

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 19, 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
Mrs. Jillian Villon

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 6:00 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Michael Simpkins and Jillian Villon (7:20 p.m.) 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: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Second: Richard Sullivan

No: _____

Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Second: Michael Simpkins

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Michael Simpkins
Colin Smith
Richard Sullivan

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas Room at 7:05 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

A resident of Peekskill came to the Board seeking answers. He inquired as to the policy on hiring locals. He wanted to know how many African Americans were hired. He commented it is good for students to see people of color in positions. He has applied several times for a position in the District but to no avail. Dr. Licopoli stated in the hiring process a strong point of the District is to encourage diversity and wanting the best candidate.

President Glickert reported the City of Peekskill has a tree to give away when they build the new fire house. The Juneteenth parade will be June 20, and PCSD band will be marching.

5. Superintendent/President Report

Dr. Licopoli commented tonight is the Budget Vote and Election and during some point the Board will recess waiting for the polls to close.

A. Student Council Report

Mia Simpkins read the Student Council Report for April 2015.

Devonte Woodton, expressed his concern to the BOE about the outdated conditions in the boys bathrooms located at the high school. Mia also commented how the girls' bathrooms are dark and gloomy.

Dr. Licopoli is going to arrange with the administrators to meet with Student Council and hear their concerns. At the next BOE meeting, the Student Council will give an exit interview.

B. Contracts Under \$10,000

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

- John Potocnik of Catskill Puppet Theater; Uriah Hill School/One Puppet Show; Not to exceed \$950

C. Donations/Grants Under \$5,000

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

- Box Top Educational Program; Purchase supplies for students at Woodside - \$792.30
- Smart Start Program/White Plains Linen; Transportation costs of Middle School students to Vassar College and the University of Connecticut - \$250
- John H. Nguyen Scholarship; Scholarship for Peekskill High School students in memory of John H. Nguyen - \$1,000

- Hector & Phyllis Corsbie Hyacinthe Foundation LTD; To cover a portion of the cost to transport the members of the Black Culture Club to the Schomburg Center for Research - \$506.49

6. Old Business

A. New Agenda Item

7. New Business

- A. Resolution - Private School Students Enrolling in Regents Preparation Program
That the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to allow private school students to be registered for the purposes of enrolling in the regents preparation program for the 2014/2015 school year.

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

8. Accepting of Minutes

A. Special BOE Meeting April 16, 2015

B. Business Meeting April 21, 2015

C. BOE Meeting with Common Council April 28, 2015

D. Business Meeting/Work Session May 5, 2015

E. Approval of Minutes

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

Special BOE Meeting April 16, 2015

Business Meeting April 21, 2015

BOE Meeting with Common Council April 28, 2015

Business Meeting/Work Session May 5, 2015

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Richard Sullivan

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

9. Consent Agenda - Personnel

A. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher resignation to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Jessica Clarke Teaching Assistant – Per diem
Effective: April 20, 2015
 2. Deanna James Teacher – Special Education, MS
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: NONE

III. Appointments

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

1. Name: Leslie Kohn
Position: Teacher, Teaching Assistant- LOA replacement
Certification Status: Social Studies (5-9) (7-12); Professional
Tenure Area: N/A
Effective Date: April 7, 2015
Start date: April 7, 2015
End Date: June 26, 2015
Salary: \$214/day; for days worked no benefits
2. Name: Christen McDonnell
Position: Social Studies teacher
Certification Status: Social Studies (7-12); Initial
Tenure Area: N/A
Effective Date: April 7, 2015
Start Date: April 7, 2015
End Date: June 26, 2015
Salary: \$62,210 MA, Step 1 (pro-rated)

- B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2014-2015 Drama production Chaperones appointments for the 2014-2015 school year, at the rate as per the PFA contract \$38.00/hour - two hour blocks to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Nicholas Agnello
2. Shona Rowland
3. George Goess
4. Jodi Fernandez
5. Francine Yeagley-Mountain
6. Josephine Williams
7. Mark Andujar
8. Selma Dias-Stewart
9. Jennifer Fowler
10. Miriam Skrivanek

11. Shawna Robinson
12. Edward Peterson
13. Anthony Turner

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

1. James Senning Lacrosse - Assistant Coach -Varsity
Stipend: \$3,772

Classified

1. Appointments

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

1. Name: Rita Figueira
Position: Registered Professional Nurse (RN)
Location: High School
Probationary Start date: May 20, 2015
Probationary End date: May 19, 2016
Salary: \$43,471 (pro-rated for 2014-2015)

B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following per diem school nurse appointment, at the rate of \$120/day, up to 28 hours per week, no benefits, for the 2014-2015 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Connie Dias Registered Professional Nurse (RN)
Effective May 20, 2015 – June 30, 2015

IV. Resignations

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations to the Board of Education for approval: NONE

B. Amendment to Agreement- Interim Superintendent's

That the Board of Education approves the amendment to the agreement dated June 27, 2014 with Interim Superintendent Lorenzo Licopoli.

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 one-hundred ninety-six (196) students for declassification/ classification and/or placement:

Student ID# Meeting Type Determination

42974 Annual Continue Classification

42054 Annual Continue Classification

44645 Annual Continue Classification

44825 Annual Continue Classification

44995 Annual Continue Classification

42459 Annual Continue Classification
40177 Reevaluation Continue Classification
41052 Reevaluation Continue Classification
45868 Annual Continue Classification
42633 Annual Continue Classification
43330 Annual Continue Classification
42555 Annual Continue Classification
43147 Annual Continue Classification
44120 Annual Continue Classification
46234 Annual Continue Classification
43348 Reevaluation Continue Classification
43252 Annual Continue Classification
43371 Annual Continue Classification
40774 Reevaluation Continue Classification
44916 Annual Continue Classification
40735 Reevaluation Moved
41418 Annual Continue Classification
44188 Annual Continue Classification
41468 Annual Continue Classification
46520 Annual Continue Classification
42732 Annual Continue Classification
42855 Annual Continue Classification
43600 Annual Continue Classification
43292 Annual Continue Classification
42698 Annual Continue Classification
44290 Annual Continue Classification
44429 Annual Continue Classification
42423 Reevaluation Continue Classification
43943 Annual Continue Classification
43367 Annual Continue Classification
40228 Annual Continue Classification
44242 Annual Continue Classification
43121 Annual Continue Classification
42524 Annual Continue Classification
45835 Annual Continue Classification
45155 Reevaluation Continue Classification
43878 Annual Continue Classification
44243 Annual Continue Classification
44535 Annual Continue Classification
43903 Annual Continue Classification
43231 Annual Continue Classification
40619 Annual Continue Classification
44321 Annual Continue Classification
44057 Annual Continue Classification
44292 Annual Continue Classification
43382 Annual Continue Classification

43554 Reevaluation Continue Classification
44165 Annual Continue Classification
42772 Annual Continue Classification
43457 Annual Continue Classification
44351 Annual Continue Classification
42124 Annual Continue Classification
44008 Annual Continue Classification
44430 Reevaluation Continue Classification
45426 Reevaluation Continue Classification
43785 Reevaluation Continue Classification
42137 Reevaluation Continue Classification
43257 Annual Continue Classification
44726 Annual Continue Classification
43074 Annual Continue Classification
42673 Annual Continue Classification
44285 Annual Continue Classification
40899 Reevaluation Continue Classification
43722 Annual Continue Classification
42147 Annual Continue Classification
44287 Reevaluation Continue Classification
45984 Annual Continue Classification
42155 Annual Continue Classification
42454 Annual Continue Classification
43896 Annual Continue Classification
44312 Annual Continue Classification
44035 Annual Continue Classification
45988 Reevaluation Continue Classification
45246 Reevaluation Continue Classification
43188 Reevaluation Declassified
43809 Annual Continue Classification
45414 Manifestation Continue Classification
44867 Amendment Continue Classification
46520 Initial Classified
40269 Amendment Continue Classification
28050 Manifestation Continue Classification
41880 Manifestation Continue Classification
41277 Manifestation Continue Classification
44292 Amendment Continue Classification
44165 Amendment Continue Classification
46540 Transfer Declassified
46539 Transfer Classified
46604 Transfer Classified
43372 Transfer Classified
43978 Amendment Continue Classification
45631 Amendment Continue Classification
42352 Reevaluation Continue Classification

