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**ELMSFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
AUDITORIUM
ALEXANDER HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 09, 2009
8:00 PM**

ROLL CALL

Betty Funny-Crosby, President
Debra B. Lawrance, Vice President
Michael Colasuonno, Trustee
Matthew R.C. Evans, Trustee
James B. Henson, Trustee
Barbara A. Peters, Ed.D., Superintendent
Peter Giarrizzo, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Trustee Evans to move to Executive Session to discuss a particular legal matter at 7:04 PM.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to return to Regular Session at 8:15 PM.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the minutes:

Regular Meeting August 05, 2009

Special Meeting August 25, 2009

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

The President of the Hamilton Student Government stated that Hamilton had a smooth opening, but many students were disappointed in the closed campus policy and the fact that students were now required to remain in the cafeteria in the morning until 7:35am. The Vice President of the Hamilton Student Government requested clarity regarding student's ability to study in the library before school starts and expressed concern about the lack of a high level math course for seniors who had completed AP Calculus. Mr. Baiocco explained that students would be able to study in the library when staffing was in place that all students would have the appropriate course needed. He indicated that the first meeting of the Hamilton Student Government would take place on September 15, 2009.

RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE – Agenda Items

A resident commented that there is no way to access Hamilton during snow storms because the snow is piled very high in the walkway. President Funny-Crosby asked that the administration review the matter.

A resident requested information regarding the contract with Maria Illardi Designs. Dr. Peters explained that the contract was necessary for the district calendar and newsletters.

FINANCE & PURCHASING

Approve of Cash Disbursement Schedules August 13, 2009 and August 27, 2009:

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the cash disbursement schedules of 08/13/09 and 08/27/09 as follows:

Schedule #7	General Fund Account	\$216,878.02
Schedule #7	Special Aid Fund Account	\$ 4,312.91
Schedule #7	School Lunch Fund Account	\$ 55.91
Schedule #8	Trust & Agency Account	\$ 1,354.50
Schedule #10	General Fund Account	\$755,233.57
Schedule #10	Special Aid Fund Account	\$ 8,396.75
Schedule #10	School Lunch Fund Account	\$ 2,793.61
Schedule #8	Trust & Agency Account	\$ 4,966.14

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Bid Award – Snow and Ice Removal

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Henson to award the Snow and Ice Removal Bid #09-10-2, for the 2009/2010 winter season (November 01, 2009 through April 15, 2010) to Michael Bellantoni, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for the sum of \$18,252 for the entire season including all equipment, manpower, sand and salt, and if required \$150 per hour for backhoe loader and operator and \$130 per hour for dump truck and operator.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS

1.0 Teaching Assistant

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve emergency conditional appointment of the following Teaching Assistant

Name: Danielle Weill
Position: 1.0 Teaching Assistant
Effective Date of Probationary Appointment: September 01, 2009
Termination Date of Probationary Appointment: June 30, 2012
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Salary: 2009-2010 Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, Step 3
Address: 22 Vincent Street, Nanuet, NY 10954

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Long Term Special Education Teacher

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the emergency conditional appointment of **Lori Calandra** as long term substitute Special Education Teacher for the 2009/2010 school year at the rate of \$100/day effective September 03, 2009. It is further approved that her compensation will be increased by \$100 per day on the 11th consecutive day she assumes the teaching duties of the regular teacher.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Activity/Stipend Position

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the appointment of the following individuals to activity/stipend position for the **2009/2010** school year in accordance with agreement with the Elmsford Teachers Association:

Modified Girls Soccer Coach	Anthony Shallo
Junior Varsity Girls Soccer	Craig Carpanzano
After School Detention (Lead)	Kevin Budzynski
After School Detention (Alternate)	Tony Thompson
After School Detention (Alternate)	Elizabeth Asaro
Senior Class Advisor	Laurie Abbate
Junior Class Advisor	Monica Ahern
Sophomore Class Advisor	Stephanie Luccioni
Audio/Visual	Robert Segaloff

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Early AM Student Supervision:

Kevin Budzynski
George Disbrow
Robert Scharf
Rich Vergara
George Disbrow
Jasin Lulanaj

After School Supervision:

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Teacher Aide – Grady

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the emergency conditional appointment of **Michelle Vigada**, to position of Teacher Aide, at the Alice E. Grady Elementary School, effective September 08, 2009 at an hourly rate of \$13.00.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

NON INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Resignation

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to accept resignation of Adeline Califana, Teaching Aide, effective August 31, 2009.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

2006/2007 Transportation Contract - Pleasantville School

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve transportation contracts between the Elmsford Union Free School District and the Pleasantville Union Free School District for the transportation of an Elmsford resident special education student from a group home in Pleasantville School District to the student's education placement for the period of 01/11/2006 through 06/23/2006 for \$13,410 as well as the contract for summer school transportation for the period of 06/01/2006 through 07/30/2006 for \$2,880.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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GRANT – FROM NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the New York State Assembly and thanks to Assemblyman Brodsky for his continued support of public education.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Contract – Occupational Therapy Services

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement with Mario Pellegrino Pediatric OT, P.C. to provide occupational therapy services for the 2009/2010 school year in accordance with the contract August 28, 2009 pending successful fingerprint clearance by the New York State Education Department.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CSE AND CPSE EDUCATION

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall approve all the special education programs/placements as recommended in the Individual Education Plans of students by the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre School special Education as set forth herein:

BOE Meeting Dated 09/09/09 CSE RECOMMENDATIONS

	ID No.	Recommended Placement/Program
	12428	Resource Room; Special Class - English Language Arts
	11152	Special Class; Counseling
	12810	Resource Room; Special Class English Language Arts; Occupational Therapy; Speech/Language Therapy
	12809	Ineligible

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BOE Meeting Dated 08/05/09
CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

	ID No.	Recommended Placement/Program
		No current recommendations

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Wayne Harders indicated that Dixon and Grady had terrific openings. A new block schedule is in place at both buildings that provide for instructional blocks in literacy, mathematics, and content. Mr. Harders expressed his confidence that the new schedule will enhance student achievement in both buildings. Mr. Harders also explained that bus monitors were in place on the busses and that transportation to and from school has been successful. Finally, Mr. Harders explained a new supplemental math series that has been added called Math Expressions. It is being piloted to enhance our existing math program.

Mr. Marc Baiocco thanked the Elmsford community for the warm welcome that he has received. He noted that he was impressed with the student body and is looking forward to a productive year of learning for all students at Hamilton. Mr. Baiocco explained that Hamilton was operating under a closed campus this year for all students in grades 7-11. He informed the Board of Education and community that he has been visiting local food vendors in the community during lunch hours to assure student compliance. Mr. Baiocco also informed the community that drop off and pick up had been moved to the cafeteria entrance to ensure that all students are greeted by an adult each day.

Mr. Baiocco explained that the Professional Learning Communities and Advisory Program are underway and focused on student achievement versus student difficulties. Advisors will be looped from year to year and all teachers have common planning time built into their schedules. In addition, a research program through the Ford PAS program is being explored for implementation in the areas of mathematics, science, and technology. Finally, Mr. Baiocco indicated that 20 students in the junior class are eligible for advance designation regents diplomas.

PRESENTATION

NONE

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RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE – OTHER ITEMS

A resident expressed her displeasure that there was no math scheduled for seniors who have taken Advanced Placement Calculus. The resident requested that the Board of Education reimburse the family for the tuition that was paid to John Hopkins University for an online course. Another resident expressed displeasure regarding this same issue. President Funny-Crosby asked that Mr. Giarrizzo and Mr. Baiocco meet to explore possible solutions to the problem.

A resident expressed concern that there was no second language option in grade 8. Mr. Baiocco indicated that there were in fact second language options for all students and offered to meet with the parent to resolve the matter.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance, to move the Executive Session to discuss a particular personnel matter at 9:04 PM.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance, to return to Regular Session at 9:27 PM.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance, that the meet be adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

President Funny-Crosby declared the meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Giarrizzo
District Clerk

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Addendum

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, that The Board of Education hereby approves Mr. Robert Celente, Acting Business Official as Purchasing Agent for the Elmsford Union Free School District, Authorized Representative for all Federal programs including; **E-Rate** and Child Nutrition, and Designated Custodian for the general fund, building fund, child nutrition fund, bond fund, activity fund, all federal programs including **E-Rate**, all state programs, and all other school programs and activities not listed for the 2009-2010 school year;

And Be it **Further Resolved** that the

In accordance with FCC Fifth Report and Order (Para. 47, FCC 04-190, Adopted August 4, 2004). It is the Administration's policy to retain all E-Rate records for a period of five years after the last date of service.

And **Be it Further Resolved** that the

For our technology protection measure (Internet filtering software), we are using **Watchguard WebBlocker**. This software protects against access by adults and minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or, with respect to use of computers with Internet access by minors, harmful to minors. The software may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Our district policy includes monitoring the online activities of minors.

Our Internet Safety Policy addresses the following as required by CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act):

- a. access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;
- b. the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- c. unauthorized access, including so called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online;
- d. unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors;
- e. measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors; and
- f. educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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Change of Title

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approves the following title change for Peter Giarrizzo Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services to Deputy Superintendent for Instructional Services.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Maria Illardi Design Contract

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approves a contract with Maria Illardi Design for the design services as outlined in the proposal of August 17, 2009 for \$6,200, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried