

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

Second: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

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

- Second: Colin Smith
- No: \_\_\_\_\_
- Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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:

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:

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 Feron  
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	Second: Doug Glickert	
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon	No: _____	Abstained: _____
Doug Glickert		
Maria Pereira		
Michael Simpkins		
Colin Smith		
Richard Sullivan		
Jillian Villon		

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

Motion: Doug Glickert	Second: Colin Smith	
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon	No: _____	Abstained: _____
Doug Glickert		
Maria Pereira		
Michael Simpkins		
Colin Smith		
Richard Sullivan		
Jillian Villon		

- 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	Second: Doug Glickert	
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon	No: _____	Abstained: _____
Doug Glickert		
Maria Pereira		
Michael Simpkins		
Colin Smith		
Richard Sullivan		
Jillian Villon		

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk