

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 4, 2017**

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
Mrs. Jillian Villon

Central Office

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 Aspinall-Kellawon at 6:00 p.m. in the George Birdas room.
- A. Recording of Attendance
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 item. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00 p.m.)
- B. Adjourn to Executive Session – 7:00 p.m.
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
Jillian Villon

Second: Colin Smith
No: _____ Abstained: _____

- C. Adjourn Executive Session
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Richard Sullivan

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

No: _____

Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:05 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Upon hearing about the resignation of Superintendent Fine, many parents, teachers, residents, staff and students addressed the Board commending the wonderful, kind and caring person Dr. Fine is. He is a great mentor and his mission was to see every student, every day, succeed. They asked the Board not to accept Dr. Fine's resignation.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

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6. Consent Agenda

A. Resignation of Superintendent of Schools/Appointment of Acting Superintendent of Schools

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith accepts the resignation of Dr. David Fine from his position as Superintendent of Schools, set forth in the attached letter of resignation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is herewith granted a paid leave of absence terminating coincident with the effective date of the termination of his services, to wit June 30, 2017, said leave to be charged against the Superintendent's accumulated vacation and sick leave time, provided that the Superintendent shall be reasonably available for consultation with the Acting Superintendent respecting leadership transition matters.

RESOLVED, that Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli is hereby appointed as Acting Superintendent of Schools for the Peekskill City School District for the period of April 4, 2017 to June 30, 2017,

NOW THEREFORE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute a certain employment agreement between the District and Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli.



Peekskill City School District
A System Focused on Every Student; Every Day

The Mission of the Peekskill City School District is to educate students in a caring, inspiring environment characterized by a spirit of excellence and high expectations; prepare graduates to meet or exceed standards; graduate students who respect and appreciate cultural diversity, and prepare students to pursue adult lives as contributing citizens of our local and global community.

Dr. David Fine,
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Peekskill City School District Board of Education,

I hereby tender my resignation as Superintendent of Schools effective, June 30, 2017. It has been an honor to have served the Peekskill community the past nine years. It is a position into which I have placed my heart and soul. I thank the board for the opportunity and wish everyone all the best. However, at this point I must reassess my priorities and make a change so that I can provide some needed focus on my personal life and family.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Fine

The Board was polled for the acceptance of Dr. Fine's resignation:

Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon - Yes

Doug Glickert - Yes

Maria Pereira - Yes

Michael Simpkins - Yes

Colin Smith - Yes

Richard Sullivan - Yes

Jillian Villon - Yes

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

B. Contract - K12 Insight

That the Board of Education approve the contract with K12 Insight for March 2017 - October 2017 in the amount of \$20,500. Funding will be provided from Title I School Improvement Grant.

C. Tax Certiorari Consent Judgment - Charles Cartalemi

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings pertaining to the property identified on the tax roll as #33.13-5-14. For various tax years 2008 through 2012, in the amount of \$16,504.33; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings, as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

NOW, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other relevant settlement papers necessary to effectuate the settlement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the Consent Judgment.

D. Tax Certiorari Consent Judgment - Kenneth Martin

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings pertaining to the property identified on the tax roll as #32.8-1-25 and #32.8-1-26. For various tax years 2009 through 2016, in the amount of \$12,586.67; and WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative resolution of the proceedings, as set forth in the consent judgment attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to resolve the proceeding in accordance with the Consent Judgment without further litigation;

NOW, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the settlement of the tax proceedings as set forth in the Consent Judgment; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingerman Smith, LLP is authorized to execute the consent judgment attached hereto, and any other relevant settlement papers necessary to effectuate the settlement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall be authorized to issue a refund payment in accordance with the Consent Judgment.

E. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

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| 1. Name: | Pedro Velazquez |
| Position: | Science Teacher; HS |
| Action: | Resignation from the Peekskill City School District |
| Effective Date: | June 30, 2017 |

II. Leave of Absence

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

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| 1. Name: | Lisa Como-Sansotta |
| Position: | Teaching Assistant |
| Action: | Leave of Absence |
| Effective Date: | April 5, 2017 through June 30, 2017 |

III. Appointments

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

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| 1. Name: | Eugene Cribbin |
| Position: | Social Studies Teacher; LOA Replacement |
| Certification Status: | Social Studies (7-12); initial |
| Start Date: | April 5, 2017 |
| End Date: | June 23, 2017 |
| Salary: | \$308/day, no benefits |

2. Name: Harriett Meyer
Position: English Teacher; LOA Replacement
Certification Status: English (7-12); Initial
Start Date: April 17, 2017
End Date: June 23, 2017
Salary: \$308/day, no benefits
3. Name: Kimberly Albra
Position: Special Education Teacher; LOA replacement
Certification Status: Special Education; Permanent
Effective Dates: April 3, 2017 – June 23, 2017 (anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day, as worked.
4. Name: Lauren Batiste
Position: Special Education Teacher: LOA
Revised Effective Dates: February 6, 2017 through April 28, 2017
Salary: \$244/day, as worked, no benefit
5. Name: Lisa Como Sansotta
Position: Elementary Education Teacher; LOA Replacement
Certification Status: Childhood Education; Initial
Start Date: April 17, 2017
End Date: June 23, 2017
Salary: \$308/day
6. Name: Amanda Volpe
Position: Substitute teacher; per diem (uncertified)
Effective Date: May 13, 2017 – June 23, 2017
Salary: \$100/day, as worked.
Not to exceed 4 days/week (28hrs/week), no benefits
7. Name: Christina Del Pilar
Position: Substitute teacher; per diem
Certification: Guidance, Provisional
Effective Date: April 5, 2017 – June 23, 2017
Salary: \$100/day, as worked.
Not to exceed 4 days/week (28hrs/week), no benefits
8. Name: Victoria McGuire
Position: School Psychologist; per diem
Certification Status: School Psychologist; Permanent
Start Date: April 5, 2017
End Date: June 23, 2017
Salary: \$100/day, no benefits
9. Name: Alfred Ferony
Position: 2016-2017 Softball Coach -Intramurals
Effective Date: Spring Season
Stipend: \$1,282

10. Name: Timothy Turner
Position: 2016-2017 Basketball Coach -Intramurals
Effective Date: Spring Season
Stipend: \$1,282
11. Name: Cami Blazejewski
Position: 2016-2017 Soccer Coach -Intramurals
Effective Date: Spring Season
Stipend: \$1,282

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Khawla Shihadeh
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Probationary Start date: April 5, 2017
Probationary End date: April 4, 2018
Salary: \$10/hr. (17.5 hours/week) 3.5 hrs./day

II. Resignations

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

1. Name: Donald Booth
Position: Maintenance/Mechanic (Bldgs)
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: April 15, 2017
2. Name: JoAnne Ward
Position: School Monitor (Lunch)
Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: March 23, 2017 (Never worked)

III. Revisions:

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

1. Name: Chemay Venero
Position: Security Aide
Effective Date: March 30, 2017
Probationary Start Date: March 30, 2017
Probationary End Date: March 29, 2018
Salary: \$32,663 (Prorated)
2. Name: Sharon Love
Position: Secretary to School Principal; LOA Replacement
Effective date: March 22, 2017
End date: June 16, 2017 (TBD)
Salary: \$48,217 (Prorated)

IV. Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns

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

1. Name: Samantha Scoca
Request: Student Teaching; Second placement
College: SUNY Cortland
Location: Oakside
Mentor: M. Hernandez
Effective Dates: April 5, 2017 to May 2017
2. Name: Greg Hare
Position: 2016-2017 Volunteer – Lacrosse -Modified
Effective Date: Spring Season

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.

F. Consent Agenda Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 6.B. - 6.E.

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

Second: Doug Glickert
No: _____ Abstained: _____

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only
A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

8. Executive Session
The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular contractual and personnel item.

- A. Executive Session – 9:07 p.m.
Motion to move to Executive Session

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

Second: Doug Glickert
No: _____

Abstained: _____

- B. Adjourn Executive Session – 9:31 p.m.
Motion to move to Public Executive Session

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

Second: Colin Smith
No: _____

Abstained: _____

9. Adjournment

- A. Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the Board, President Aspinall-Kellawon asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Second: Doug Glickert
No: _____

Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk