

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION NOVEMBER 8, 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
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 5:35 p.m. in the computer lab at Oakeside Elementary School.

- A. Recording of Attendance
Colin Smith 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 7:00 p.m.)

B. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Richard Sullivan

Second: Michael Simpkins

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____ Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Doug Glickert

Second: Michael Simpkins

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

No: _____

Abstained: _____

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Oakside Elementary School library at 7:10 p.m.

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

5. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. [Superintendent's Report](#) presented by Dr. Fine

- Oakside Student Performance
- [Student Learning Team – Oakside](#) presented by Principal Staci Woodley
- [Special Education](#) presented by Director of Special Services, Ellen Hackett,

6. Consent Agenda

A. Legal Defense and Indemnification for District Employees

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following:
APPROVAL FOR LEGAL DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION FOR DISTRICT
EMPLOYEES/BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law §3811 and/or Public Officer's Law §18,
Employee #2807 has submitted timely written request for legal defense and
indemnification in an action dated October 7, 2016, entitled Frank Lilos v. Peekskill City
School District, et al. in which he is named in his capacity and as an individual
defendant; and

WHEREAS, there are allegations in the legal action arising from the performance of the
above referenced employee and officers duties and responsibilities within the scope
of their employment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Peekskill City
School District hereby agrees to defend and indemnify the individual identified above.

B. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Peekskill Faculty Association

WHEREAS, on the 31st day of August, 2016, the negotiating representatives for the
Peekskill City School District and the Negotiating Representatives for the Peekskill
Faculty Association executed a certain Memorandum of Agreement between the
Peekskill City School District (hereinafter referred to as the "District") and the Peekskill
Faculty Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Peekskill City School District (hereinafter
referred to as the "Board of Education") ratified and approved the Memorandum of
Agreement, dated August 31, 2016, between the District and the Association; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend the aforesaid Memorandum of Agreement in
order to make evident that the salary increases in the Memorandum of Agreement
apply to all eligible Teaching Assistants (hereinafter referred to as the "Amendment");
and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith authorizes

and approves the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement, dated August 31, 2016, which it has previously reviewed in Executive Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the administration and counsel to incorporate said Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement into a more formal written agreement and authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to execute said formal written agreement.

C. Extraclassroom Activity Purpose Statements

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

Science National Honor Society

Class of 2020

Literary Magazine

Red Devil Touchdown Club

D. Change Order

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 Two (2) for Abbott & Price to prepare existing surfaces and install asphalt paving in walk adjacent to new retaining wall and extending to Elm Street entrance in the amount of \$17,593.54.

E. Appointment of Title IX Coordinator

That the Board of Education appoints the following individual to serve in the designated position for the 2016/2017 school year:

Robin Zimmerman - Title IX Coordinator

F. 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 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. Yasmin Dhar, at her office located at 600 Mamaroneck Avenue Harrison, New York on November 21, 2016 and/or any subsequent days Dr. Dhar 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 employees current medical condition.

G. Personnel Agenda – November 8, 2016

Certificated

I. Resignation

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

1. Name: Nathaniel Davidson
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher; Middle School
Reason: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective Date: October 14, 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: Amy Torres
Position: School Guidance Counselor- LOA
Certification Status: School Counselor; Provisional
Start Date: October 19, 2016
End Date: January 9, 2017 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day, as worked; no benefits

2. Name: Kimberly Albra
Position: Special Education teacher –LOA replacement
Certification Status: Special Education & Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6; Permanent
Start Date: October 31, 2016
End Date: February 13, 2017 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$308/day, as worked; no benefits

3. Name: Lisa Como-Sansotta
Position: Teaching Assistant
Certification Status: Childhood Education (1-6), Early Childhood (Birth – Grade 2), Students w/Disabilities (Birth – Gr. 6); Initial
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: November 19, 2016
Probationary period begins: November 19, 2016
Probationary period ends: November 18, 2020
Length of Probation: 4 years
Salary: \$30,159

4. Name: Jessica Reyes
Position: Elementary teacher –LOA replacement
Certification Status: Childhood Education; Initial
Start Date: November 4, 2016
End Date: February 1, 2017 (Anticipated)
Salary: \$244/day, as worked; no benefits

5. Name: Josie Quijada
Position: Elementary Teacher; Dual Language
Certification Status: Childhood Education (1-6) & Students w/Disabilities (1-6) & Bilingual Education Extension; Initial
Tenure Area: Elementary Teacher
Effective Date: October 27, 2016
Probationary period begins: November 28, 2016
Probationary period ends: November 27, 2020
Length of Probation: Four (4) years probationary period
Salary: \$74,431 MS+30, Step 1

