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**ELMSFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
AUDITORIUM  
ALEXANDER HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL  
NOVEMBER 04, 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**

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Regular Meeting October 07, 2009

**Yes 4**

**No 0**

**Abstain 1 – D. Lawrance**

**Motion Carried**

**PRESENTATION**

2009-2014 Strategic Planning Team

**ELMSFORD SALUTES**

Dr. Peters and the Board of Education saluted the many accomplishments of the Elmsford Union Free School District Strategic Planning Committee. In addition, Mrs. Brenda Funny was recognized for being a finalist for the Better Beginnings Award. This award is given by the New York State Education Department to early childhood teachers who employ best practices. Deputy Mayor Zimkin presented a Proclamation on behalf of Mayor Robert Williams noting that November 4, 2009 would be “Brenda Funny Day” in the Village of Elmsford.

The Elmsford Board of Education was also recognized by Dr. Peters and Mr. Giarrizzo for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the community. A banner was presented to the Board of Education that was signed by every student at the Carl L. Dixon Primary School and Alice E. Grady Elementary School.

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### STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

The Alexander Hamilton Junior Senior High School Student Government reported that Spirit Week would be held during the week of November 30, 2009. A pep rally and Class Clash are also scheduled. It was noted that the Junior High School does not have a faculty advisor this year. The Student Government thanked the Board of Education and administration for opening the Hamilton cafeteria for students to complete homework.

### RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE – Agenda Items

A resident thanked the Board of Education for their hard work and attention to the many tasks and initiatives within the school district.

### FINANCE & PURCHASING

#### **Approve of Cash Disbursement Schedules October 08, 2009 and October 22, 2009:**

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the cash disbursement schedules of October 08, 2009 and October 22, 2009

Schedule #16	General Fund Account	\$1,105,444.61
Schedule #16	Special Aid Fund Account	\$ 6,475.67
Schedule #16	School Lunch Fund Account	\$ 35,277.55
Schedule #17	Trust & Agency Account	\$ 1,429.62
Schedule #18	General Fund Account	\$ 645,788.03
Schedule #18	Special Aid Fund Account	\$ 12,070.65
Schedule #19	Trust & Agency Account	\$ 27,788.35

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

#### **Treasurer's Report – for the Months of August 2009 and September 2009**

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the Treasurer's Report for the Months August 2009 and September 2009 as submitted.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

#### **Extraclassroom Activities Treasurer's Report – July, August and September 2009**

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Trustee Henson 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 July, August and September 2009.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

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### Extraclassroom Activities Quarterly Treasurer's Report for July 01, 2009 – September 30, 2009

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approve the Extraclassroom Activities Treasurer's Quarterly Report for the period of July 01, 2009 – September 30, 2009 as submitted.

Yes 5

No 0

**Motion Carried**

### Amend Transportation Contract

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School district amends Contract # E 611982 for in-district, private, parochial and special education transportation for the **2009/2010** school year to cover the cost of one bus monitor.

Yes 5

No 0

**Motion Carried**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

##### **Activity/Stipend Position**

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

After School Homework Program (Grady)

James Volpe  
Leandra Fulgione  
Barrie Hittner

Yes 5

No 0

**Motion Carried**

##### **Activity/Stipend Position**

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

Elementary Band (Grady)  
(\$2811 pro-rated and retroactive to September 01, 2009)

Stanley Indig

Yes 5

No 0

**Motion Carried**

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### Activity/Stipend Position

Motion made by vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the appointment of the a Keith Wright (conditionally-pending fingerprint clearance) to activity/stipend position for the **2009/2010** school year in accordance with the Elmsford Teachers Association.

Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

Keith Wright

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

### Activity/Stipend Position

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno 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.

Rescind – Lisa Watson (Appointed to a 0.5 club advisor position on July 07, 2009 Agenda)

Key Club (1.0 Club Advisor Position)

Cheryl Joseph

InterACT Club

Lisa Watson

Youth Leadership Club

Francine Covert-Thomas

Early AM Student Supervision

Jack Budzynski - Alternate

Be it **Further Resolved** that any prior appointments inconsistent with the resolution above are hereby rescinded.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

### Substitute Teacher

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve **Anthony Shallo** as an as-needed Substitute Teacher for the **2009/2010** school year, at the rate of \$100 per diem pro-rated.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

### Transition Period

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the appointment of **Kathleen Hanlon** to a two day Transition Period, of Monday, November 9, 2009 and Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the rate of \$200 per diem.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

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### Substitute Teacher

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the emergency conditional appointment of **Kathleen Hanlon** to the **2009/2010** substitute teacher list, at the rate of \$100/day.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

### Teacher Aide - Dixson

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the emergency conditional appointment of **Margaret Watson** (conditionally pending fingerprint clearance), to the position of Teacher Aide, at Dixson Primary School, effective November 05, 2009 at an hourly rate of \$13.00.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

## NON INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

### Substitute Clerical

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the appointment of **Lisa V. Clark** as a substitute clerical worker at the rate of \$17.00 per hour for the 2009/2010 school year.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

## NEW BUSINESS

### Grant – Student Assistance Services Corp.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accepts a Grant from Student Assistance Services Corp. for \$2,000 and,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the grant money be placed in the Special Aid Fund for use by Alexander Hamilton Jr/Sr High School.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

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### **Summer School Contractors – Lakeland School District and The Hawthorne Country Day School**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve contracts between the Elmsford Union Free School District and the **Lakeland School District** for summer school educational services to an Elmsford resident student as outlined in the contract dated June 11, 2009 and authorized the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve contracts between the Elmsford Union Free School District and **The Hawthorne Country Day School** for summer school educational services to an Elmsford resident student as outlined in the contract dated June 11, 2009 and authorized the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

### **Amended Contract for Kidabilities**

Physical Therapy Services – Kidabilities

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School district amends the contract with Kidabilities, LLC to increase compensation from \$175/per for 1 hour per week to \$179/per hour for 1 hour per week for the 2009/2010 school year, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the amended contract dated 11/03/2009.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

### **Contract with Education, Inc.**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approve a contract with Educational, Inc. to provide hospital instruction to the Elmsford resident students for the 2009/2010 school year at the rate of \$55 per hour for up to 5 hours per week per student, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

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### Contracts for IDEA Vendor Funding

#### Contract – Hawthorne Country Day

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approve the contract with the **Hawthorne Country Day School** for IDEA vendor funding and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

#### Contract – HTA of New York, Inc.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approve the contract with the **HTA OF New York, Inc.** for IDEA vendor funding and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

#### Contract – Stepping Stones

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approve the contract with the **Stepping Stones @ Lois Bronz Children's Center** for IDEA vendor funding and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

#### Contract – Bilinguals, Inc.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approve the contract with the **Bilinguals, Inc.** for IDEA vendor funding and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

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### **Contract – Westchester County Department**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approve the contract with the **Westchester County Department** of Health for IDEA vendor funding and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

### **Contract – Diane Slomin & Associates**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approve the contract with the **Diane Slomin & Associates** for IDEA vendor funding and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

### **Contract – Easter Seals Project Explorer**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approve the contract with the **Easter Seals Project Explorer** for IDEA vendor funding and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

### **Contract – Westchester ARC**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approve the contract with the **Westchester ARC** for IDEA vendor funding and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

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### Frank Kopicki Scholarship Fund

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno 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 \$40 from Andre Pina, Class of 1979 and \$50 from Elizabeth J. Enright, Class of 1979, to the Frank Kopicki Scholarship Fund.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

### Acceptance of Donation – Exxon Mobil

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District accept a donation in the amount of \$750 from Exxon Mobil Corporation (Educational Alliance Program) to be used in the Alice E. Grady Elementary School.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

### First Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy #5280

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to adopt the following policy as revised and presented for a first reading and adoption:

#### **Policy #5280 Interscholastic Athletics**

Reference: Education Law §§ 1709 (8-a); 3001-b

8 NYCRR § 135.4

*Santa Fe Indep. Sch. Dist. V. Doe* \_\_U.S.\_\_, \_\_S.Ct.\_\_, 2000WL 77587,

No. 99-62 (June 19, 2000) (constitutionality of student-led prayers at Interscholastic athletic activities)

Revised Date: October 7, 2009

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

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### 2009-2014 Strategic Planning

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approves the Elmsford Union Free School District Strategic Plan developed by the Elmsford Union Free School District Professional Development/Strategic Planning Team for the 2009-2014 school years as submitted and adopts the Priority, Medium, and Long-Term strategies contained within and offers its thanks and deep appreciation to the committee members for the numerous hours that were spent building this plan;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District approves the adoption of the following additional Board of Education Goals for the Elmsford Union Free School District:

- Increase public relations initiatives to positively promote the Elmsford Union Free School District.
- Develop and promote a fiscally responsible budget that supports high quality programming in all areas of the Elmsford Union Free School District.

Yes 5

No 0

Motion Carried

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CSE AND CPSE EDUCATION

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno 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 11/04/09 CSE RECOMMENDATIONS

ID No.	Recommended Placement/Program
10250	Special Class; Study Skills; Occupational Therapy Consultation
9010394	Special Class; Study Skills; Counseling; Speech Language Therapy
11949	Special Class; Study Skills; Speech Language Therapy
9010392	Study Skills; Counseling; Occupational Therapy
9010379	Special Class; Study Skills;
12478	Counseling; Counseling Consultation
9010373	Consultant Teacher Direct; Special Class; Study Skills; Counseling
12536	Ineligible
9476	Tutoring
13552	Study Skills
13463	Counseling; Shared Aide
4647	Consultant Teacher Direct in Social Studies; Consultant Teacher Indirect in Science
4008	Tutoring
9089	Residential School; Counseling; Family Counseling
13376	Study Skills; Speech Language Therapy
13516	Counseling
12183	Special Class; Occupational Therapy; Speech Language Therapy
13208	Special Class BOCES; Speech Language Therapy

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### BOE Meeting Dated 11/04/09 CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

ID No.	Recommended Placement/Program
13368	Special Class Integrated; Special Education Itinerant Teacher with ABA; Occupational Therapy; Speech Language Therapy
12943	Special Class; Occupational Therapy; Parent Counseling and Training; Parent Counseling and Training Consultation; Physical Therapy; Speech Language Therapy
13500	Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy; Speech Language Therapy
13468	Special Class Integrated; Speech Language Therapy

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

Mr. Wayne Harders reported that the second grade teachers have implemented five additional reading strategies to complement their daily work in Reading and Writing Workshop. These strategies are known as "The Daily Five," and include daily work in reading to self, working on writing, reading to someone else, word work, and listening to reading. Mr. Harders noted that this work has been making a profound difference in the reading and writing achievement among second graders. Mr. Harders also noted that math enrichment activities are underway with Mrs. Hittner. These activities are directly connected to the New York State Learning Standards.

Mr. Baiocco reported that 37 colleges/universities were represented at the Alexander Hamilton College Fair. In addition, a Hispanic Heritage Celebration was recently held during an assembly. Mr. Baiocco thanked Mr. McCutchen, Ms. Osswald, Ms. Pennacchio, and Mr. Rios for their leadership. In addition, the Halloween celebration at Hamilton which was attended by 250 students and 359 individuals in total was a great success.

Mr. Baiocco congratulated Hamilton student athletes for their many accomplishments. In addition, he explained that he and his faculty were working towards putting academic intervention services into place for students who are at-risk as well as those who are potentially eligible for Advanced Regents and Advanced Regents with Honors Diplomas. Finally, Mrs. Carrie Silva and Mrs. Donna Brenna were commended for their work in establishing a Book Club and blog for students who are reading Sweet Sixteen. This book was donated to the student body through the efforts of the Elmsford PTA.

### **RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE – OTHER ITEMS**

**NONE**

### **CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:28 PM.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

President Funny-Crosby declared meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Giarrizzo  
District Clerk

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**Addendum**

**NON INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**

**Substitute District Messenger**

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the emergency conditional appointment of **Robert Byble**, to the position of Substitute District Messenger, at the rate of \$10.91 per hour.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Substitute Cleaner**

Motion made by Vice President Lawrance, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno to approve the emergency conditional appointment of **Robert Byble**, to the position of Substitute Cleaner, at the rate of \$16.43 per hour.

**Yes 5**

**No 0**

**Motion Carried**