

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

Board of Education

Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon, President  
Mr. Richard Sullivan, Vice President  
Mr. Douglas Glickert  
Mrs. Maria Pereira  
Mr. Michael Simpkins  
Mr. Colin Smith

Central Office

Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education  
Mrs. Mary Foster, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education  
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Aspinall-Kellawon at 6:10 p.m. in the Hillcrest Elementary Faculty Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Colin Smith arrived late. Jillian Villon was absent.

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

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Richard Sullivan

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Doug Glickert

Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins  
Colin Smith  
Richard Sullivan

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Hillcrest Elementary School library at 7:07 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings (occurred after BOCES Student of Distinction)

Mary Hitato a concerned parent regarding the election of President Elect Donald Trump, is looking for reassurance of diversity in the schools and no segregation. Her daughter has friends with no documentation, and she is afraid they are going to be deported. Ms. Hitato would like something to be done to reassure the students nothing is going to happen.

President Aspinall-Kellawon commented PCSD are proponents of diversity.

Colin Smith stated the District is committed to equality and do not tolerate indifference.

Rich Sullivan said diversity in Peekskill makes us stronger. The community has to let administrators know so they can help.

Michael Simpkins commented our students are aware at an early age as to what is going on around them and also the importance of letting students express themselves. Principal Liburd said she has been getting the temperature of the school community and she is aware of the issues students were talking about. The social workers and psychologists have been helping students write letters.

Latonya Jackson Harris stated a group of citizens who are walking around the perimeter of the schools, and they are praying to keep predators out and peace inside the schools.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

• Hillcrest Student Performance

• BOCES Student of Distinction - Autumn Jacobs

Doug Glickert along with PNW/BOCES District Superintendent James Ryan and Jim Bellucci, Tech Principal, presented to Autumn a certificate and a medal recognizing her as a student of distinction.

• [Student Council Report](#) - Essence Boyd-Roberts Presenter

• [School Learning Team: Hillcrest](#)

Principal Jackie Liburd and her team presented to the Board their SLT for Hillcrest.

B. Contracts Under \$10,000

Robin Zimmerman read into the minutes the following contracts under \$10,000:

• Westchester Jewish Community Services-Margaret's Place/PKMS; Provide Domestic Violence Education; 2016/2017 School Year; \$0

• Viet Kids Inc/PKMS; Author presentation on her book "Inside and Out and Back Again;" November 15, 2016; \$1,000; Funding from the LEAP Grant.

C. Grants/Donations under \$5,000

Robin Zimmerman read into the minutes the following donation:

• Mr. Michael Zinman/Peekskill High School; Purchase of science equipment; \$1,530

- 6. Old Business
  - A. New Agenda Item
- 7. New Business
  - A. New Agenda Item
- 8. Policy Readings
  - A. New Agenda Item
- 9. Accepting of Minutes
  - A. Business Meeting October 18, 2016
  - B. Business Meeting/Work Session November 8, 2016
  - C. Approval of Minutes
    - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:
    - Business Meeting October 18, 2016
    - Business Meeting/Work Session November 8, 2016

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

Second: Colin Smith  
 No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

10. Consent Agenda - Personnel  
 Certificated

- I. Resignation
  - A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher resignation to the Board of Education for approval:  
       None

- 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: Alejandro Latorre  
    Position: Social Studies Teacher (7-12)  
    Certification Status: Social Studies (7-12); permanent  
    Tenure Area: Social Studies  
    Effective Date: January 3, 2017  
    Probationary period begins: January 3, 2017  
    Probationary period ends: January 2, 2021  
    Length of Probation: Four (4) years  
    Salary: \$82,728 MA+30, Step 5

- 2. Name: Claire Loverro  
    Position: Elementary Teacher - LOA

Certification Status: Childhood Education; Initial  
Start Date: November 9, 2016  
End Date: January 9, 2017 (Anticipated)  
Salary: \$308/day as worked, no benefits

3. Name: Susan Callahan  
Position: CPR Trainer  
Effective Date: 2016-2017 School Year  
Salary: \$48/hour, as needed
4. Name: Timothy Turner  
Position: Basketball, Varsity –Head Coach  
Effective Date: 2016-2017 Winter Season  
Salary: \$6,157
5. Name: Paul Piliero  
Position: Winter Track – Varsity (Indoor), Boys  
Effective Date: 2016-2017 Winter Season  
Salary: \$5,131
6. Name: James Smith  
Position: Basketball, Freshman- Head Coach  
Effective Date: 2016-2017 Winter Season  
Salary: \$3,078
7. Name: Raul Ortiz  
Position: Wrestling; Varsity- Head Coach  
Effective Date: 2016-2017  
Salary: \$5,387
8. Name: Frederick Howard  
Position: Winter Track – Varsity (Indoor), Girls  
Effective Date: 2016-2017 Winter Season  
Salary: \$5,131
9. Name: Chrisanna Hickey  
Position: Swim Coach – Varsity, Boys  
Effective Date: 2016-2017 Winter Season  
Salary: \$4,105
10. Name: Patrick Giordano  
Position: Wrestling- JV Coach  
Effective Date: 2016-2017 Winter Season  
Salary: \$4,105
11. Name: Rebecca Miller  
Position: Homebound tutor  
Effective Date: 2016-2017 School Year  
Salary: \$48/hour; as needed; per diem

12. Name: Michael Telesco  
Position: Homebound tutor  
Effective Date: 2016-2017 School Year  
Salary: \$48/hour; as needed; per diem

#### IV. Tenure

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following tenure appointment to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Beverly Strang  
Position: Teaching Assistant, (HS)  
Action: Tenure  
Effective: November 13, 2016

#### Classified

##### I. Appointments

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointments to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Daniel Rivera  
Position: Teacher Aide (1:1)  
Probationary Start date: November 16, 2016  
Probationary End date: November 15, 2017  
Salary: \$12,090 (prorated)

##### II. Resignations

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Denyse Garcia  
Action: Resignation,  
Position: Teacher Aide (1:1)  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Date: November 10, 2016
  2. Name: Christine Cecchini  
Action: Resignation  
Position: Senior Office Assistant (AS)  
Location: Middle School  
Effective Date: November 14, 2016

##### III. Student Teachers

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following candidates for student teaching and internship to the Board of Education for approval:
1. Name: Anne Marx \*  
Request: Volunteer; Spellbinders  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 16, 2016 through June 2017
  2. Name: Mary McFerran  
Request: After School Enrichment (Sewing and Art)  
Location: Hillcrest  
Effective Dates: November 16, 2016 through June 23, 2017

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 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.

## 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 eighty-seven (87) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement:

STUDENT ID # MEETING TYPE DETERMINATION PROGRAM

43988 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
44779 Program Review Continue Classification SC  
46758 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
40681 Program Review Continue Classification SC  
31203 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
43405 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
47252 Program Review Continue Classification SC  
47316 Transfer Continue Classification SC  
43949 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
47361 Transfer Continue Classification SC  
45176 Program Review Continue Classification ICT  
43069 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
44321 Amendment Continue Classification ICT  
28589 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
43422 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
44281 Program Review Continue Classification ICT  
43622 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
44884 Amendment Continue Classification SC

43921 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
47429 Transfer Continue Classification SC  
45385 Amendment Continue Classification ICT  
26658 Transition Plan Continue Classification SC  
47395 Annual Review Continue Classification ICT  
45986 Program Review Continue Classification SC  
42460 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
41512 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
42193 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
44249 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
44363 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
41200 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
42928 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
41934 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
40537 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
43112 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
42360 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
40967 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
41228 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
43301 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
42982 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
40848 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
42873 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
43389 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
45886 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
43403 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
42775 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
40618 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
40982 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
42761 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
40984 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
41676 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
40935 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
46843 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
40295 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
45690 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
40543 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
44968 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
43417 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
42400 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
21962 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
41250 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
42000 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
47403 504 Initial Eligible n/a  
46815 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
47009 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
47425 Transfer Declassified n/a  
47481 Transfer Continue Classification ICT  
44691 Program Review Continue Classification SC  
47047 504 Initial Eligible n/a

44761 Program Review Continue Classification ICT  
45110 Amendment Continue Classification ICT  
47385 Transfer Continue Classification ICT  
41741 Program Review Continue Classification ICT  
40879 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
43349 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
43451 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
47419 Transfer Continue Classification ICT  
44889 Transfer Continue Classification SC  
43963 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
41839 Program Review Continue Classification SC  
44757 Initial Classified ICT  
45666 504 Initial Eligible n/a  
47454 Transfer Classified SC  
42439 Amendment Continue Classification SC  
43139 504 Annual Continue Eligibility n/a  
41761 Transfer Continue Classification SC  
44939 Program Review Continue Classification SC

B. Contracts - Approved Education Providers (ASEPS)

That the Board of Education approve the 19 Contracts with Approved Education Providers (ASEPS) for students with disabilities. These contracts are the the 2016/217 school year totaling \$130,801. Flo-thru funds are paid by IDEA Part B, Sections 611 & 619:

ASEP TOTAL\$

Advanced Therapeutic Concepts (ATC) \$15,795  
Anderson Center for Autism \$1,167  
CLEARVIEW \$4,668  
Devereux Foundation \$1,167  
Easter Seals Project Explore \$7,675  
Greenburgh Central School District \$1,535  
HTA of New York \$8,182  
Hawthorne Country Day School \$1,167  
Hudson Valley Community Services - UCP Putnam \$1,535  
John A. Coleman \$6,140  
Kinderwise Learning Associates \$1,535  
Mt. Pleasant Blythdale \$4,605  
The New York Institute for Special Education \$1,167  
PARC Preschool \$4,605  
Westchester ARC/Children's School for Early Development \$32,742  
Westchester County Dept. of Health \$13,815  
Westchester Exceptional Children (WEC) \$1,167  
Westchester School for Special Children \$1,167  
WESTCOP \$20,968  
TOTAL \$130,801

C. Contract - Hendrick Hudson Central School District

That the Board of Education approve the agreement with Hendrick Hudson Central School District for Peekskill CSD to provide special education programs and services for student residing in Hendrick Hudson School District and is in need of such services for 2016-17 School Year. Compensation rate is based on the Non-Resident Tuition Rate which is set by New York State Education Department.



12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

- A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Months of August and September 2016

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Reports for months of August and September 2016.

- B. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of October 2016

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of October 2016.

- C. Budget Appropriation Transfers - August and September 2016

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the months of August and September 2016.

- D. Extraclassroom Activities - September and October 2016

That the Board of Education, accepts the September and October 2016 financial statements for the Peekskill High School and Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Accounts.

- E. Health and Welfare Services

That the Board of Education approve the following contract for Health and Welfare Services provided to the children residing in Peekskill and attending non-public schools, for the 2014/2015 school year:

New Rochelle City School District; Approximately 3 students; \$1,096.36 per pupil

13. Other Agenda Items

- A. Appointments

That the Board of Education approves the following appointment of officer and appointment of an individual to serve in designated positions for the 2016/2017 school year and directs they are administered the Oath of Office

Theresa Eaker:

Deputy District Treasurer; Also authorized to sign the checks of this District

Assistant Purchasing Agent

14. Approving Consent Agenda

- A. Approving Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Doug Glickert

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

15. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

- A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

Rich Sullivan was happy for the School Related Professionals; Reminder, PHS Drama Club this Thursday - Saturday at 7 p.m.

Maria Pereira gave a shout out to the men who participated in the Men Who Cook with the Youth Bureau.

President Aspinall-Kellawon hopes literacy continues to be discussed throughout the city.

17. Executive Session

- A. Executive Session
- B. Adjourn Executive Session

18. Adjournment

- A. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Aspinall-Kellawon 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 9:12 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk