

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 2, 2015

Board of Education

Mr. Douglas Glickert, President
Mr. Colin Smith, Vice President
Mrs. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Mrs. Maria Pereira
Mr. Michael Simpkins
Mr. Richard Sullivan
Mrs. Jillian Villon

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 5:38 p.m. in the Peekskill High School Faculty Room.

A. Recording of Attendance

Michael Simpkins and Jillian Villon 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: Colin Smith

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Second: Richard Sullivan

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Colin Smith
Richard Sullivan

3. Reception for Retirees/Tenure Candidates at 6:30 p.m.

4. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Peekskill High School Cafeteria at 7:03 p.m.

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Several parents expressed their concern over the handling of a situation with the Girls' Basketball Coach. Although several meetings were held, they felt the decision that was reached was not in the best interest of their children.

Dr. Licopoli commented that a comprehensive plan was to be put in place. An investigation was ensued regarding the basketball coach and the District is developing an improvement plan.

6. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Retiree Recognition

Dr. Fine presented to the retirees a plaque with a picture of the retiree in a classroom setting with their students or with their colleagues.

Name of Retiree	No. of Years in District
Ellis Burress - Maintenance	17
Thomas Carroll - PHS	38
Raquel Cruz – Uriah Hill	34.6
Nancy Ehrlich - PMS	22
Yolanda Gonzalez - Woodside	19
Rita Gurkin – Oakside (retired earlier this year)	17
Sheila Hammonds - Woodside	16
Robert Lazevnick - Maintenance	17
Leander Lewis – Custodial (retired earlier this year)	26
Lydia Morales - Woodside	25
Diane Reggio - Woodside	30
Alison Risoli – PHS	24
Anne Seaboldt - Woodside	26
Sarah Soyka - PHS	30
Anne Valente - Woodside	28
Susan Verdi-Miller - Woodside	22
Mary Williams - Oakside	24

B. Tenure Recognition

Dr. Fine presented a pen from the District to the following tenure candidates:

1. Cami Basso, Peekskill Middle School
Tenure Area: Physical Education

Effective Date of Tenure: August 31, 2015

2. Melina Cronin, Woodside Elementary School
Tenure Area: Elementary
Effective Date of Tenure: August 31, 2015
3. Peggy Owens, Hillcrest Elementary School
Tenure Area: Elementary
Effective Date of Tenure: August 31, 2015
4. Anita Prentice, Peekskill High School/Summit Academy
Tenure Area: Social Studies Teacher
Effective Date of Tenure: October 18, 2014
5. Scott Tabone, Peekskill Middle School
Tenure Area: Special Education
Effective Date of Tenure: August 31, 2015
1. Barbara Volpe, Oakside Elementary School
Tenure Area: Special Education
Effective Date of Tenure: August 31, 2015
1. Margaret Bishop, Peekskill High School/PACE Program
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Effective Date of Tenure: August 31, 2015
8. Laura Dahl – Woodside Elementary School
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant, Level III
Effective Date of Tenure: October 18, 2014
9. Cindy Ocasio-Gary, Woodside Elementary School
Tenure Area: Speech Teacher
Effective Date of Tenure: December 10, 2014
10. Anthony Scala – Peekskill Middle School
Tenure Area: Technology Teaching Assistant
Effective Date of Tenure: August 31, 2015

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Agenda item 6.B.

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

There was a brief recess and the meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

C. Student Council Exit Interviews

Miriam Skrivanek thanked Dr. Licopoli for the encouragement and support she received as senior class advisor with the student council. Ms. Skrivanek also commented that being the advisor for the student council has been a tremendous and amazing experience. She presented flowers to student council members Johnna Hayward, Adrianna Lawrence, Stephanie Barahona, Nia Simpkins and District Clerk, Debra McLeod.

Dr. Licopoli had the students' answer the following questions:

1. What is Peekskill High School greatest strength?
2. What needs to be improved?
3. What new thing could be added to the high school?
4. What could the high school move away from?

Johnna Hayward:

1. Strengths - Diversity, sense of community, art department band and chorus have grown
2. Improvements - Bathrooms, school spirit/staff needs to be more involved, security at high school has improved/relationships a little too friendly
3. Additions - Ceiling tile in gym, better parking in student's parking lot/maybe assign parking spots
4. Move away from - Old computers, a more welcoming atmosphere

Adrianna Lawrence:

1. Strengths - Curriculum offerings, diverse personalities and strengths, spirit of school is good/a lot of students participate
2. Improvements - More electives, something to help to prepare for college, more than one teacher for a subject (example calculus)
3. Additions - Seniors teaching freshman should work together, technology needs to be more advanced
4. Move away from - A lot of computers are not working

Nia Simpkins:

1. Strengths - Diversity, school spirit, staff
2. Improvements - Bathroom, gym equipment, more electives
3. Additions - Senior lounge /no place to go due to gaps in schedule , not enough computers
4. Move away from - Hall-sweeps

Stephanie Barahona:

1. Strengths - Music department/gives students a lot of skills, sports encourages sportsmanship, a bond between teams, and it encourage students to have better grades, BOCES program
2. Improvements - No senior class trip offered because of another class, bathrooms, ceiling in the gym

3. Additions - More classes geared towards careers
4. Move away from - High school dress code/not showing anything inappropriate, more language classes

D. CIA Proposals

Dan Callahan presented a PowerPoint to the Board on the following CIA Proposals for PHS:

- English 9 Honors
- French 1
- African Diaspora
- Art
- CAPP Program
- Music
- Science

E. Advocacy Agenda

Dr. Licopoli stated the following resolution was comprised by the New York State Council of School Superintendents and the New York State School Boards Association: Suspend and Amend the Education Transformation Act of 2015

We the Peekskill City School District request, that in order to prevent further damage to the education of public school children across our state, legislators must immediately:

1. Suspend the Education Transformation Act of 2015 and maintain the current system for one year.
2. Amend the Education Transformation Act of 2015 to require that a panel comprised of experts in the field of psychometrics, teacher evaluation, and seasoned education leaders be convened to design a researched based teacher evaluation system to be implemented in 2016-17 school year.

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

7. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Budget, Assessment Roll and Tax Warrant, 2015-2016

That the Board of Education of the City School District of Peekskill adopt as its Assessment Roll, excepting that portion thereof which sets for the amount and rate of tax for the year 2015-2016 the Assessment Roll prepared by the Commissioner of Taxation and Assessment of the City of Peekskill bearing the taxable status date of July 1, 2015, and delivered to the Board of Education on September 30, 2015, with subsequent changes, and

That the budget for the 2015-2016 school year be adopted in the amount of \$83,655,784, with anticipated state aid and other receipts accounting for \$36,354,972

and local taxes accounting for \$39, 012,812 and

That the sum of \$39,012,812 be levied and raised by a tax upon the taxable property within the boundaries of the City School District of the City of Peekskill on the basis of the aforementioned assessment roll of the City of Peekskill filed in the Office of the Comptroller of the City of Peekskill, and

That the Board of Education of the City School District adopt the attached Tax Warrant for the collection of the 2015-2016 school year and it be duly signed by the members of the Board. Copy attached.

B. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Appointments

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

1. Name:	Colleen Hardiman
Position:	Woodside Elementary Principal
Certification Status:	School Building Leader (SBL)
Tenure Area:	Elementary Principal
Effective Date:	July 1, 2015
Probationary period begins:	July 1, 2015
Probationary period ends:	June 30, 2018
Salary:	\$120,147

C. MOA - Crystal Hernandez

That the Board of Education approves the MOA agreement with Crystal Hernandez dated June 2, 2015.

D. Scholarships

That the Board of Education approves the Jimmy Mack Scholarship Foundation for the following:

Two high school students who have displayed great academic achievement and must be continuing their education with acceptance to a community college in the amount of \$475.00 each.

Two middle school students who have excelled academically in the amount of \$25.00 each.

E. Medical Examination

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Education Law §913, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the employee discussed in executive session is directed to report for a medical examination in order to determine the mental/physical capacity of such person to perform his/her duties as an employee of the Peekskill City School District. Said medical examination shall be before Dr. Allen Reichman, on June 19, 2015 at 11:00am, at his office located at 25 Lorraine Court, Roslyn, NY 11576 and/or any subsequent days Dr. Reichman may require to complete said exam; and IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the employee is directed to produce at said medical examination any and all medical records related to the present state of his/her health for the past three (3) years.

F. Approval of Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves consent agenda items 7.A. - 7.E.

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

Second: Richard Sullivan
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Dr. Licopoli welcomed Colleen Hardiman to the Peekskill School District as the Principal of Woodside School. Mrs. Hardiman thanked the Board. She was warmly received, and excited to be part of the Peekskill community.

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

The parents reiterated their concern regarding the Girls' Basketball Coach.

Dr. Licopoli commented a decision will be made upon the recommendation of the contingent improvement plan which he thought was in place much earlier.

Vice President Smith stated there needs to be more of a follow-up with parents.

Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon thanked Peekskill for passing the budget and supporting her and Colin Smith in re-electing them to the BOE. She is working for the benefit of all students. Ramon Fernandez also thanked Peekskill residents in their support of him and the importance of listening to the community.

9. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

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

Second: Richard Sullivan
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk