

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

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

Board of Education

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

Central Office

Dr. David Fine, Superintendent  
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Dr. Joseph Mosey, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services  
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 Smith at 6:09 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office.

A. Recording of Attendance

Maria Pereira (6:19 p.m.) and Jillian Villon (7:25 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 7:00 p.m.)

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

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

C. Adjourn Executive Session  
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Doug Glickert  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Superintendent/President Report

A. PKMS - Iron Devils Robotic Team Presentation

Carlo Vidrini along with the Iron Devils Robotic Team presented to the Board their upcoming competition piece.

President Smith thanked Carlo and his team for the presentation.

There was a break in the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas Room at 7:48 p.m.

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Superintendent/President Report Continued

A. Superintendent's Report

- Student Council Report - Davonte Woodton/Presenter  
Davonte shared with the Board his experience from his trip to Bermuda sponsored by the Interact Club. He also read the Student Council Report for October.
- Educational Plan and Budget/Instructional and Operational Goals  
Dr. Fine stated this is the first workshop for the budget season.

B. Contracts Under \$10,000

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

- New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital's Young Chefs of Hudson Valley Program/PKMS - LEAP; October 6, 2015 - May 27, 2016; Not to exceed \$3,000; Funding from the LEAP Grant.
- Westchester Jewish Community Service/PHS; Provide continuation of program which facilitates services to LGBTQ and their straight allies; 2015/2016 School Year; \$0

C. Grants/Donations Under \$5,000

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

- Teatown Lake Reservation/Oakside - To transport 220 second grade students to Teatown Lake Reservation - Approximate cost \$2,164.32.
- Ms. Betti Weimersheimer of Mamaroneck; Donation of clarinet valued at \$400.00.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Policy Readings

10. Accepting of Minutes

A. Business Meeting October 27, 2015

B. Business Meeting/Work Session November 3, 2015

C. Approval of Minutes

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

Business Meeting October 27, 2015

Business Meeting/Work Session November 3, 2015

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Richard Sullivan

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

11. 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. Miriam Skrivaneck | Mathematics Teacher – High School | Effective: November 29, 2015 |
|                      | Interact Advisor - HS             | Effective: November 29, 2015 |
|                      | Student Council Advisor- HS       | Effective: November 29, 2015 |
|                      | Department Leader – HS            | Effective: November 29, 2015 |
|                      | Framework Coach – HS              | Effective: November 29, 2015 |
| 2. Kenita Carty      | Permanent substitute teacher – HS | Effective: November 17, 2015 |
| 3. Kyle Marks        | Permanent substitute teacher – MS | Effective: November 14, 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: Erin Kovacs  
Position: Reading Teacher - Leave replacement  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Certification Status: Literacy and Pre-K, K, grades (1-6); permanent  
Effective Date: November 16, 2015 (Anticipated)  
End Date: February 26, 2016 (Anticipated)  
Salary: \$308 /day worked
  2. Name: Kenita Carty  
Position: TASC Teacher – HS (. 4 FTE)  
Location: High School  
Certification Status: Literacy; Initial  
Start Date: November 18, 2105  
End Date: June 24, 2016  
Salary: \$24,884 (.4 FTE) pro-rated (\$62,210 MA, step 1)
  3. Name: Michelle Ederer\*\*  
Position: Social Worker  
Location: Middle School  
Certification Status: Social Worker; provisional  
Tenure Area: Social Worker  
Effective Date: November 19, 2015  
Probationary period begins: November 19, 2015  
Probationary period ends: November 18, 2019  
Salary: \$62,210 (MA, Step 1)
  4. Name: George Robles\*\*  
Position: Mathematics Teacher  
Certification Status: Mathematics (7-12); Professional  
Tenure Area: Mathematics  
Effective Date: November 30, 2015  
Probationary period begins: November 30, 2015  
Probationary period ends: November 29, 2019  
Salary: \$72,039 (MA, STEP 6)
  5. Name: Kimberly Pomerantz \*\*\*  
Position: Elementary Teacher; Grade 3  
Certification Status: Childhood Education (1-6) and Literacy (Birth – Gr. 6); Professional  
Tenure Area: Elementary Teacher  
Effective Date: November 30, 2015  
Probationary period begins: November 30, 2015  
Probationary period ends: November 29, 2018

Salary: \$69,811 (MA STEP 5)

6. Name: Amy Pollack  
Position: English as a New Language (ENL) Specialist  
Certification Status: ESOL; Permanent  
Start Date: November 30, 2015  
End Date: August 31, 2016  
Salary: \$48.00/hour (working with Students)  
\$40.00/hour (working without students)  
Grant Funded; not to exceed \$15,000

B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2015-2016 permanent substitute appointments for the 2015-2016 school year, at the rate of \$120.00 per day (no benefits), to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Amanda Zaccardi  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Location: Woodside Elementary School  
Certification: Childhood Education, Students w/Disabilities; Initial  
Start Date: December 1, 2015  
End Date: June 24, 2016  
Salary: \$120/day worked, not to exceed 28 hours per week

2. Name: Nadia Whiting  
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher – Wednesday –Friday  
Location: PHS- Summit (Uriah Hill)  
Certification: Spanish (7-12); Initial  
Start Date: November 18, 2015  
End Date: June 24, 2016  
Salary: \$120/ day worked, not to exceed 28 hours per week

C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following per diem substitute teacher appointments for the 2015-2016 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Courtney Hyndman  
Certified: Early Childhood Education, Childhood Education; Initial  
Start Date: November 18, 2015  
End Date: June 24, 2016  
Salary: \$100.00 per day; per diem (not to exceed 28 hours per week)

2. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2015-2016 Extra Co-curricular; athletic appointments for the 2015-2016 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Kiana Letsinger	Girls JV Basketball – Head Coach	\$4,275
2. Patrick Harris	Boys Varsity Basketball – Assistant Coach	\$4,275
3. Anthony Turner	Fitness Room Director – (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer) (x 4 seasons)	\$2,263
4. Peter Capozzelli	Equipment Manager – (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer) (x 4 seasons)	\$2,500
5. Vernon Merriweather	Boys' Modified Basketball – Head Coach	\$3,018
6. Donald Shropshire	Boys' Middle School Basketball intramurals	\$1,509

#### IV. Rescind Appointment

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following 2015-2016 appointment to be rescinded, to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Donald Shropshire	2015-2016 Modified Boys' Basketball Coach	Stipend: \$3,018
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#### Classified

##### I. Appointments

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

1. Name:	Teresa Commisso
Position:	Office Assistant (AS)
Location:	Oakside/Hillcrest
Start date:	November 30, 2015
Probationary Period:	November 30, 2015
Probationary End date:	November 29, 2016
Salary:	\$42,544
2. Name:	Francisca Melendez
Position:	Teacher Aide, classroom, full time
Location:	Woodside Elementary School
Start date:	November 18, 2015
Probationary Start Date:	October 28, 2015
Probationary End date:	October 27, 2016
Salary:	\$11,160 (HAS ATAS)
3. Name:	Jennifer Mingst
Position:	Teacher Aide, full time
Location:	Woodside Elementary School
Start date:	November 18, 2015
Probationary Start Date:	October 5, 2015
Probationary End date:	October 4, 2016
Salary:	\$11,160 (HAS ATAS)

4. Name: Paola Monsalve  
 Position: Teacher Aide; part time  
 Location: Woodside Elementary School  
 Start date: November 30, 2015  
 Probationary Start Date: November 30, 2015  
 Probationary End date: November 29, 2016  
 Salary: \$8.75/hr. (1-24 Days worked)  
 \$9.00/hr. (Day 25 and beyond)  
 \$10.00/hr. with ATAS
  
5. Name: Tamika Sims  
 Position: Teacher Aide (1:1), full time  
 Location: Hillcrest Elementary School  
 Start date: November 18, 2015  
 Probationary Start Date: November 18, 2015  
 Probationary End date: November 17, 2016  
 Salary: \$12,090 (HAS ATAS)
  
6. Name: Assunta Sudano  
 Position: Teacher Aide (1:1), full time  
 Location: Woodside Elementary School  
 Start date: November 18, 2015  
 Probationary Start Date: November 18, 2015  
 Probationary End date: November 17, 2016  
 Salary: \$8.75/hour (Days 1-24 worked)  
 \$9.00/ hour (Day 25 and beyond)  
 \$12,060 (With ATAS)

B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following teacher aide substitute appointments for the 2015-2016 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$8.00 per hour (days 1 -24 cumulative, non-consecutive); \$9.00 per hour (days 25 and beyond cumulative, non-consecutive):

1. Name: Lisa Herling  
 Position: Per diem Teacher Aide substitute  
 Location: District-wide  
 Start Date: November 18, 2015  
 End Date: June 24, 2016  
 Salary: \$8.00 per hour (days 1 -24 cumulative, non-consecutive);  
 \$9.00 per hour (days 25 and beyond cumulative, non-consecutive)

## 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. Name: Esmelinda Bucchignano





- Request: Volunteer  
Location: Hillcrest Community School Initiative  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
7. Name: Susan Verdi-Miller \*  
Request: Volunteer; Academic assistance  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
8. Name: Isabel Pipolo  
Request: Volunteer; D. Marzella  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
9. Name: Randi Alberino  
Request: Volunteer; J. Castilla, A. smith  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
10. Name: Jerome Reed \*  
Request: Volunteer; K. Cerna  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
11. Name: Edgardo Feliciano \*  
Request: Volunteer  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
12. Name: Soraya Chang \*  
Request: Volunteer; B. Holloman  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
13. Name: Emily Perez Rosa \*  
Request: Volunteer; R. Rosa-Gomez  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
14. Name: Marlene Velenzuela \*  
Request: Volunteer; R. Lucas, M.Cronin  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
15. Name: Paola Monsalve \*  
Request: Volunteer; R. Lucas, M.Cronin

- Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
16. Name: Mia Shervington \*  
Request: Volunteer; L. Carvalho  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
17. Name: Lindsay Gara \*  
Request: Volunteer; B. Kavorovic  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
18. Name: Jennifer Garcia \*  
Request: Volunteer; K. Cerna  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
19. Name: Nury Ramirez \*  
Request: Volunteer; M. Cronin  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
20. Name: Rebecca Domanico \*  
Request: Volunteer; M. Cronin, R. Lucas  
Location: Woodside  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
21. Name: Jennifer Martinez  
Request: Volunteer; Westchester Mediation (Cluster)  
Location: Uriah Hill  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
22. Name: Carolina Mena  
Request: Volunteer; Girl Scouts  
Location: Woodside, Oakside and Hillcrest schools  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
23. Name: Carissa Reed  
Request: Volunteer; Girl Scouts  
Location: Woodside, Oakside and Hillcrest schools  
Effective Dates: November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016
24. Name: Jacqueline Frisch  
Request: Volunteer; Girl Scouts  
Location: Woodside, Oakside and Hillcrest schools

Effective Dates:

November 18, 2015 – June 24, 2016

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.

## 12. 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 sixty-six (66) students for declassification/ classification and/or placement:

STUDENT ID #	MEETING TYPE	DETERMINATION
43680	Amendment	Continue Classification
40400	Manifestation	Continue Classification
40223	Amendment	Continue Classification
40166	Amendment	Continue Classification
40170	Amendment	Continue Classification
44160	Amendment	Continue Classification
15503	Amendment	Continue Classification
40535	Amendment	Continue Classification
40353	Program Review	Continue Classification
46815	Amendment	Continue Classification

19356 Amendment Continue Classification  
41379 Initial 504 Eligible  
27755 Amendment Continue Classification  
43475 Amendment Continue Classification  
40045 Amendment Continue Classification  
41457 Program Review Continue Classification  
43802 Amendment Continue Classification  
40368 Manifestation Continue Classification  
44158 Amendment Continue Classification  
45789 Amendment Continue Classification  
46860 Transfer Continue Classification  
42645 Amendment Continue Classification  
44595 Amendment Continue Classification  
46323 Amendment Continue Classification  
43826 Transfer Continue Classification  
40825 Amendment Continue Classification  
43292 Amendment Continue Classification  
41778 Amendment Continue Classification  
23614 Amendment Continue Classification  
44473 Manifestation Continue Classification  
42923 Amendment Continue Classification  
43323 Amendment Continue Classification  
46803 Transfer Continue Classification  
46804 Transfer Continue Classification  
41498 Program Review Continue Classification  
44744 Amendment Continue Classification  
40026 Amendment Continue Classification  
19539 Amendment Continue Classification  
42249 Amendment Continue Classification  
45162 Manifestation Continue Classification  
46821 Transfer Declassified  
43382 Amendment Continue Classification  
46910 Transfer Continue Classification  
46960 Transfer Continue Classification  
43527 Initial Continue Classification  
43716 Amendment Continue Classification  
25536 Amendment Continue Classification  
40599 Amendment Continue Classification  
26611 Amendment Continue Classification  
42281 Amendment Continue Classification  
41712 Transfer Continue Classification  
42938 Amendment Continue Classification  
42131 Transfer Continue Classification  
46844 Transfer Continue Classification  
46902 Transfer Continue Classification  
46528 Program Review Continue Classification

26237 Amendment Continue Classification  
40078 Transfer Continue Classification  
41449 Amendment Continue Classification  
43885 Amendment Continue Classification  
40352 Amendment Continue Classification  
46238 Amendment Continue Classification  
45433 Transfer Continue Classification  
43978 Program Review Continue Classification  
42762 Amendment Continue Classification  
42503 Amendment Continue Classification

B. Contracts - Approved Special Education Providers (ASEP's)

That the Board of Education approves the following contracts by Approved Special Education Providers (ASEP's). Amounts are based on the number of students with disabilities served by ASEP on October 1, 2014 (BEDs day) as required by NY State law. Flo-thru funds are paid by IDEA Part B, Sections 611 & 619.

ASEP TOTAL\$

Advanced Therapeutic Concepts (ATC) \$15,079

Anderson Center for Autism \$1,164

Binlinguals, Inc \$1,517

The Center for Discovery \$1,164

CLEARVIEW \$6,173

Devereux Foundation \$1,164

Easter Seals Project Explore \$1,517

Children's Home of Kingston - Grove St. Academy \$1,164

HTA of New York \$4,536

John A. Coleman \$6,068

Mt. Pleasant Blythdale \$1,517

The New York Institute for Special Education \$1,164

PARC Preschool \$1,517

Theracare Preschool Services \$7,585

Westchester ARC/Children's School for Early Development \$21,238

Westchester County Dept. of Health \$24,272

Westchester Exceptional Children (WEC) \$1,164

Westchester School for Special Children \$1,164

WESTCOP \$27,291

C. Contract - Ossining Union Free School District Extended School Year (ESY)

That the Board of Education approve the revised contract with Ossining Union Free School District to provide Extended School Year (ESY) 2015-16 educational programs for student with disabilities. Funding is from the Summer School Tuition. Revision includes cost of one to one aide.

13. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Month of September 2015

That the Board of Education accept the General Fund Treasurer's Reports for month of September 2015.

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

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

C. Budget Appropriation Transfers - September 2015

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers for the month of September 2015.

D. Budget Transfers over \$10,000

That the Board of Education approve the following budget transfers over \$10,000.

E. Extraclassroom Activities - September 2015

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

F. Contract - Sanctuary Institute of Andrus Center for Learning and Innovation

That the Board of Education approves the contract with Sanctuary Institute of Andrus Center for Learning and Innovation for the 2015-16 School Year to provide continuation of the Sanctuary Program. Not to exceed \$26,400. Funding will be provided from Extended School Day School Violence Prevention Grant.

14. Other Agenda Items

A. Boys' Swim Team Merger

That the Board of Education approve the merger of Peekskill City School District Boys' Varsity Swim Team, for the 2015 - 2016 school year, with Hendrick Hudson and Croton High Schools, due to the insufficient number of participants.

15. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 11.A. - 14.A.

Motion: Doug Glickert

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

16. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

17. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

Reminders - Coat drive

Food can drive

Bookfair at Oakside

Michael Simpkins congratulated the mayor of Peekskill on his re-election. He is looking forward to continue working with the city.

Maria thanked Terry Sandler and Laura Belfiore for a wonderful job on the play “The Suessification of Romeo and Juliet”.

There will be a production of “Willie Wonka” at PKMS.

18. Executive Session - Time: 8:44 p.m.

A. Executive Session

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

B. Adjourn Executive Session – 9:30 p.m.

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Doug Glickert

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

19. Adjournment

Adjournment in Memory of Mrs. Mary Jane Reagan

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Smith asked for a motion to adjourn in memory of Mrs. Mary Jane Reagan.

Vice President Aspinall-Kellawon read the resolution into the minutes.

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Doug Glickert

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk