

**ELMSFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
AUDITORIUM
ALEXANDER HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL
OCTOBER 07, 2009
8:00 PM**

ROLL CALL

Betty Funny-Crosby, President
Michael Colasuonno, Trustee
Matthew R.C. Evans, Trustee
James B. Henson, Trustee
Peter Giarrizzo, District Clerk

ABSENT

Debra B. Lawrance, Vice President
Barbara A. Peters, Ed.D., Superintendent

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Trustee Henson to move to Executive Session to discuss a particular legal matter at 7:02 PM.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Trustee Evans to return to Regular Session at 8:03 PM.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting September 09, 2009

Special Meeting September 24, 2009

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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ELMSFORD SALUTES

Students who received perfect scores on an Advanced Placement, regents exam, or grades 3-8 New York State Assessment were recognized and presented with certificates by the Board of Education.

STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

The Alexander Hamilton Junior Senior High School Student Government reported that students are adapting to the closed campus and that the 2009-2010 academic year was off to a really good start. In addition to Spirit Week, junior high and senior high school dances are in the process of being planned. The Student Government posed a question regarding when the after-school homework program would begin.

PRESENTATION

Representatives from Honeywell, Inc. and Savin Engineers made a presentation to the Board of Education and community regarding the Energy Performance Contract that is before the Board of Education. Among other areas, upgrades are planned to the district's electrical and heating systems.

RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE – Agenda Items

NONE

FINANCE & PURCHASING

Approve of Cash Disbursement Schedules September 25, 2009:

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the cash disbursement schedules of September 25, 2009 as follows:

Schedule #14	General Fund Account	\$586,293.55
Schedule #14	School Lunch Fund	\$ 9,260.00
Schedule #14	Special Aid Fund Account	\$ 46,296.82
Schedule #15	Trust & Agency Account	\$ 21,519.61

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Budget Transfers – Requiring Board Approval – 09/09/2009, 09/18/2009, 09/25/09

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the Budget Transfers as follows:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Code & Description From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Code & Description To</u>	<u>Reason</u>
\$200,000	A2250.491.50.5008 BOCES Exp. Learn	\$ 1,975	A1980.400.00.0910 BOCES Coop Neg.	To cover cost balances
\$ 5,000	A2250.491.50.5112 BOCES West. Med	\$ 2,463	A1480.491.70.0000 District Newspaper	Encumbrances entered for 09/10
\$ 50,000	A2250.491.50.5117 BOCES AIIM	\$ 18	A2070.491.00.6039 BOCES Safety	as specified in the approved BOCES
\$ 60,000	A2110.491.005519 BOCES SASI	\$ 2,965	A2110.491.00.5516 BOCES St Aid Plan	service and cross services contract
\$ 50,000	A2110491.005513 BOCES Equiv Prep	\$352,778	A2250.491.50.5115 BOCES ther Support	
\$ 23,939	A2110.491.005515 BOCES Misc.	\$ 28,740	A2250.491.50.5100 BOCES Add't Programs	
Total		\$388,939		
\$ 90,000	A5540.464.00.9900 Transportation Misc.	\$ 65,000	A5510.162.01.0000 Transpt. Non-Inst.	To create budget For bus monitors and Fuel purchases
		\$ 25,000	A5540.501.00.0000 Transpt. Supply	
		\$ 90,000		
\$ 75,000	A2250.492.50.6006	\$ 75,000	A2820.449.50.9000	To cover expenses of OT services provided to in-district students

Yes 4
No 0
Motion Carried

Treasurer’s Report – for the Months of June 2009 and July 2009

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the Months of June 2009 and July 2009 as submitted.

Yes 4
No 0
Motion Carried

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2008-2009 Audit Report

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District Approve the External Auditor's report covering the financial statements, supplemental information and the Extraclassroom Activities fund for the **2008/2009** fiscal year.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Bid Award – #09-10-3 Repair and Refinishing Gymnasium Floor

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Bid # 09-10-3 Repair and Refinishing of Gymnasium Floor be awarded to **Home & Sport Flooring**, the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$15,000.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS

Activity/Stipend Position

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the appointment of the following individuals to activity/stipend position for the **2009/2010** school year in accordance with the Elmsford Teachers Association funded through the 611 Grant:

Katie Buonassisi	DIBELS Coordinator – Dixon (\$1144)
Christine O'Connell	DIBELS Coordinator – Grady (\$2287)

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Teacher Aide - Grady

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the emergency conditional appointment of **Margaret Smith**, to position of Teacher Aide, at the Alice E. Grady Elementary School, effective September 24, 2009 at an hourly rate of \$13.00.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Resignations

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to accept the resignation of **Ural Hogans Jr.** as Head Coach for Boys Varsity Basketball at the Alexander Hamilton High School, effective September 03, 2009.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Motion made Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to accept the resignation of **Michael Shockley** as Substitute Teacher at the Alexander Hamilton High School, effective September 03, 2009.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

NON INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Student Teacher

Motion made Trustee Evans, seconded Trustee Henson to approve the student teaching position of Yajaira Torres, who will be completing her fieldwork with Christine O'Connell.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

