

**ELMSFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
AUDITORIUM
ALEXANDER HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 05, 2010
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 Evans, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to move to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:37 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

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Budget Meeting - March 24, 2010

Regular Meeting - April 07, 2010

Special BOCES Meeting - April 27, 2010

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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PRESENTATION

Dr. Peters, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Celente, Acting Business Official presented information related to the proposed budget. The budget vote is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010 and the proposed budget to budget increase is 1.55%. There were no questions from the audience about the budget. In addition, details about Proposition 2 were clarified. Dr. Peters and Mr. Celente explained that the district was seeking permission to transfer funds from one budget line to another in order to gain access to State Aid and lower utility costs.

Mr. Peter Giarrizzo, Deputy Superintendent and Mr. Olender, Coordinator of Data and Information Systems presented information and an analysis of the New York State Report Card for the Elmsford Union Free School District.

ELMSFORD SALUTES

- PTA Fashion Show Coordinators – Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Henson
- The Robo Raiders Robotic Team – Alice E. Grady Elementary School

STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

The Student Government of Alexander Hamilton Junior Senior High School wishes everyone a Happy Cinco de Mayo. Upcoming events include:

Spring Bling Dance	May 14, 2010
Dine to Donate at Applebees Fundraiser	May 19, 2010
Ipod Touch Raffle Fundraiser	
Little Shop of Horrors Performance	May 7-8, 2010

RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE – Agenda Items

A resident asked a question about the potential Transportation Contract. It was explained that those items were to be tabled pending further discussion by the Board of Education.

FINANCE & PURCHASING

Approve of Cash Disbursement Schedules of March 01, 2010:

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the cash disbursement schedules:

Schedule #43	Trust and Agency Fund Account in the amount of	\$ 1,240.46
Schedule #44	General Fund Account in the amount of	\$201,730.89
Schedule #44	Special Aid Fund Account in the amount of	\$ 14,239.21
Schedule #45	Trust and Agency Fund Account in the amount of	\$ 35,555.26
Schedule #46	General Fund Account in the amount of	\$802,518.56
Schedule #46	School Lunch Fund Account in the amount of	\$ 45,949.58
Schedule #46	Special Aid Fund Account in the amount of	\$ 8,276.83

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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Budget Transfers – Requiring Board Approval – April 08, 2010

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the Budget Transfers as follows:

<u>Code From & Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Code To & Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
A2250.491.50.5115 BOCES Therap. Supp	\$150,000	A2250.471.50.9000 School expenses	\$150,000	Cover additional expense for Special Ed private tuitions
A1620.400.00.6002	\$15,000	A1420.442.00.0000	\$15,000	To cover school attorney fees

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Extraclassroom Activities Treasurer’s Report – February 2010 and March 2010

Motion made by Trustee Henson, 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 Extraclassroom Activities Treasurer’s Report for the Months of February 2010 and March 2010 as submitted.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Extraclassroom Activities Quarterly Treasurer’s Report – January 01, 2010 – March 31, 2010

Motion made by Trustee Henson, 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 Extraclassroom Activities Quarterly Treasurer’s Report for the Months of January 01, 2010 –March 31, 2010 as submitted.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Treasurer’s Report –

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of March 2010 as submitted.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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Health Service Contracts

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Vice President Lawrance to approve the following health service contracts for the 2009/2010 school year for Elmsford Resident students attending out-of-district private/parochial schools as follows:

Dobbs Ferry UFSD	\$776.69
Public Schools of the Tarrytowns	\$773.21
Bronxville UFSD	\$948.00

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Resolution for Joint Bid

Motion made by Trustee Henson, 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 District's participation in a joint request for proposal with the Greenburgh Central 7 School District for the purpose of awarding contract transportation.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Activity/Stipend Position

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the appointment of the following individual to activity/stipend positions for the 2009/2010 school year as per the agreement with the Elmsford Teachers Association.

George Disbrow	Intramural Paddleball (effective April 08, 2010 – June 04, 2010)
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Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Activity/Stipend Position

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the appointment of the following individuals to activity/stipend positions for the 2009/2010 school year in accordance with the Elmsford Teachers Association to be paid through the Dual Language Grant at \$60.21/hr.

Catalina Krasnici (not to exceed 30 hours)	Curriculum Work
Adrienne Capocci (not to exceed 30 hours)	Curriculum Work
Debra Barbosa (not to exceed 15 hours)	Curriculum Work

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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Activity/Stipend Position

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the following individual as a new teacher mentor for the 2009/2010 school year at the rate of \$60.21:

Laura Wygant (not to exceed 12 hours)

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Resignation

Accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of George M. Disbrow, Health Teacher, with regret and deep appreciation for his 32 years of service to the Elmsford Union Free School District, effective July 01, 2010.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

NON INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Stipend-Safety Risk Officer

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District Approve a 2% increase in the stipend for Safety Risk Officer for the **2009/2010** school year.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin Lee Bass Student/Athlete Scholarship Fund

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School district accepts a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from Edna Bass, Leslie Bass, Wayne Bass, Brent Bass and the friends of Kevin Bass to the Kevin Lee Bass Student/Athlete Scholarship Fund.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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Grant – Teacher Center

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts a grant from the Teacher Center in the amount of \$750 to cover the cost of student transportation to a performance of the Latin Jazz Orchestra at Pace University.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Consultant Services

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District enter into an agreement with Ross Haber Associates to provide transportation-consulting services as outlined in the agreement dated 4/27/2010, for a lump sum of \$2,000, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

Tax Certiorari Settlement – Dimitrios Kitsos

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the settlement of tax assessment case entitled “Dimitrios Kitsos v. Town of Greenburgh” for assessment years 2003 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 April 21, 2010, from the law firm of Giacchino J. Russo.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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Bid Award – Chain Link Fencing

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

RESOLVED, that the Bid #2009-10-8, items 1 through 4 – “furnish and install fence along parking lot on top of wall, furnish and install upper field fence on top of wall, furnish and install upper field fence and furnish and install vehicle entrance gate with side pedestrian access gate”, be awarded to Gateway Fence & guardrail, the lowest responsible bidders meeting specifications for a total price of \$21,957.

RESOLVED, that bid #2009-10-8, item 5 – “furnish and install railing outside team room” be awarded to Quality Fence of Peekskill, the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, for \$1,350.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CSE AND CPSE EDUCATION

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:

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CSE RECOMMENDATIONS

	ID No.	Recommended Placement/Program
	10099	Classified; Resource Room
	12678	Ineligible
	11448	Classified-No Services; Consultant Teacher; Counseling Consultation; Occupational Therapy; Resource Room; Counseling

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CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

	ID No.	Recommended Placement/Program
	13697	Canceled by parent
	13799	Classified Preschool; Special Class Integrated; Speech Language Therapy

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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Second Reading of Revised Policy #5300

The following policy was revised and presented for a second reading and adoption:

5300

Student Dress Code

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop and understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

A student's dress, grooming and appearance – including, but not limited to style/color, jewelry, make-up, and nails, and accessories shall:

1. Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
2. Be free extremely brief ~~or revealing~~ garments such as tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, under shirts worn alone in the absence of a covering garment, plunging necklines (front and/or back) and see-through garments are not appropriate.
3. Ensure that underwear/undergarments worn by both male and female students are completely covered with outer clothing.
4. Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed. (Examples would include, but not be limited to cleats being worn inside or spiked heels of 3" or higher).
5. Not include the wearing of head coverings of any kind or sunglasses in the school building except for a medical or religious purpose. ~~hats, headgear or sunglasses in the classroom except for a medical or religious purpose.~~
6. Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation and/or disability.
7. Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
8. Not include accessories that pose a threat to others. For example, spiked accessories that be used as weapons as well as any other object deemed to be a hazard by the building administration.

Each Building Principal or his/her designee shall be responsible for informing all students and their parents of the student dress code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the dress code made during the school year.

Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item, and if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including in-school suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out of school suspension.

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PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Harders informed the community about Read All About It Night at the Carl L. Dixson Primary School and thanked Mrs. Podhaiski and Ms. Buonassisi for their efforts. He reminded the community about the upcoming Born to Read Pajama Party that is scheduled for May 11, 2010. New York State Field Testing in English Language Arts and mathematics is scheduled for the week of May 10, 2010 and the Student Council Dance is scheduled for May 7, 2010 from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Mr. Baiocco noted that the Girls Track Team finished their season undefeated for the second year in a row. In addition, he noted that the school is 91% scheduled for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Baiocco thanked Mr. Celente and the custodial staff for their on-going efforts to beautify the school. Finally, the Board of Education and community was reminded of the upcoming performance of Little Shop of Horrors that is scheduled to take place from May 7-8, 2010 in the Hamilton Auditorium.

RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE – OTHER ITEMS

NONE

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to move to Executive Session to discuss a particular legal matter at 9:27 PM.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Evans to return to Regular Session at 11:34 PM.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Evans that the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 PM.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

President Funny-Crosby declared the meeting adjourned at 11:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Giarrizzo
District Clerk