

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

**BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 9, 2015**

Board of Education

Mr. Douglas Glickert, President
Mr. Colin Smith, Vice President
Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Ms. Jillian Clausen
Mrs. Maria Pereira
Mr. Richard Sullivan

Central Office

Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Interim Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Asst Supt for Business
Dr. Joe Mosey, Asst Supt for Administrative Services
Dr. David Fine, Asst Supt for Secondary Education
Mrs. Mary Foster, Asst Supt for Elementary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Glickert at 6:05 p.m. in the George Birdas Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Jillian Clause arrived at 7:20 p.m. Michael Simpkins was absent.

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: Richard Sullivan

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Colin Smith

Second: Richard Sullivan

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the George Birdas Room at 7:10 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Jerry O'Shaugnessy came to the meeting to stay on top of the transportation issue and he has a lot of thoughts on it. Mr. O'Shaugnessy is aware of the Town Hall Meeting, April 14 but he doesn't know what the outcome of the meeting will be. If the transportation proposition does move forward, what are the next steps to take place? Another question Mr. O'Shaugnessy had was concerning the core testing. He wanted to know if a lot of parents chose to opt out for their children not to take the exam. Dr. Licopoli stated there are a handful of parents refusing for their children to take the test. On the District's website, there is a Q&A under Parents Resource for more information.

Dr. Licopoli commented the District received unanticipated state aid money in the amount of \$3.52 million dollars. The purpose of the ad hoc committee was to have a backup plan if the super majority vote didn't pass the budget. The additional funding from state aid now gives us the opportunity to have a little more flexibility with the budget and not seeking a super majority vote. Because of the additional monies we do not need the ad hoc committee. Dr. Licopoli is looking for guidance from the Board on facilitating the Town Hall meeting on how to best use the additional state aid funding.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. 2015/2016 Budget Update

Dr. Licopoli shared with the Board a PowerPoint update on the 2015/2016 Budget. The Town Hall meeting will be April 14 at Peekskill High School cafeteria. Spanish speaking residents will be seated in the library.

The Board was in agreement that they want to keep the tax cap under the tax levy limit.

Dr. Licopoli is seeking guidance on how to spend the extra money received in State aid.

The Drama Club will be presenting "The Wiz" on May 7 – 9 at PHS. On April 13, Peekskill's Common Council will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. at PHS for the students to see how the government works.

Mr. O'Shaugnessy inquired if the transportation proposition fails, will the District lose the Princeton Plan, how much will it cost the District to hire new teachers for neighborhood schools and how would it affect the District's goals? Dr. Licopoli commented if an integrity plan is well developed, you would get the same results.

Maria Pereira shared with the Board and Community a flyer from the Youth Bureau's, Youth Builds program for ages 16 – 24. This information will be put on a link on the District's website.

6. Executive Session (if necessary)

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

7. Adjournment

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

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Jillian Clausen

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Debra McLeod

District Clerk