OTHER

Salary Agreement

Salary Agreement – Non-Represented Staff

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District hereby approves the terms and conditions of employment, including salary, as contained in correspondence directed to the following individual from the Superintendent of Schools dated July 01, 2009, and authorizes the Business Office to take all action consistent with:

Deputy Superintendent

Michael J. Senno

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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NEW BUSINESS

Tax Certiorari Settlement – Connemara Associates/Kiernan

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the settlement of tax assessment case entitled “Connemara Associates/Kiernan Town of Greenburgh” for assessment years 2002 through 2009; be it further

RESOLVED, that said settlement shall be subject to the final approval of the petitioner and the town board of the Town of Greenburgh. If said board does not approve the settlement, this resolution shall be deemed null and void, be it further

RESOLVED, that said settlement shall be pursuant to the terms set forth in a letter to the District dated September 08, 2009, from the law firm of Giacchino J. Russo.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Tax Certiorari Settlement – Elms Holding Corp.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the settlement of tax assessment case entitled “Elm Holding Corp v Town of Greenburgh” for assessment years 2002 through 2009; be if further

RESOLVED, that said settlement shall be subject to the final approval of the petitioner and the town board of the Town of Greenburgh. If said board does not approve the settlement, this resolution shall be deemed null and void, be it further

RESOLVED, that said settlement shall be pursuant to the terms set forth in a letter to the District dated August 31, 2009, from the law firm of Giacchino J. Russo.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Tax Certiorari Settlement – Sunoco, Inc.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the settlement of tax assessment case entitled “Sunoco of Greenburgh” for assessment years 2003 through 2009; be it further

RESOVLED, that said settlement, shall be subject to the final approval of the petitioner and the town board of the Town of Greenburgh. If said board does not approve the settlement, this resolution shall be deemed null and void, be it further

RESOLVED, that said settlement, shall be pursuant to the terms set forth in a letter to the District dated September 10, 2009, from the law firm of Giacchino J. Russo.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Tax Certiorari Settlement – Dama Properties

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the settlement of tax assessment case entitled “Dama Properties v. Town of Greenburgh” for property located at 38 Hayes Street for assessment years 2002 through 2009 and for property located at 40 Hayes Street for assessment years 2007 through 2009; be it further

RESOLVED, that said settlement shall be subject to the final approval of the petitioner and the town board of the Town of Greenburgh. If said board does not approve the settlement, this resolution shall be deemed null and void, be it further,

RESOLVED, that said settlement shall be pursuant to the terms set forth in a letter to the District dated September 23, 2009, from the law firm of Giacchino J. Russo.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Contract – Kidabilities

Physical Therapy Services – Kidabilities

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District enter into a contract with Kidabilities, LLC to provide physical therapy services to special need students for the **2009/2010** school year as outlined in the contract dated October 07, 2009, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Contract – Dr. Jane Riley

Physical Therapy Services – Dr. Jane Riley

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

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District enter into a contract with Dr. Jane Riley to provide physical therapy services to homebound special needs students for the **2009/2010** as outlined in the contract dated October 07, 2009, and authorizes the president of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Donation – Target

Acceptance of Donation

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded Trustee Evans by to accept a donation to the Alexander Hamilton High School for \$28.28 from Target’s Take Charge of Education Fund.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Resolution for Energy Performance Contract

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Trustee Evans to accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to investigate the feasibility and appropriateness of the District entering into an energy performance contract to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs in the buildings and facilities of the District; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP) process was utilized and three energy service companies responded to the RFP;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of Education hereby authorizes Honeywell, Inc. to act as the District’s Energy Services Company (ESCO) for the purpose of performing a comprehensive energy audit of the District’s buildings and facilities, including investigating any available funding opportunities, at no cost to the District.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CSE AND CPSE EDUCATION

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Trustee Evans 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 08/05/09
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
	9010343	Study Skills; Counseling

CSE RECOMMENDATIONS – continued on next page

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	11354	Resource Room; Speech Language Therapy
	9876	Study Skills
	10313	Shared Aide; Speech Language Therapy
	10614	Study Skills; Speech Language Therapy
	9090	Study Skills; Shared Aide
	11500	Resource Room; Counseling; Occupational Therapy
	10792	Study Skills
	11768	Resource Room; Special Class; Counseling
	12020	Resource Room; Occupational Therapy
	12112	Consultant Teacher Direct; Resource Room; Special Class Math; Speech Language Therapy
	11350	Resource Room; Special Class; Speech Language Therapy
	11100	Resource Room
	11360	Resource Room; Special Class; Counseling; Occupational Therapy
	11949	Resource Room; Speech Language Therapy
	9010394	Resource Room; Counseling; Speech Language Therapy
	12400	Consultant Teacher Direct; Resource Room; Special Class; Occupational Therapy; Speech Language Therapy
	9010392	Study Skills; Counseling; Occupational Therapy

BOE Meeting Dated 08/05/09
CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

	ID No.	Recommended Placement/Program
	13368	Applied Behavioral Analysis; Occupational Therapy; Speech Language Therapy
	13267	Special Education Itinerant Teacher; Speech Language Therapy; Speech Language Consultation

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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2010/2011 BUDGET CALENDAR

Motion made Trustee Henson, seconded by Trustee Evans to adopt the **2010/2011** Budget Calendar as follows:

Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2010-11

Date	Description
October 7, 2009	Present Budget Calendar for Board Approval
November 4, 2009	Board and Superintendent to Clarify Goals to be Addressed in the Budget
November 18, 2009	Administrator's cabinet meeting to finalize budget process
December 2, 2009	Budget update to the Board
December 16, 2009	Administrator's cabinet meeting – budget status
By January 19, 2010	Individual meetings to review Staffing, Student Furniture, Equipment and Special Requests
February 3, 2010	Board to Receive Draft Budget
March 6, 2010	First Budget Presentation – Regular Board meeting
March 17, 2010	1st Advertisement
March 24, 2010	Special Budget Presentation if needed
March 31, 2010	2nd Advertisement
April 7, 2010	Final Board Approved Budget for the Vote
April 14, 2010	3rd Advertisement
April 16, 2010	Mailing of proposed budget to the community
April 21, 2010	Publicize Tax Report Card
April 28, 2010	4th Advertisement
May 5, 2010	Public Hearing on the Budget
May 6, 2010	Mail School Budget Notice
May 18, 2010	Board Elections and Budget Vote

Advertising requirements - 4 times within a 7 week period. First ad is to be at least 45 days before the annual meeting.

Budget hearing requirement - Between 7 and 14 days before the vote.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Grant Awards

IDEA – PART B, Section 611 Grant

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts the **IDEA – PART B, Section 611 Grant** from New York State in the amount of \$236,162 for the funding year 09/01/2009 through 08/31/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

IDEA – Part B, Section 619 Grant

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts the **IDEA – Part B, Section 619 Grant** from New York State in the amount of \$6,047 for the funding year 09/01/2009 through 08/31/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

IDEA – Part B, Section 611 ARRA Grant

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts the **IDEA Part B, Section 611 ARRA Grant** from New York State in the amount \$134,550 of for the funding year 09/01/2009 through 08/31/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

IDEA – Part B, Section 619 ARRA Grant

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts the **IDEA – Part B, Section 619 ARRA Grant** from New York State in the amount of \$6,206 for the funding year 09/01/2009 through 08/31/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Title I – Improve Academic Achievement Grant

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts the **Title I Improve Academic Achievement Grant** from New York State in the amount of \$133,190 for the funding year 09/01/2009 through 08/31/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Title IIA – Teacher/Principal Training/Recruitment Grant

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts the **Title IIA – Teacher/Principal Training/Recruitment Grant** from New York State in the amount of \$21,172 for the funding year 09/01/2009 through 08/31/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Title IID -- Enhancing Education Through Technology

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts the **Title IID Enhancing Through Technology** from New York State, in the amount of \$1,293 for the funding year 09/01/2009 through 08/31/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Title III – Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts the **Title III – Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students** from New York State in the amount of \$27,386 for the funding year 09/01/2009 through 08/31/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Title IVA – Safe & Drug Free School Grant

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts the **Title IVA Safe & Drug Free School Grant** from New York State in the amount of \$3,990 for the funding year 09/01/2009 through 08/31/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Universal Pre-K Grant

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts the **Universal Pre-K Grant** from New York State in the amount of \$108,000 for the funding year of 07/01/2009 through 06/30/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Environmental Protection Agency Grant

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts the **Environmental Protection Agency Grant** from New York State in the amount of \$20,134 for the funding year 09/01/2009 through 06/30/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Harders highlighted programs that have been in place to service the students in Elmsford. Morry's camp has been in place in Elmsford for the past five years and currently serves 20 students at the Alice E. Grady Elementary School and 8 students at Alexander Hamilton Junior Senior High School. Students attend this program free of charge.

Mr. Harders also noted that the SMART (Students and Mature Adults Reading Together) program is underway at the Alice E. Grady Elementary School. Thirteen (13) adult volunteers are working with 2nd and 3rd grade students.

Mr. Baiocco noted that the after-school homework program was currently being reframed so that a targeted approach to support in English and mathematics would be maintained. In addition, the cafeteria is being explored for the possible use as an additional study area after school. Mr. Baiocco noted that five students are currently enrolled in AP Statistics through Accelerate University and all are doing very well.

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It was further noted that many clubs were running bake sales and other fundraisers. Alexander Hamilton is co-sponsoring a Halloween festival with Mr. Bass. Mr. Baiocco thanked Dr. Peters and Mr. Giarrizzo for their work in establishing the strategic planning committee for the district. Back to School Night and the Parents Coffee Hour were great successes.

Finally, Mr. Baiocco commented on the resurgence of school spirit at Hamilton as students take part in the selection of a mascot for the district.

RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE – OTHER ITEMS

NONE

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

President Funny-Crosby declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Giarrizzo
District Clerk