43680 Annual Continue Classification
40400 Annual Continue Classification
41337 Annual Continue Classification
40763 Annual Continue Classification
40170 Annual Continue Classification
40535 Annual Continue Classification
42199 Annual Continue Classification
29967 Annual Continue Classification
42195 Reevaluation Continue Classification
19109 Annual Continue Classification
19356 Annual Continue Classification
44747 Annual Continue Classification
42309 Reevaluation Continue Classification
27755 Annual Continue Classification
44084 Reevaluation Continue Classification
40668 Reevaluation Continue Classification
43475 Annual Continue Classification
40045 Annual Continue Classification
41209 Annual Continue Classification
42209 Annual Continue Classification
44055 Annual Continue Classification
27250 Annual Continue Classification
44158 Annual Continue Classification
45917 Annual Continue Classification
44877 Annual Continue Classification
44623 Annual Continue Classification
42645 Annual Continue Classification
40645 Reevaluation Continue Classification
40973 Annual Continue Classification
40782 Annual Continue Classification
40202 Annual Continue Classification
32565 Annual Continue Classification
41861 Annual Continue Classification
45826 Annual Continue Classification
40206 Annual Continue Classification
41657 Annual Continue Classification
42884 Annual Continue Classification
40168 Annual Continue Classification
28050 Reevaluation Continue Classification
44823 Annual Continue Classification
40309 Annual Continue Classification
44358 Reevaluation Continue Classification
42028 Annual Continue Classification
43121 Annual Continue Classification
43323 Annual Continue Classification
42748 Reevaluation Continue Classification

41467 Annual Continue Classification
41835 Annual Continue Classification
43212 Annual Continue Classification
41516 Annual Continue Classification
41242 Annual Continue Classification
41267 Annual Continue Classification
41635 Annual Continue Classification
41345 Reevaluation Continue Classification
40912 Reevaluation Continue Classification
43324 Annual Continue Classification
42205 Annual Continue Classification
43238 Reevaluation Continue Classification
40869 Annual Continue Classification
41580 Annual Continue Classification
43126 Annual Continue Classification
42118 Annual Continue Classification
40602 Annual Continue Classification
43022 Annual Continue Classification
43246 Annual Continue Classification
44884 Reevaluation Continue Classification
40881 Annual Continue Classification
42279 Reevaluation Continue Classification
43058 Reevaluation Continue Classification
42669 Annual Continue Classification
43374 Reevaluation Continue Classification
43426 Reevaluation Continue Classification
19075 Reevaluation Continue Classification
45199 Annual Continue Classification
40265 Annual Continue Classification
41904 Annual Continue Classification
42604 Annual Continue Classification
42305 Annual Continue Classification
40351 Reevaluation Continue Classification
40900 Annual Continue Classification
31625 Reevaluation Continue Classification
42792 Annual Continue Classification
40760 Reevaluation Continue Classification
42397 Reevaluation Continue Classification
22376 Reevaluation Continue Classification
41805 Annual Continue Classification
41286 Annual Continue Classification
41862 Annual Continue Classification
40907 Annual Continue Classification
42922 Annual Continue Classification
46238 Annual Continue Classification
41885 Annual Continue Classification

41691 Annual Continue Classification
28506 Annual Continue Classification
46460 Reevaluation Continue Classification
42415 Annual Continue Classification
41957 Annual Continue Classification
41166 Annual Continue Classification
42968 Annual Continue Classification

B. Contract - Devereux Foundation

That the Board of Education, approve the agreement with Devereux Foundation to provide educational services for residential students with disabilities for the 2015/2016 school year. The tuition is set by New York State and will be funded by the General Fund.

C. Amended Contract - Joanne Bases

That the Board of Education approves the amended contract with Joanne Bases to provide vision services to IEP students. This contract is not to exceed \$85,000.

11. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report for the Month of March 2015

That the Board of Education accepts the General Fund Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2015.

B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of April 2015

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of April 2015.

C. Budget Appropriation Transfers

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers.

D. Extraclassroom Activities - March 2015

That the Board of Education, accepts the March 2015 financial statements for the Peekskill High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Accounts.

E. Contract - Management Advisory Group Business Operations, Inc./Medicaid Services

That the Board of Education approves the contract renewal with Management Advisory Group Business Operations, Inc. to provide 2015-16 Medicaid claiming services. The amount is not to exceed \$11,000 and is funded by the Federal Fund.

12. Consent Agenda - Other Agenda Items

A. Approval of the 2015/2016 Westchester Putnam School Boards Association Proposed Slate of Officers

That the Board approves the following candidates to serve as officers on the WPSBA Board:

As Officers for a one year term:

- President – Stephen Jambor (Brewster CSD)
- Vice President – Victoria Tipp (Chappaqua CSD)
- Treasurer – Jennifer Rosen (Briarcliff Manor UFSD)
- Secretary – Lisa Tane (Greenburgh Eleven UFSD)

As Continuing Directors with terms expiring in 2018:

- Louis Conte (Pleasantville UFSD)
- Matthew Evans (Elmsford UFSD)
- Frank Hariton (Ardsley UFSD)
- Abby Mendelsohn (Harrison CSD)

As a new Director with a term expiring in 2018:

- Frank Schneckner (Ossining UFSD)

As a new Director with a term expiring in 2016:

- Judah Holstein (Eastchester UFSD)

As Nominees for elected seats on the Nominating Committee:

- Wendy Naidich (Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD)
- Abby Mendelsohn (Harrison CSD)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board instructs the District Clerk to complete the ballot on its behalf.

B. Extraclassroom Activities Purpose Statement

The Board of Education approve the following Extraclassroom Activities:

Peekskill High School:
International Club

C. 2015 APPR Plan Implementation

Whereas the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District has long supported high standards and accountability for our students and staff;

Whereas our district benefits from local control, opposes legislative remedies that assume that one size fits all, and has serious concerns about the new APPR plan;

Whereas the newly enacted State budget requires the Commissioner of Education to adopt regulations by June 30th, 2015, thereby creating a truncated timeline, and assuring ongoing, piecemeal changes to APPR without adequate public consideration;

Whereas the State budget legislation threatens that state aid will be withheld unless local contract negotiations conclude by September 1 of this and each subsequent year – another virtually impossible deadline given the obligations of collective bargaining;

Whereas the parent opt-out movement has demonstrated that parents do not favor the proposed nexus of high stakes assessment and teacher evaluation and the labeling of teachers or children based on these assessments, and has further exposed issues related to the reliability, transparency and length of the tests;

Whereas it is in the best interest of the students, staff and public education in the state and in this school district that we develop and implement an appropriate APPR evaluation system, rather than the recently enacted system which relies on an untested, opaque value-added model (VAM), focuses on only three snapshots in time (assessment and 2 evaluations) out of an entire school year, uses a basic

scoring grid rather than a matrix based on multiple measures, and relies on a SLO model for the majority of teachers; and

Whereas the current efforts in Congress to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) recognize the error of mandating that test scores be linked to teacher and administrator evaluations; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District:

1. requests that the Board of Regents convene a task force of qualified practitioners and independent experts to review the reliability, transparency, developmental appropriateness, and length of the state tests and to assure the validity of linking the tests to the proposed evaluation system,

2. requests that the Board of Regents, Commissioner of Education and State legislators allow that draft regulations be filed by the Commissioner on June 30, 2015, followed by a 90 day comment period and that the deadline for school district submission of modified APPR plans be moved to September 1, 2016, and

3. requests that the Board of Regents, Commissioner of Education and State legislators perform a detailed review of the evaluation proposal, gather input from qualified practitioners and independent experts, and reject the elements of the Cuomo Education Reform Agenda which place undue reliance on state tests and constitute inappropriate reforms to APPR. Our communities, teachers and students deserve nothing less.

Dated: May 19, 2015

13. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 9.A. - 12.C.

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Richard Sullivan

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

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

A. New Agenda Item

Superintendent Licopoli commented the District will do an assessment of service providers. He congratulated Dr. Mosey for the \$1 million dollars awarded to the District on a federal grant for additional guidance services. Oakside and Hillcrest will

each receive a guidance counselor. The BOE will be provided with all the competitive grants that have been submitted.

Rich Sullivan congratulated the Environmental Club at the middle school for returning from the Environmental symposium with \$1,000. Oakeside had their book-fair and earned \$6300, of which half of the proceeds will be turned into scholastic dollars.

On June 4 at 3 p.m., there will be a tribute in memory of Lenroy Stephens at PHS.

Maria Pereira reported there will be a community health fair on May 20. Also the Youth Bureau will be sponsoring a father daughter dance on June 19.

President Glickert congratulated Jillian on her nuptials.

President Glickert asked for a motion to recess the meeting until the tallying of the vote is complete. The meeting will officially re-open at 9:00 p.m. (7:53 p.m.)

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

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

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

17. Superintendent/President Report Continued

A. Canvass of Votes

The meeting reconvened at 10:22 p.m.

Vice President Smith read the [Canvass of Votes](#)

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

18. 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: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk