

**ELMSFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
AUDITORIUM
ALEXANDER HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL
MARCH 03, 2010
8:00 PM**

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT

Debra B. Lawrance, Vice President

LATE ARRIVAL

Michael Colasuonno – 7:33 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Henson, seconded by Trustee Evans to move to move to Executive Session to discuss a particular legal matter at 7:30 PM.

Yes 3

No 0

Motion Carried

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting February 03, 2010

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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PRESENTATION

- Honeywell International, Inc, and Savin Engineers presented the final version of the Energy Performance Contract Overview to the Board of Education and community.
- Mr. Robert Pollok, Athletic Director at Alexander Hamilton Junior Senior High School presented information related to the Winter Sports program. He highlighted the many accomplishments of the winter sports program.

ELMSFORD SALUTES

The Board of Education and Dr. Peters saluted graduating seniors who are enrolled as English Language Learners who have overcome enormous obstacles in language to achieve scores on the English Language Arts Regents examination. Both students scored at least an 80%.

STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

The Alexander Hamilton Student Government announced that Recreation Night would take place on Friday, March 5, 2010 and that an April Spring Fling Dance is currently being planned.

RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE – Agenda Items

NONE

FINANCE & PURCHASING

Approve of Cash Disbursement Schedules of January 29, 2010 and February 12, 2010:

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the cash disbursement schedules:

Schedule #33	Trust & Agency Fund Account in the amount of	\$ 40,774.42
Schedule #34	General Fund Account in the amount of	\$513,313.13
Schedule #34	Special Aid Fund Account in the amount of	\$ 35,936.98
Schedule #34	School Lunch Fund Account in the amount of	\$ 669.81
Schedule #35	Trust & Agency Fund Account in the amount of	\$ 7, 555.30
Schedule #36	General Fund Account in the amount of	\$308,325.68
Schedule #36	Special Aid Fund Account in the amount of	\$ 10,104.31
Schedule #36	School Lunch Fund Account in the amount of	\$ 28,155.84

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Treasurer's Report – January 2010

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 approve the Treasurer's Report for the Month January 2010 as submitted.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Extraclassroom Activities Treasurer's Report –

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 approves the Extraclassroom Activities Treasurer's Report for the Months of January 2010 as submitted.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Health Service Contract

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the following health service contract **2009/2010** school year for Elmsford resident students attending out-of-district private/parochial schools as follows:

Ossining UFSD	\$857.85
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Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Appointment

Part Time Substitute Teacher

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the appointment of **Nicole Troncale**, as Part Time Substitute Teacher, for the 2009/2010 school year, effective March 04, 2010 (pro-rated).

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Activity/Stipend Position – Bilingual Grant

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 which will be funded through the **Bilingual ESL Education Grant** at the rate of \$60.21 per hour.

Regents Exam Preparation Component Robin Osswald
Erica Carrasquillo

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Activity/Stipend Position – AM Literacy Program- Dixson

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 as Substitutes for the AM Literacy Program at the Dixson Primary School to be funded through Title III Grant Funds at the rate of \$60.21 per hour.

Christine Sanese
Viviana Podhaiski

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Activity/Stipend Position – After School Program – Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School

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 as academic support for ESL students at the Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School to be funded through Title III Grant Funds, effective March 04, 2010 at the rate of \$60.21 per hour.

Maria Pennacchio (not to exceed 40 hours)
Nicole Troncale (not to exceed 40 hours)

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Summer Curriculum Work – 2009/2010 School Year

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to appoint the following individual to summer curriculum project –

English Language Academy for ESL students at the Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School to be funded through the Title III Grant Funds, effective June 02, 2010.

Robin Osswald (not to exceed 50 hours)

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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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 agreement with the Elmsford Teachers Association:

Matt Simon 2010 Varsity Boys Baseball Coach (effective immediately)
Anthony Shallo 2010 Modified Boys Baseball Coach (effective immediately)

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Resignation

Special Education Teacher

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of **Tina R. Hairston**, Special Education Teacher, with regret and appreciation for her 30 years of service to the Elmsford Union Free School District, effective July 01, 2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Substitute

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to accept the resignation of **Donovan Mitchell**, Substitute Teacher, effective February 12, 2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Termination

Assistant Principal

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District hereby terminates the employment of **Fitzgerald Georges**, Assistant Principal, effective 06/30/2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Appointment

0.4 Reading Teacher

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to appoint the following 0.4 Reading Teacher, funding will be through the Title I Grant Fund.

Name: Victoria Nadler
Position: 0.4 Reading Teacher
Effective Date of Appointment: March 08, 2010
Termination Date of Appointment: June 30, 2010
Salary: 2009/2010 Salary Schedule, Step 1, Lane F1 (pro-rated)
Address: 171 Brite Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

NON INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Interim Campus Monitor

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the emergency conditional appointment of Chris Bartley to the position of substitute school/campus monitor for the period of March 04, 2010 through April 30, 2010 at the rate of \$17.00 per hour for up to 8 hours per day.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Campus Monitor – Alexander Jr./Sr. High School

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the emergency conditional appointment of the following Campus Monitor:

Name: Paul Hood
Position: Campus Monitor
Effective Date of Probationary Appointment: 05/01/2010
Termination Date of Probationary Appointment: 05/01/2012
Tenure Area: Campus Monitor
Salary: 2009-201- Campus Monitor, Step 1, Lane F
Address: 23 S. Lawrence Avenue, Elmsford, NY 10523

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Board of Registration and Inspector of Election

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the appointment of **Dorothy Hooper** as Election Inspector at the rate of \$10.20 per hour.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Salary Increases – Non-Represented Classified 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 approve a 2% salary an increase for the 2009/2010 school year for the non-represented classified staff that was employed for at least one-half of the 2008/2009 as listed below, and authorizes the Business Office to take all action consistent herewith:

District Courier	Dorothy Hooper
Part Time Cleaner	Anthony Patterson
Teacher Aide	Martha Perez
Part Time Cleaner/Groundskeeper	Stephen Woherle

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Activity/Stipend

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Henson to approve the appointment of the following individual to activity/stipend position for the 2009/2010 school year in the amount of \$6500.

Mark Barone	District-Wide Proprietary Software
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Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

District Facilities Review Task Force

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 appointment of the following individual to serve on the Elmsford Union Free School District Facilities Review Task Force:

Tony Thompson
Carol Snyder

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Consultant Contract – Dr. Sotelo-Dynega

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 enter into a contract with Dr. Marlene Sotelo-Dynega to provide a 2-hour staff development workshop for psychologist and special education teachers on March 19, 2010 for a lump sum fee of \$400 with funding provided through the 611 Grant.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Tax Certiorari Settlement – Ross Pepe

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the settlement of tax assessment case entitled “Ross Pepe v. Town of Greenburgh” for assessment year 2008; 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 February 10, 2010, from the law firm of Giacchino J. Russo.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Donation to Raymond Agostini Scholarship Fund

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 accept the matching gift of \$1,000 on behalf of Rosana Gonzalez from Pernod Ricard USA to the Raymond Agostini Scholarship Fund.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

External Auditing Services – D’Arcangelo & Co., LLP

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Fee School District appoints **D’Arcangelo & Co., LLP**, as the External Auditor for the District for the 2009/2010 fiscal year ending June 30, 2010,

AND, hereby further authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Engagement Letter of Agreement dated February 12, 2010, as submitted, with an anticipated total cost of \$24, 200.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Homebound Tutoring Services – Creative Tutoring

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Elmsford Union Free School District and **Creative Tutoring** to provide Homebound instruction to Elmsford resident students for the **2009/2010** school year at the rate of \$55.00 per hour, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Grant – Target Field Trips

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 accept a donation of \$800 to the Alice E. Grady Elementary School from the **Target Field Trip** Grants Program.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Consultant Contract – NYU Steinhardt School Culture, Education & Development

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Elmsford Union Free School District and **Dr. Pedro Noguera** to provide ½ Day Staff Development May 21, 2010 at a lump sum of \$5,000 to be funded through the Bilingual Education Grant and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Plan for Participation: Shared Decision Making dated March 2010

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 Plan for Participation: Shared Decision making dated March 2010.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy #5310

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Trustee Henson to adopt the following policy as revised and presented for a second reading and adoption:

5310

Supervision of Students

Principals are responsible for providing adequate supervision of students during the school day for evening activities, sporting contests and trips. The Principal shall delegate this responsibility in his/her absence.

The Board of Education requires that:

- No teacher and/or staff member is to leave a group of students to which they are assigned unsupervised at any time in the building or on school grounds. In the event of an emergency, any teacher and or staff member shall make every effort to contact the main office, or proper authority to request assistance. Building Principals shall ensure that teachers and staff are knowledgeable and practiced in emergency contact procedures. After assistance is contacted the notifying teacher or staff member shall remain with students until coverage arrives.
- All district staff is to cooperate in maintaining order in all parts of the buildings and shall take appropriate action as required. Building Principals and/or Athletic Director will ensure that teachers and staff are properly informed about student discipline procedures and be in receipt of the Code of Conduct approved by the Board of Education.
- Coaches are responsible for providing adequate supervision of students during practice sessions, game contests, and transit of students to and from events. They are also expected to wait until parents pick up students before leaving the grounds. Verification will be made by the Coach/Staff member that Students have walked home.
- Furthermore, no administrator, teacher, coach, club moderator, or responsible district employee should leave the grounds before all students are picked up after evening activities for events for which they are responsible. These events include but are not limited to games, rehearsals, club meetings, etc.

Adoption Date: March 03, 2010

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Continuation of Attendance

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 request for continuance of attendance of student #10622 in grade 5 (five) and student #10707 in grade 4 (four) at the Alice E. Grady Elementary School for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CSE AND CPSE EDUCATION

Motion made by Trustee Colasuonno, seconded by Trustee Henson 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 03/03/10
CSE RECOMMENDATIONS

	ID No.	Recommended Placement/Program
	10333	Counseling; Aide; Discontinue Occupational Therapy
	13550	Resource Room
	11164	Special Class; Resource Room; Counseling; Aide; Discontinue Occupational Therapy; Speech Therapy Services
	4014	Special School BOCES; Speech Language Therapy; Physical Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Aide
	13457	Classified
	8361	Classified; Counseling

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CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

	ID No.	Recommended Placement/Program
	13652	Classified Preschool; Speech Language Services

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

Energy Performance Contract

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates the energy performance project as a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and determines that implementation of the energy performance project at the District’s school buildings will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Energy Performance Contract with Honeywell International, Inc. for the performance of services in connection with the District’s Energy Performance Project, including the installation and maintenance of energy systems in the District’s buildings to improve the energy efficiency of the district’s buildings, to be financed from the guaranteed energy savings to be realized as a result of such improvements. Such contract shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting contingent upon the approval of the contract by the school district’s attorney.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

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Consulting Services – District Facilities Task Force

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 authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Prism Decision Systems, LCC to provide consultant services to assist the Facilities Review Task Force as outlined in the proposal Prism Decision Systems, LCC submitted on February 23, 2010 in response to the District's Request for Proposal for said services.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Marc Baiocco reported that Alexander Hamilton Junior Senior High School has been selected by Manhattanville College as a Professional Development School. This partnership will include support for students and staff members. Mr. Baiocco further reported that The Journal News would be running a story on Mr. Richard MacLeish, science teacher on the creative ways that he is using science and technology in the classroom. Upcoming events include Recreation Night on March 5, 2010 and a Principal's Coffee Hour for parents of seniors on March 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Harders reported that 91% of students in the fourth grade achieved a level 3 or 4 on the grade 4 science assessment. A welcome was extended to Mr. Victoria Nadler who will be serving as the new part-time reading teacher at the Alice E. Grady Elementary School. Mr. Harders described the various research activities that were taking place in grades 1, 3 and 5. Upcoming events include the induction of the National Elementary Honor Society on March 4, 2010.

Statement from the Board President:

President Betty-Funny Crosby read a statement on behalf of the Board of Education regarding an anonymous email that was recently received by the Board of Education.

RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE – OTHER ITEMS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Colasuonno that the meeting be adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Yes 4

No 0

Motion Carried

President Funny-Crosby declared the meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Giarrizzo
District Clerk