. First Reading - Policy #6415 Wire Transfers and Electronic Fund Transfers and Regulation (Revised/Previously Numbered 6214)

C. Second Reading - Policy #115 and Regulation; Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) (Revised)

D. Accepting of Policies

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

Policy #115 and Regulations - Dignity For All Students Act (DASA)

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting February 24, 2015

B. Accepting of Minutes

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

Business Meeting February 20, 2015

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Second: Richard Sullivan

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Consent Agenda – Personnel

President Glickert read the following resolution:

A. PAES/PFA Recognizes Titles Account Clerk and Secretary to School Administrator

WHEREAS, the Peekskill Association of Educational Secretaries, Peekskill Faculty Association (hereinafter "Association") has requested that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District voluntarily recognize the Association to be the exclusive bargaining representative for the following newly created civil service titles: Senior Account Clerk and Secretary to School Administrator; and

WHEREAS, said request by the Association has been discussed and reviewed by the Board of Education in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that there is a community of interest between said titles and the Association;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association's request for voluntary

recognition of Senior Account Clerk and Secretary to School Administrator is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Taylor Law, the parties shall commence negotiations pertaining to the terms and conditions of employment for said title.

Motion: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Personnel Agenda

### Certificated

#### I. Resignation

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

1. Cynthia Cruz                      Teaching Assistant – Woodside  
Effective: January 21, 2015

#### II. Leave of Absence

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

1. Donna Graves                      Elementary Teacher – Oakside  
Effective: May 20, 2015 through June 30, 2016  
(Partial pay, using accrued time)
2. Donna Graves                      Elementary Teacher- Oakside  
Effective: Sept. 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 (Non-Paid)

#### III. Appointments

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

1. Name: Amy Verdile  
Position: English Teacher (7-12) - LOA replacement  
Certification Status: English (7-12); Initial  
Tenure Area: N/A  
Effective Date: February 25, 2015  
Start Date: February 25, 2015  
End Date: June 30, 2015  
Salary: \$ 62, 210 (pro-rated)
2. Name: Jessica Clarke  
Position: Teaching Assistant – LOA replacement

Certification Status: Teaching Assistant; Level 1  
Tenure Area: N/A  
Effective Date: March 2, 2015  
End Date: April 9, 2015 (Anticipated)  
Salary: \$75.00/day

3. Name: Mary Bierne-Vela  
Position: Elementary Teacher – LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Childhood Education (1-6), Early Childhood Education, Students w/Disabilities (1-6), Students w/Disabilities (Birth – Grade 2); Initial  
Tenure Area: N/A  
Effective Date: March 25, 2015  
End Date: June 30, 2015  
Salary: \$308/day worked, no benefits

4. Name: Amy Yanarelli  
Position: Elementary Teacher - LOA replacement  
Certification Status: Early Childhood, Students w/Disabilities; Initial  
Tenure Area: N/A  
Effective Date: February 23, 2015  
Start Date: February 23, 2015  
End Date: June 30, 2015  
Salary: \$ 62,210 (pro-rated)

B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 substitute appointments for the 2014-2015 school year, at the rate of \$100.00 per day (no benefits) not to exceed 28 hours per week, to the Board of Education for approval:

N/A

C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following per diem teacher assistant appointment, at the rate of \$75/day for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Jessica Clarke                      Teaching Assistant substitute - per diem;  
Up to 28 hours/week  
Effective: April 8, 2015- June 30, 2015

D. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following LEAP Saturday Academy appointment for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

N/A

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

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| 1. Steven Castelli | Social Skills Development Group-Academic<br>\$48./hour, \$40./hour (Prep) |
| 2. Timothy Turner  | Teacher substitute \$48./hour   |

F. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Extra Co-curricular, athletic appointments for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

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| 1. Christopher Salumn | Baseball (V) - Head Coach         | \$5,030 |
| 2. Sean Dwyer         | Baseball (V) - Assistant Coach    | \$3,521 |
| 3. Peter Capozzelli   | Softball (V) - Assistant Coach    | \$3,521 |
| 4. Jose Fernandez     | Softball (JV) - Head Coach        | \$3,521 |
| 5. Paul Piliero       | Track-Spring (Boys) - Head Coach  | \$5,030 |
| 6. William Moran      | Track-Spring (Girls) - Head Coach | \$5,030 |
| 7. Sean Mulholland    | Lacrosse (V) - Head Coach         | \$5,030 |
| 8. Troy Lepore        | Lacrosse - Modified (Boys) Coach  | \$2,515 |
| 9. Anthony Turner     | Fitness Center Attendant          | \$2,263 |
| 10. Anthony DiCuio    | Softball - (V) Head Coach         | \$5,030 |

G. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 Elementary Curriculum Writing appointments to the Board of Education for approval:

Week of February 23<sup>rd</sup>- March 16<sup>th</sup> (4 weeks)

1 afternoon per week for 2 hours (day to be determined by grade level partners); \$40/hour – not to exceed 8 hours per person.

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| 1. Ellen Camilieri | Grade 2 |
| 2. Heydi Rodriguez | Grade 5 |

## Classified

### I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Jessica Kelvas  
Position: Teacher Aide (1:1)  
Location: Oakeside  
Probationary Start date: February 25, 2015  
Probationary End date: February 24, 2016  
Salary: \$12,090 (pro-rated)
  
2. Name: Mirna Handelman  
Position: Teacher Aide, part time  
Location: Woodside, M-F – 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM  
Probationary Start date: March 16, 2015  
Probationary End date: March 15, 2016  
Salary: \$8.75/hour (Days 1-24 worked), then  
\$9.00/hour (Day 25 and beyond)  
\$11,060 (pro-rated), upon successful completion of ATAS exam.

B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following school (lunch) monitor appointment for the 2014-2015 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, 17.5 hours per week:

1. Christina Greenhill                      School Monitor (Lunch) - Oakside  
Effective: March 18, 2015 – June 30, 2015

II. Resignations

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

1. Angie Vieira                              Teacher Aide (1:1) – Oakside  
Effective: March 6, 2015 (close of business)

III. Student Teachers/Volunteers/Contract

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

1. Name: Migdalia Reyes  
Request: Volunteer, Family Ties  
Location: Hillcrest School; Ms. Liburd  
Effective Dates: February 25, 2015 through June 30, 2015  
College/University: Attending S.U.N.Y. – Empire State College
2. Name: Laura Seitz  
Request: Volunteer, Spellbinders – L. Conte  
Location: Hillcrest School  
Effective Dates: February 25, 2015 – June 30, 2015  
College/University: N/A
3. Name: Elisha Simpson  
Request: Contract, Every Kid's Yoga Program  
Location: Uriah Hill School; L. Hammel  
Effective Dates: March 3, 2015 through June 30, 2015  
College/University: N/A
4. Name: Deborah Mosley  
Request: Volunteer, Spellbinders  
Location: Elementary Schools; L. Conte  
Effective Dates: March 10, 2015 through June 30, 2015  
College/University: N/A

11. 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 fifteen (15) students for declassification/ classification and/or placement:

Student ID# Meeting Type Determination

44995 Initial CSE Classified  
44301 Section 504 Eligible  
44867 Amendment Continue Classification  
43519 Initial Classified  
46514 Transfer Classified  
44714 Program Review Continue Classification  
46522 Transfer Classified  
44823 Manifestation Classified  
45886 Section 504 Annual Continue Eligibility  
13506 Program Review Continue Classification  
44985 Initial CSE Ineligible  
42938 Amendment Continue Classification  
43624 Initial CSE Ineligible  
26658 Amendment Continue Classification  
44352 Amendment Continue Classification

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

- A. Treasurer's Report January 2015  
That the Board of Education accepts the General Fund Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2015.
- B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of February 2015  
That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of February 2015.
- C. Budget Appropriation Transfers for January 2015  
That the Board of Education approves the January 2015 Budget Transfers.
- D. Budget Transfer – Real Lease  
That the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Interim-Superintendent of Schools for a budget transfer of \$75,934.30 to cover the rental of technology equipment.
- E. Contract - Fuller & D'Angelo, PC  
That the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an agreement with Fuller & D'Angelo, PC for architectural services on the capital projects in the amount of \$500,000 (2014/2015) and for the insurance recovery in the amount of \$56,323 (2013/2014).

13. Consent Agenda - Other Agenda Items

- A. Extra-Classroom Activities - Purpose Statements  
The Board of Education approves the following Extra-classroom Activities Peekskill High School:  
Peekskill High School:  
Band  
Jazz Ensemble  
Math Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta  
Math Honor Society, New York State  
Orchestra



- B. Resolution - PCSD Supporting the New York State Association of Small City School Districts and the Plaintiff-Parents in the Maisto Case  
THIS RESOLUTION, made the 17th day of March, 2015, by the Board of Education of Peekskill City School District of Westchester County, New York,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the New York State Court of Appeals by its June 26, 2012 decision in Maisto et al. v State of New York (formerly captioned Hussein v State of New York) has found that the plaintiff-parents from the small city school districts involved in the case have stated valid claims of violations under the New York State Constitution, Article XI, Section 1 which mandates that the State provide all children an opportunity of a sound basic education, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Court of Appeals has further found that the State's motion to dismiss the case was properly denied in the lower courts and that the claims asserted by the plaintiff-parents should be heard at trial, and

WHEREAS, the complaint in the case requests relief in the form of increases in education funding sufficient to provide a sound basic education, and

WHEREAS, the case highlights the lack of sufficient education funding in small city school districts and in all demographically similar districts throughout the state, and WHEREAS, the State has failed and continues to fail to address under funding of those New York State school districts that most need financial assistance to meet the constitutional standard of a sound basic education,

NOW THEREFORE, we resolve and state that the district supports the New York State Association of Small City School Districts and the plaintiff-parents in the Maisto case.

- C. Instructional Calendar 2015-2016

That the Board of Education approve the 2015/2016 Instructional Calendar.

- D. Boys' Varsity Tennis Merger

That the Board of Education approves the merger of Peekskill City School District Boys' Varsity Tennis with Putnam Valley School District, due to the insufficient number of participants for the spring of 2015.

#### 14. Approving Consent Agenda

- A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 10.B. - 13.D.

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

#### 15. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

Michael Simpkins commented, April 14 is a suggested date for the Board to meet with Common Council and he will confer during the Board retreat. Mr. Simpkins also shared with the Board what he learned at the budget seminar in Albany.

17. Executive Session – (9:35 p.m.)

Motion to Move to Executive Session

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

A. Adjourn Executive Session – (10:15 p.m.)

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

18. 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: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk