

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

JOINT: BUSINESS MEETING/COMMON COUNCIL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

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

Dr. David Fine, Superintendent
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 Superintendent's Office.

A. Recording of Attendance

Michael Simpkins arrived late. Colin Smith left at 8:20 p.m.

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: Rich Sullivan

Second: Doug Glickert

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Colin Smith

Rich 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
Rich Sullivan
Jillian Villon

Second: Maria Pereira
No: _____ Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Ford Auditorium at 7:05 p.m.
President Aspinall-Kellawon welcomed Mayor Frank Catalina, Councilwoman Kathleen Talbot and City Manager Richard Lein to the BOE meeting.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

Matthew Hernandez, student at PHS, expressed his concern over safety. He says a stop sign had been removed and he has seen a number of incidents of road kill and pets being hit near the entrance of Depew Park by Hudson Avenue and Fremont Street. Matthew would like to have the stop sign put back.

Victoria Kravits 1213 Crompond Road in Peekskill concerned with sidewalks. Her daughter walks to school and the two of them have tripped due to buckling and cracked sidewalks. Maple Avenue, Hind and Pine Street were a few of the streets Ms. Kravits named.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. [Superintendent's Report](#)

Dr. David Fine welcomed Peekskill's Common Council to the Board Meeting.

- Security, SmartBond Updates, Enrollment, and Staffing
- My Brother's Keeper
- District Pride and Progress
- Systemic Planning

B. Contracts Under \$10,000

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

- Michael Blueglass/PHS; Help improve Science Research Program; September 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016, funded by the Math and Science Grant at an rate of \$150/per hr in an amount not to exceed \$2,700
- Hudson River HealthCare-Preservation Company/PKMS; Provide educational and social programming that focuses on health and real issues facing our youth today ; 2016/2017 School Year; Not to Exceed \$6,500 from LEAP Grant
- New Era Creative Space; Provide Parenting and Youth Workshops; 2016/2017 School Year; Not to exceed \$1,500 from LEAP Grant
- New York Presbyterian – Hudson Valley Center/Young Chefs; 2016/2017 School Year; Not to exceed \$3,000 from LEAP Grant

6. Old Business

A. New Agenda Item

7. New Business

A. Discussion with Peekskill Common Council on Agenda Items

- Clean Air Act and Transportation Alternative Program
- Expansion of City and Potential School Impact
- Tennis Courts and Fields
 - Jillian Villon reported the tennis clay courts are overgrown with weeds and asked if they could be maintained for the safety of our students. Also, is it possible to have accessibility to all of the tennis courts. The Mayor said he would look into it.
- Grants and Partnerships
- Sidewalks and Roads
 - Mayor Catalina stated streets and sidewalks are the responsibility of property owners. He will be sending building inspectors to certain properties and see if they are at the level of being in violation.

Mayor Catalina commented that a traffic study has to be commissioned to put up a stop sign. The Mayor will meet with Matthew to see the area he is talking about regarding the stop sign.

You can visit Mayor Catalina's Facebook page which outlines all projects and the Mayor offered to come back and do a presentation on the projects that are going on in the City of Peekskill.

Councilwoman Talbot would like to see collaboration between the Peekskill Schools Environmental Club and Peekskill Go Green Organization. Also, she is looking for a student liaison for the Parks Advisory Board and Conservation Advisory Council. Councilwoman Talbot would be the contact person.

8. Policy Readings

- A. First Reading: Policy #3200 Organization Chart 2016-2017
- B. Second Reading: Policy #5420 Student Health Services
- C. Acceptance of Policies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following policy:
#5420 Student Health Services

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

Second: Doug Glickert
 No: _____ Abstained: _____

9. Accepting of Minutes

- A. Business Meeting August 29, 2016
- B. Business Meeting/Work Session September 6, 2016
- C. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following minutes:
 Business Meeting August 29, 2016
 Business Meeting/Work Session September 6, 2016

Motion: Doug Glickert

Second: Richard Sullivan

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

No: _____

Abstained: _____

10. Consent Agenda - Personnel
Certificated

I. Resignation

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

1. Name: Peter Capozzelli
Position: 2016-2017 JV Volleyball –Coach
Reason: Resignation
Effective: September 6, 2016

2. Name: Derrick Cambillo
Position: .6 FTE Social Studies Teacher; HS
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: September 9, 2016

3. Name: Molly McCarthy
Position: Permanent Substitute; HS
Reason: Resignation
Effective: September 9, 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:

NONE

III. Appointments

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

1. Name: Karen Flynn
Position: Special Education teacher
Certification Status: English Language Arts (7-12); Initial, Students w/ Disabilities (7-12); Initial
Tenure Area: Special Education
Effective Date: September 8, 2016
Probationary period begins: September 8, 2016
Probationary period ends: September 7, 2020
Salary: \$63,774

2. Name: Christen McDonnell
Position: Hass' Way teacher
Certification Status: Social Studies (7-12); Initial
Effective Dates: September 2016-June 8, 2017
Salary: \$48/HR

3. Name: Bridget Connor
 Position: Hass' Way teacher
 Certification Status: English (7-12); Professional
 Effective Dates: September 2016-June 8, 2017
 Salary: \$48/HR

4. Name: Lauren Batiste
 Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
 Certification Status: Students w/ Disabilities (B-2) (1-6) (7-12); Initial
 Effective Date: September 21, 2016
 Start Date: September 21, 2016
 End Date: June 23, 2017
 Salary: \$120/day as worked, not to exceed 28 hours (4 days) week, no benefits

5. Name: Molly McCarthy
 Position: Social Studies teacher (.6 FTE)
 Certification Status: Social Studies (7-12); Initial
 Effective Date: September 12, 2016
 Start Date: September 12, 2016
 End Date: June 23, 2017
 Salary: \$38,264; pro-rated MA, Step 1

6. Name: Andrew Kane
 Position: 2016-2017 LEAP; Health Science teacher
 Salary: \$48/hour; \$40/hour prep- Grant Funded

7. Name: Barbara Volpe
 Position: 2016-2017 Family University; Career Readiness Facilitator
 Stipend: \$40/hr. - Grant Funded

8. Name: Orfa Fuentes
 Position: 2016-2017 Family University; Parent Ambassador
 Stipend: \$40/hr. - Grant Funded

9. Name: Katrina Lester
 Position: 2016-2017 Drama Assistant; Middle School
 Stipend: \$3,018

10. Name: Barbara Volpe
 Position: Special Education Teacher w/ABA training
 Effective Date: September 16, 2016 – June 23, 2017

11. Name: Dawn Meyer
 Position: Teacher Assistant w/ABA training
 Effective Date: September 16, 2016 – June 23, 2017

IV. Tenure

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

1. Name: Susan Depalma
Position: Teaching Assistant- Tenure
Effective Date: Effective: September 2, 2016

2. Name: Yolanda Burns
Position: Teaching Assistant-Tenure
Effective Date: September 2, 2016

3. Name: Regina Camacho
Position: Teaching Assistant- Tenure
Effective Date: Effective: October 6, 2016

V. Corrections:

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

1. Name: Patricia Bishop
Position: School Counselor
Certification Status: School Counselor; Permanent Certificate
School Building Leader; Initial Certificate
Tenure Area: Guidance
Effective Date: September 1, 2016
Probationary period begins: September 1, 2016
Probationary period ends: August 31, 2019

2. Name: Amy Marrero
Position: Mathematics teacher
Certification Status: Mathematics (7-12); Initial
Tenure Area: Mathematics
Effective Date: September 1, 2016
Probationary period begins: September 1, 2016
Probationary period ends: August 31, 2020
Salary: \$63,774 MA, Step 1

3. Name: Cynthia Reynolds
Position: 2016-2017 Drama Coach; Middle School
Stipend: \$4,024

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Felipe Laboriel
Position: Security Aide, Per Diem
Location: District-wide
Start date: September 21, 2016
End date: June 23, 2017
Salary: \$14 per hour

2. Name: Tawfiq Bey
Position: Security Aide
Provisional Start date: September 21, 2016
Salary: \$28,120 Pro-rated
3. Name: Mary Haywood
Position: LEAP 2016-2017 Security Aide
Salary: \$14/hour
4. Name: Daniel Moran
Position: LEAP 2016-2017 Security Aide
Salary: \$14/hour
5. Name: Michelle Braganza
Position: 2016-2017 Family University; Computer Teacher
Stipend: \$40/hr.
6. Name: Alma Zucco
Position: 2016-2017 Family University; Spanish Teacher
Stipend: \$40/hr.
7. Name: Susan Oleferuk
Position: 2016-2017 Family University; ELL Teacher
Stipend: \$40/hr.
8. Name: Anthony Turner
Position: 2016-2017 Family University; Fitness Instructor
Stipend: \$40/hr.
9. Name: Barbara Godbee
Position: 2016-2017 Family University; Child Care Staff
Stipend: \$10/hr.
10. Name: Vernon Merriweather
Position: 2016-2017 Family University Security
Stipend: as per contract (not overtime)
11. Name: Mary Haywood
Position: 2016-2017 LEAP; Security Aide substitute
Salary: \$14/HR (as needed)
12. Name: Daniel Moran
Position: 2016-2017 LEAP; Security Aide substitute
Salary: \$14/HR (as needed)
13. Name: Mary Ann Junkins
Position: 2016-2017 LEAP Extended Day, Teacher Aide
Stipend: \$10/hr.
14. Name: Tamikha Sims

Position: 2016-2017 LEAP - Family University; Child Care Staff
Stipend: \$10/hr.

VI. Resignations

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

1. Name: Joseph Bucello
Position: Teacher Aide; HS
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: Sept. 16, 2016 (close of business)

2. Name: Assunta Sodano
Position: Teacher Aide; Woodside
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: September 14, 2016

VII. 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: Laura Seitz
Request: Volunteer; Spellbinders
Location: Woodside, Oakside
Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017

2. Name: Madeleine Payamps
Request: Volunteer; Spellbinders
Location: Oakside
Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017

3. Name: Deborah Mosley
Request: Volunteer; Spellbinders
Location: Woodside, Oakside, Hillcrest
Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017

4. Name: Margaret Boyle
Request: Volunteer; Spellbinders
Location: Hillcrest
Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017

5. Name: Maria Velez-Green
Request: Volunteer; WJCS-SCOPES
Location: Woodside, Oakside
Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017

6. Name: Abby Plotka
Request: Volunteer; WJCS-SCOPES
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017

7. Name: Catherine Kunin

- Request: Volunteer; WJCS-SCOPES
 Location: Woodside
 Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017
8. Name: Lisa Aaron
 Request: Volunteer; WJCS-SCOPES
 Location: Woodside, Oakside
 Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017
9. Name: Linda Hawkins
 Request: Volunteer; Spellbinders
 Location: Woodside, Oakside
 Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017
10. Name: Jose Velazquez *
 Request: Volunteer; Hillcrest Community School Initiative
 Location: Hillcrest
 Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017
11. Name: Amy Errard
 Request: Volunteer; Hillcrest Community School Initiative
 Location: Hillcrest
 Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017
12. Name: Glenn Tompkins
 Request: Volunteer; Hillcrest Community School Initiative
 Location: Hillcrest
 Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017
13. Name: Phyllis Elliot
 Request: Volunteer; Hillcrest Community School Initiative
 Location: Hillcrest
 Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017
14. Name: Aida Velasaca
 Request: Volunteer; Hillcrest Community School Initiative
 Location: Hillcrest
 Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017
15. Name: Nivea Lucio
 Request: Volunteer; WJCS
 Location: Woodside
 Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017
16. Name: Marisa O'Leary*
 Request: Volunteer; Classroom Activities
 Location: Oakside
 Effective Dates: September 21, 2016 – June 23, 2017

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.

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-one (21) students for declassification, classification, review and/or placement:

STUDENT ID #	MEETING TYPE	DETERMINATION	PROGRAM
44209	Initial	Classified	ICT
46134	Amendment	Continue Classification	SC
46273	Program Review	Continue Classification	SC
43548	Initial	Classified	ICT
46249	CPSE-CSE Transition	Classified	ICT
44691	Initial	Classified	SC
47313	Transfer	Classified	ICT
46476	CPSE-CSE Transition	Classified	ICT
40782	Amendment	Continue Classification	SC
41090	Annual	Moved	n/a
44124	Initial	Classified	ICT
47000	CPSE-CSE Transition	Classified	SC
40310	Amendment	Continue Classification	ICT
44321	Amendment	Continue Classification	ICT
46752	CPSE-CSE Transition	Classified	SC
44012	504	Initial Eligible	n/a
40575	Initial	Classified	SC
46568	CPSE-CSE Transition	Classified	ICT
42605	Amendment	Continue Classification	SC

42795 Initial Classified SC
46711 CPSE-CSE Transition Classified RS Only

B. Individual Educational Evaluation Rates

That the Board of Education approves the following rates as the maximum allowable fees per Individual Educational Evaluation from September 21, 2016 - July 7, 2017:

Psychological \$1,500.00
Psycho-Educational Evaluation \$2,500.00
Neurological Evaluation \$3,000.00
Educational Evaluation \$1,000.00
Speech/Language Evaluation \$660.00
OT Evaluation \$660.00
PT Evaluation \$660.00
Psychiatric Evaluation \$1,350.00
Neuropsychological Evaluation \$3,000.00
Audiological Evaluation \$625.00
Central Auditory Processing Evaluation \$825.00
Assistive Technology Evaluation \$1,000.00

12. Consent Agenda - Business/Finance

A. Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of August 2016

That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of August 2016.

B. Budget Appropriation Transfer

That the Board of Education approve the Budget Appropriation Transfer to redistribute the Hi-Cost placement and residential tuition.

C. Interfund Transfer

WHEREAS the Peekskill City School district has undergone an Administrative Review by the Office of Child Nutrition at the New York State Education Department
WHEREAS they have deemed the amount of \$24,769.68 in negative student balances as uncollectable

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Fund will credit the School Lunch Fund in the amount of \$24,769.68 by way of interfund transfer to zero out the student balances.

D. Contract - Healthy Kids Extended Day Program

That the Board of Education accepts the agreement with Healthy Kids Extended Day Program for the 2016/2017 school year.

E. Contract - Westchester Jewish Community Services - (SCOPE Services)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Westchester Jewish Community Services to provide a mental health counselor (SCOPE services) to support Oakside School students and families for the 2016/2017 school year. The amount is not to exceed \$41,102 and is federally funded through the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Grant.

F. Contract - City of Peekskill Police Department (Youth Police Academy)

That the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business to enter into a contract with the City of Peekskill Police Department to provide classes for Leap students during the 2016-17 school year in an amount not to exceed \$10,500 and to be funded through the LEAP Grant.

G. Contract - Marcy Delcourt

That the Board of Education approve the contract with Dr. Marcy Delcourt to provide the services (outlined in the contract) for the Elementary Counseling Grant. This contract commences July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 and is not to exceed \$18,000.

H. SEQR Resolution - Woodside Greenhouse

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District desires to embark upon the following District-wide projects: installation of 336 square foot pre-engineered greenhouse building adjacent to the Woodside Elementary School, including foundation and electric utility connection to the existing building; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced capital projects are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the capital project described above is classified as a Type II Action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(7) and (8)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital project herein and the capital project described herein is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(7) and (8) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that the above referenced capital project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQR.

I. Change Order - Abbott & Price

That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District approves change order One (1) for Abbott & Price to remove and replace a chainlink fence in the amount of \$24,831.29.

13. Other Agenda Items

A. Memorandum of Agreement with Peekskill Faculty Association

WHEREAS, the 2012-2016 labor agreement between the Board of Education of the Peekskill School District (hereinafter referred to as "District") and the Peekskill Faculty Association (hereinafter referred to as "PFA") expired on June 30, 2016;

WHEREAS, representatives of the respective parties have engaged in negotiations for a successor agreement to said expiring labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, the representatives of the District and the PFA memorialized their agreement in a Memorandum of Agreement dated August 31, 2016 in the form attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Peekskill School District (hereinafter referred to as "Board of Education") herewith ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement hereinabove referenced and authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to implement said Memorandum of Agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute the new collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

B. Professional Development Plan 2016-2017

That the Board of Education approve the 2016/2017 Professional Development Plan.

C. Side Letter of Agreement - Peekskill School Security Aides Association

That the Board of Education approve the Side Letter of Agreement with Peekskill School Security Aides Association concerning Provisional members, dated September 20, 2016.

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: Michael Simpkins
Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon
Doug Glickert
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Rich Sullivan
Jillian Villon

Second: Doug Glickert
No: _____ Abstained: _____

15. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

16. Committee Reports/Board Reflections

A. New Agenda Item

17. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

B. Adjourn Executive Session

18. Adjournment

A. Adjournment

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

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

Second: Doug Glickert
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk