

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APRIL 1, 2014**

Board of Education

Mr. Douglas Glickert, President  
Mr. Colin Smith, Vice President  
Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon  
Ms. Jillian Clausen  
Mrs. Maria Pereira  
Mr. Michael Simpkins  
Mr. Joseph Urbanowicz

Central Office

Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Greg Sullivan, Asst Supt for Business  
Dr. Joe Mosey, Asst Supt for C&I  
Mrs. Mary Sculnick, Director of Human Resources  
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Glickert at 5:32 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

Joe Urbanowicz 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 item. 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

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Michael Simpkins

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Jillian Clausen  
Doug Glickert  
Maria Pereira  
Michael Simpkins  
Colin Smith  
Joe Urbanowicz

3) Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas room at 7:08 p.m.

4) Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meeting

Richard Sullivan of 1466 Summit Avenue was following up on the food situation at Uriah Hill. Dr. Licopoli commented he visited Uriah Hill the next day after Mr. Sullivan's complaint. Dr. Licopoli felt it was a better day in that the food service was appropriate. Greg Sullivan and Dr. Licopoli met with the District's food service company Whitsons and they put some things into effect immediately. There will be a food server assigned to Uriah Hill. Whitsons has proposed hiring a chef to raise the quality of the food service program at Uriah Hill and throughout the District. Also, warming cabinets are to be installed within a week or two. Whitsons also suggested establishing a parent advisory group as a good way to create a dialog. Richard Sullivan thinks parents should receive an apology letter.

George Ondek of 31 Winchester Avenue congratulated the business manager for bringing the budget to fruition under the Governors guidelines. Mr. Ondek is seeking quality education, technology in classes, and he wants the Alternative Veterans Exemption for property tax passed. He also commended the Board for doing a good job.

5) Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Budget Workshop #5

Dr. Licopoli reflected on the team from Peekskill's visit to Union City School District last week. Union City has implemented a plan over the years to address the needs of all their students. Their implemented plan is geared for school excellence and school improvement. They have established putting systems in place and have not deviated from their systems. Maria Pereira and Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon also attended. They commented how the school was all in one accord, utilized every space and literacy was hands on throughout the district. The students wore uniforms and were very welcoming. Special Education students were interactive. Union City is one of the top 10 schools in the nation and they compose every possible accommodation to make their students successful in life.

Dr. Licopoli commented the students' needs come first. PCSD needs one plan for all schools. Union City celebrates their kids' achievements daily. It requires leadership, stability and commitment.

Dr. Licopoli shared with the Board a PowerPoint on the Budget. PCSD received an additional one million dollars in state aid. In order to preserve the quality of education, the additional funds helped restore many areas in technology, some personnel issues, and the tax levy limit.

The week of April 7 - 12 candidates will be interviewed for the principal positions. They will have recommendations to the BOE by the last week in April.

President Glickert acknowledged LEAP's celebration and Naima Smith-Moore for her hard work.

6) Consent Agenda - Personnel

A. Boys' Varsity Tennis Merger

That the Board of Education approves the merger of Peekskill City School District Boys' Varsity Tennis with Putnam Valley School District, due to insufficient number of participants.

B. Creating New Positions

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the creating of the following new positions effective as of April 1, 2014:

Teacher Leader (PreK-8)

ELL Teacher Leader (PreK-12)

Secondary Content Teacher Leader (Grade 6-12)

Framework Coach (PreK-12)

C. Amended - Private and Parochial School Transportation for 2014-2015 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the parent or court appointed guardian of the person and property of an elementary (K-5) or high school (9-12) student residing in the City School District of Peekskill who desires for that student to be transported to a state accredited private or parochial school, within the mileage limits listed below, during the 2014-2015 school year must submit a written request to the Board of Education not later than April 1, 2014, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the student is not a resident of the City School District of Peekskill on such date, a written request must be submitted within thirty (30) days after establishing residence.

Mileage Limits:

Grades K - 1 - over one-half (0.5) miles to a maximum of four (4.0) miles

Grades 2 -5 - over one (1.0) mile to a maximum of four (4.0) miles

Grades 9 - 12 - over four (4) miles to a maximum of fifteen and six tenths (15.6) miles

D. Budget Appropriation Transfers

That the Board of Education approves the Budget Appropriation Transfers.

E. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of February 2014

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of February 2014.

F. Contract - Schoolwires

That the Board of Education approves the contract with Schoolwires, to provide licensed software, support and/or services provided in the agreement, commencing July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 and not to exceed \$16,512.50.

G. Revised Agreement - Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP

That the Board of Education approves the revised retainer agreement with Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP from January 1, 2014 - April 1, 2014 and not to exceed \$8,000 unless authorized by the Superintendent of Schools.

H. Appeal Process - Welby, Brady & Greenblatt, LLP

That the Board of Education approves the law firm Welby, Brady & Greenblatt, LLP to file an appeal on behalf of PCSD with the Second Circuit Court of Appeals against Colonial Surety arising from the bankruptcy of All Phase Electric in June 2008.

I. Adoption of 2014/2015 Proposed Budget and Property Tax Report Card

That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District hereby authorizes that an expenditure budget in the amount of \$ 79,860,305 be submitted to the voters on May 20, 2014 and that the necessary tax be levied thereon.

FURTHER RESOLVED the Board adopts the attached Property Tax Report Card.

J. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 6.A. - 6.I.

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Joe Urbanowicz

7) Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

8) Executive Session (if necessary)

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

9) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the BOARD, President Glickert asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

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Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk