

Peekskill City School District  
1031 Elm Street  
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 19, 2016**

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  
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 6:02 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office.

A. Recording of Attendance

Michael Simpkins 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 7:00PM)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Doug Glickert

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

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

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

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session  
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

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

Second: Maria Pereira  
No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas Room at 7:18 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- Recognition - Peekskill Girls Swim Team/NYS Team Scholar Athletes  
Lou Panzanaro along with Coach Hickey gave out awards and pins to the swim team. The NYS Team Scholar Athletes Award is given to those athletes who maintain academically a 90 average or above.
- Student Council Report - Davonte Woodton  
Davonte Woodton presented the PHS Student Council report for the month of December.
- RTI Plan and Update  
Dr. Rochelle Mitlak shared with the Board the RTI Plan and Update.
- CIA Work and Deliverables, 2015-2016
- Educational Plan & Budget/Budget Framework: Workshop #3  
Dr. Fine and Robin Zimmerman shared with the Board Budget Workshop #3.

B. Contracts Under \$10,000

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

- Sharon Bell; 2015-16 School Year; Provide American Sign Language Interpretation services. Not to exceed \$500. Funding is from IDEA 611 Grant.

C. Donations/grants under \$5,000

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

- Gordon Hubbard/PHS; New planetarium seating;\$1,630

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Policy Readings

- A. First Reading/Policy # Interscholastic Athletics and Extra Curricular Eligibility
- B. Second Reading/Policy#1230 - Public Participation at Board Meetings
- C. Second Reading: Policy #2270 - School Attorney
- D. Second Reading: Policy #8110 - School Building Safety

- E. Second Reading: Policy #8112 - Health and Safety Committee
- F. Second Reading: Policy #8220 - Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection
- G. Accepting of Policies  
 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following policies:  
 #1230 Public Participation at Board Meetings  
 #2270 School Attorney  
 #8110 School Building Safety  
 #8112 Health and Safety Committee  
 #8220 Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection

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

- 9. Accepting of Minutes
  - A. Business Meeting December 15, 2015
  - B. Accepting of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following minutes:  
 Business Meeting December 15, 2015

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

10. 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. Patricia Giraliamo – resignation for the purpose of retirement  
Effective: June 30, 2016
  2. Mary Alice Boyle - resignation for the purpose of retirement  
Effective: June 30, 2016
  3. Angelia Johnson - resignation for the purpose of retirement  
Effective: June 30, 2016
  4. Terin Morales-Fitzgerald - resignation for the purpose of retirement  
Effective: June 30, 2016

5. Judith Cass - resignation for the purpose of retirement  
Effective: June 30, 2016

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. NONE

III. Appointments

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

1. Name: Melissa Nicolosi  
Position: Elementary Teacher, LOA replacement  
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School  
Start Date: January 21, 2016  
End Date: February 28, 2016  
Salary: \$244 per day

2. Name: Emily Bocek  
Position: Elementary Teacher, LOA replacement  
Location: Hillcrest Elementary School  
Start Date: January 21, 2016  
End Date: TBD  
Salary: \$308 per day

- 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: Cesar Olivares – High School  
Certified: Social Studies (7-12), Initial  
Effective: January 4, 2016 through June 24, 2106  
Schedule: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays  
Not to exceed 28 hours per week; four day/week)  
Salary: \$120.00/day, as worked

- 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: Katy Lough  
Certified: Early childhood (Birth – Gr. 2) & Students w/Disabilities (Birth –Gr. 2); Initial  
Position: Teacher substitute; Per diem  
Effective: January 20, 2016 through June 24, 2016  
Salary: \$100/day worked, not to exceed 28 hours per week (4 days/week)

2. Name: Stefanie Tonnesen

Certified: Childhood Education (Gr.1-6); Initial  
 Position: Teacher substitute; Per diem  
 Effective: January 20, 2016 through June 24, 2016  
 Salary: \$100/day worked, not to exceed 28 hours per week (4 days/week)

D. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following co-curricular; non athletic appointment for the 2015-2016 school year to the Board of Education for approval:

1. John Hahn Band Director – High School Stipend: \$5,533

#### IV. Correction

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

1. Name: Donald Shropshire  
 Position: Special Education Teacher  
 Certification Status: Social Studies (5-9) & (7-12); Students W/Disabilities (7-12); Initial  
 Tenure Area: Special Education  
 Effective Date: September 1, 2012  
 Probationary period begins: September 1, 2012  
 Probationary period ends: August 31, 2017

#### V. Tenure

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

1. Leslie Detres	Psychologist- Oakside	Tenure effective: January 1, 2016
2. Tara Guerrero	Speech – Hillcrest/High School	Tenure effective: January 6, 2016
3. Andrea McKinley	Elementary – Woodside	Tenure effective: January 30, 2016
4. Troy Lepore	Elementary – Hillcrest	Tenure effective: January 30, 2016
5. Nhuvia D'Alfonso	ESL – Woodside	Tenure effective: February 12, 2016

#### Classified

##### I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Eufemio Quintero  
 Position: Teacher Aide (1:1)  
 Location: Middle School  
 Probationary Start date: January 20, 2016  
 Probationary End date: January 19, 2017  
 Salary: \$12,090 (pro-rated)

2. Name: Joseph Bucello  
 Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom  
 Location: Hillcrest School  
 Probationary Start date: January 20, 2016  
 Probationary End date: January 19, 2017

- Salary: \$11,160 (pro-rated)
3. Name: Frances Herling  
 Position: Teacher Aide; Classroom  
 Location: Uriah Hill  
 Probationary Start date: January 20, 2016  
 Probationary End date: January 19, 2017  
 Salary: \$11,160 (pro-rated)
4. Name: Jennifer Garcia  
 Position: Teacher Aide; Part time; classroom  
 Location: Woodside  
 Probationary Start date: January 20, 2016  
 Probationary End date: January 19, 2017  
 Salary: \$6,510 (pro-rated) Needs ATAS

B. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following Security Aide substitute appointment for the 2015-2016 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$14.00 per hour; per diem:

1. Name: Michelle Clifton  
 Position: Security Aide; per diem  
 Effective: January 20, 2016

C. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following school (lunch) monitor appointment for the 2015-2016 school year, to the Board of Education for approval, at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, 17.5 hours per week:

1. Name: Sylvia Corrodus  
 Position: School Monitor – Woodside  
 Start Date: January 20, 2016  
 End Date: June 24, 2016  
 Salary: \$10.00/hour, 3.5 /hours per day; 5 days/ week, following the student school calendar

11. Name: Jacqueline Drakopoulos  
 Position: School monitor – Oakside  
 Effective: January 20, 2016  
 End Date: June 24, 2016  
 Salary: \$10.00/hour, 3.5 /hours per day; 5 days/ week, following the student school calendar

12. Name: Karen Ormsby  
 Position: School monitor – Woodside  
 Effective: January 20, 2016  
 End Date: June 24, 2016  
 Salary: \$10.00/hour, 3.5 /hours per day; 5 days/ week, following the student school calendar

## II. Resignations

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following resignations to the Board of Education for approval:
1. NONE

III. Volunteers, 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: Alyssa Picariello  
Request: Student teaching; P. Salvatore  
Location: Middle School  
Effective Dates: January 11, 2016 - March 11, 2016
2. Name: Amy Erard  
Request: Volunteer  
Location: Hillcrest; Community School Initiative  
Effective Dates: January 20, 2016 - June 24, 2016
3. Name: Edward Ciprian  
Request: Volunteer,  
Location: Middle School; (Tajae Gaynor)  
Effective Dates: January 20, 2016 - June 24, 2016
4. Name: Christina Carmosino  
Request: Student Teaching  
Location: Middle School; N. Bolden  
Effective Dates: January 20, 2016 - March 18, 2016
5. Name: Elizabeth Morgan  
Request: Student teaching  
Location: Woodside; J. Montoya  
Effective Dates: March 21, 2016 - May 13, 2016
6. Name: Megan Varughese  
Request: Student teaching  
Location: Woodside; M. Cronin  
Effective Dates: January 20, 2016 - March 18, 2016
7. Name: Diane Reggio\*  
Request: Volunteer  
Location: Woodside; C. Colombini  
Effective Dates: January 20, 2016 - June 24, 2016
8. Name: Thomas Fields  
Request: Volunteer  
Location: Middle School; LEAP  
Effective Dates: January 20, 2016 - June 24, 2016
9. Name: Joann Concepcion

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| Request:         | Volunteer                                   |
| Location:        | Woodside, Oakside and Hillcrest: Boy Scouts |
| Effective Dates: | January 12, 2016 - June 24, 2016            |
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| 10. Name:                 | Taylor Berndt                     |
| Request:                  | Student Teaching placements (2)   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Location: | Middle School; N. Bolden          |
| Effective Dates:          | February 1, 2016 - April 11, 2016 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Location: | High School; E. Jones             |
| Effective Dates:          | April 14, 2016 - June 15, 2016    |
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| 11. Name:        | Emily Kalaka                  |
| Request:         | Student Teaching placement    |
| Location:        | Woodside; K. Cerna            |
| Effective Dates: | March 21, 2016 - May 13, 2016 |
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| 12. Name:        | Deshaun Dennis                    |
| Request:         | Student Teaching placement        |
| Location:        | Woodside; B. Holloman             |
| Effective Dates: | January 20, 2016 – March 18, 2016 |
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| 13. Name:        | Julia Levy                        |
| Request:         | Student Teaching placement        |
| Location:        | Hillcrest; T. King                |
| Effective Dates: | January 25, 2016 – March 18, 2016 |
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| 14. Name:        | Jillian Di Ronna                  |
| Request:         | Student Teaching placement        |
| Location:        | Hillcrest; J. Bruno               |
| Effective Dates: | January 25, 2016 – March 18, 2016 |
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| 15. Name:        | Gerald Nesbeth                 |
| Request:         | Student Teaching placement     |
| Location:        | Middle School; C. Blazejewski  |
| Effective Dates: | January 20, 2016 – May 6, 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.

B. MOA with Staff

That the Board of Education approves the MOA with staff dated January 19, 2016.

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 twenty four (24) students for declassification/ classification and/or placement:

STUDENT ID # MEETING TYPE DETERMINATION

43773 Initial Classified

42974 Amendment Continue Classification

45030 Amendment Continue Classification

46971 Transfer Classified

44409 Program Review Continue Classification

40681 Program Review Continue Classification

43348 Amendment Continue Classification

40955 Initial Classified

46882 Program Review Continue Classification

41090 Program Review Continue Classification

45628 Initial Classified

42982 Section 504 Annual Eligible

46444 Amendment Continue Classification

42371 Amendment Continue Classification

43849 Amendment Continue Classification

46853 Initial Classified

45417 Amendment Continue Classification

43425 Transfer Classified

44345 Initial Ineligible

42292 Transfer Classified

43168 Initial Classified

41286 Program Review Continue Classification

42193 Section 504 Initial Eligible

42982 Section 504 Annual Eligible

B. Contract - Ossining Union Free School District

That the Board of Education approves the contract with Ossining Union Free School District to provide educational programs for two students with disabilities for the 2015-2016 school year. Funding is through High Cost Tuition allocated from the General Fund.

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

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

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

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

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

C. Tax Certiorari - Verizon

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District is a respondent in certain tax certiorari proceedings pertaining to property identified on the tax roll as 33.30-6-9, for tax years 2009 through 2015; 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 in the amount of \$60,653.26;

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. Contract - Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Arts (HVCCA)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Arts (HVCCA) in the amount not to exceed \$10,000, for the period of January 1, 2016 - December 30, 2016.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. Donation - Gunterberg Charitable Foundation

That the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District approve the recommendation of the Interim- Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that, in accordance with Education Law 1718(2), that a gift of \$15,000 be accepted from the Gunterberg Charitable Foundation for the Girls Varsity Soccer team.

B. Donation - Entergy

That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business that, in accordance with Education Law 1718(2), to accept a grant from Entergy in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the Science Program.

C. Purpose Statements

That the Board of Education approves the following Extra-classroom Activities:

Peekskill High School:

Exchange Club

Student Council  
Senior Class  
Science National Honor Society  
Peekskill Middle School:  
Drama Club

14. Approving Consent Agenda

A. Approving Consent Agenda

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

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

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

District Events

PTO meeting; January 20, 6:30 p.m./Administration Building

BOE joint meeting with Peekskill Common Council; January 27/PKMS

Coffee with the Superintendent January 23, 9 a.m./Administration Building

Art opening at Peekskill Coffee House; February 3, 6 p.m.

16. Executive Session (if necessary)

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

17. Adjournment

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

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

Second: Michael Simpkins  
No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Debra McLeod  
District Clerk