6. Name: Jessica Star

- Position: 2016-2017 Family University; Zumba instructor
Effective Date: 2016 -2017 School year
Salary: \$40/hour
7. Name: Aaron Landry
Position: 2016-2017 Lifeguard
Effective Date: Fall Season; Co curricular athletics
Salary: \$10/hour
8. Name: Josephine Williams
Position: 2016-2017 Home Bound Tutor
Effective Date: October 2016 through June 2017
Salary: \$48/hour; as needed, per diem
9. Name: Emily DiCuio
Position: 2016-2017 Art Club Advisor; MS
Stipend: \$1,509
10. Name: Michelle Luongo
Position: 2016-2017 Literacy Leader; MS
Stipend: \$2,000
11. Name: Margaret McKay
Position: 2016-2017 Literacy Leader; MS
Stipend: \$2,000
12. Name: Cynthia Hubbard
Position: 2016-2017 ELL Leader; HS
Stipend: \$2,000
13. Name: Tara Tierney
Position: 2016-2017 Literacy Leader; Oakside
Stipend: \$2,000
14. Name: Caroline Macaluso-Ramos
Position: 2016-2017 Literacy Leader; Hillcrest
Stipend: \$2,000
15. Name: Marisa Anzovino
Position: 2016-2017 Literacy Leader; Hillcrest
Stipend: \$2,000
16. Name: Jessica Kilanowski
Position: 2016-2017 Great Potential Co-Advisor; MS
Stipend: \$3,000 (prorated) - Grant Funded
17. Name: Michelle Rios
Position: 2016-2017 Great Potential Advisor; HS
Stipend: \$3,000 – Grant Funded

18. Name: Cami Blazejewski
Position: 2016-2017 Great Potential Co-Advisor; MS
Stipend: \$3,000 (prorated) - Grant Funded

Classified

I. Appointments

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

1. Name: Kathleen D'Angelo
Position: Personnel Clerk
Location: Administrative Services; Administration Building
Effective: October 22, 2016
Probationary Start date: November 3, 2016
Probationary End date: November 2, 2017
Salary: \$59,000
2. Name: Nguyen Hoang
Position: Teacher Aide; Part time
Probationary Start date: November 9, 2016
Probationary End date: November 8, 2017
Salary: \$6,510
3. Name: Theresa Eaker
Position: Staff Assistant Finance Administration
Location: Administrative Services; Administration Building
Effective: November 7, 2016
Probationary Start date: November 7, 2016
Probationary End date: November 6, 2017
Salary: \$68,000
4. Name: Gregory Lizotte
Position: Security Aide
Effective: November 9, 2016
Provisional Start date: November 14, 2016
Salary: \$28,120
5. Name: Marjory Trainor
Position: Garden Club Advisor; Oakside
Start Date: October, 2016
End Date: June 23, 2017
Salary: \$1,006

II. Resignations

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

1. Alexis Jeffcoat Resignation; School monitor- Oakside
Effective: 10/28/2016

2. Troy Miller Resignation; Security Aide-High School
Effective: October 15, 2016

3. Karen Gard Resignation for the purpose of retirement
Effective: November 30, 2016

III. 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: Nicole Spinozza
Request: Student Teaching
Location: Woodside; Ms. Montoya
Effective Dates: December 23, 2106 through March 24, 2017

2. Name: Mary Ann George
Request: Volunteer; Guidance – College Planning
Location: High School
Effective Dates: October through June (2016-2017 school year)

3. Name: Joriel Sharp
Request: Volunteer; Family Ties
Location: Hilcrest
Effective Dates: October through June (2016-2017 school year)

4. Name: Randi Alberino
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Oakside
Effective Dates: October through June (2016-2017 school year)

5. Name: Lisa Foster *
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Oakside
Effective Dates: October through June (2016-2017 school year)

6. Name: Andrea LaSalle *
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Oakside
Effective Dates: October through June (2016-2017 school year)

7. Name: Tasha Yohe *
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Oakside
Effective Dates: October through June (2016-2017 school year)

8. Name: Soraya Chang*
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: November through June (2016-2017 school year)

9. Name: Matija Laurence*
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: November through June (2016-2017 school year)
10. Name: Victoria Krasvitz- Malanson*
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: November through June (2016-2017 school year)
11. Name: Marlene Valenzuela*
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: November through June (2016-2017 school year)
12. Name: Ana Cruz*
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: November through June (2016-2017 school year)
13. Name: Willie McAllister*
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: November through June (2016-2017 school year)
14. Name: Natalia Sanchez-Bahr*
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: November through June (2016-2017 school year)
15. Name: Angela Bush*
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: November through June (2016-2017 school year)
16. Name: Melissa Ayestas*
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: November through June (2016-2017 school year)
17. Name: Nicole Tobey*
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: November through June (2016-2017 school year)
18. Name: Maria Ruballos*
Request: Volunteer; Classroom helper
Location: Woodside
Effective Dates: November through June (2016-2017 school year)

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.

H. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion: Doug Glickert

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Richard Sullivan

Jillian Villon

Second: Michael Simpkins

No: _____

Abstained: _____

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

- President Aspinall-Kellawon commented on the Summit Academy for Success presentation at the NYSSBA conference in Buffalo. She also gave kudos to Dr. Fine and Principal Staci Woodley for their recognition at the NAACP Gala event.
- Jillian Villon shared some points from the NYSSBA conference.
- Condolences were given to Michael Simpkins on the death of his father.
- PHS drama club will have an evening of triple the fright, November 17 – 19.
- Maria Pereira reported November 12 at the Youth Bureau, they will be hosting Men Who Cook, from 1-4 p.m.

8. Executive Session

- A. Executive Session
- B. Adjourn Executive Session
- 9. Adjournment in Memory of Mrs. Carlos Butler
 - A. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Aspinall-Kellawon asked for a motion to adjourn in the memory of Mrs. Carlos Butler.

President Aspinall-Kellawon read the [attached resolution](#).

Motion: Rich Sullivan

Second: Maria Pereira

Yes: Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon

No: _____

Abstained: _____

Doug Glickert

Maria Pereira

Michael Simpkins

Colin Smith

Rich Sullivan

Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk