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APPROVED
Pelham School Board
Business Meeting – Public Session
April 8, 2009

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School Board Members: Eleanor Burton-Chair, Linda Mahoney,
Cindy Kyzer; Lorraine Dube; Deb Ryan
Student Representative: Courtney Perry
Superintendent: Dr. Frank Bass
Assistant Superintendent: Roxanne Wilson
Business Administrator: Kathleen Sargent

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Chairman Burton called the public session to order at 7:10 pm. All those in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Good News

Deb Ryan – Pelham Elementary School – the PES DI Team won first place at the state level competition and also won the Spirit of DI award. They will be competing in May at the global tournament in Tennessee.

Linda Mahoney – Pelham High School – the PHS chapter of FBLA attended the State Leadership Conference and placed in several categories. Other awards won by the PHS chapter were: Gold Seal Chapter; NH Chapter with the most FBLA members; Honor Chapter and FBLA Week Promotion Award.

Ice Hockey Club

Tim Powers and Principal Mohr spoke of the formation of an ice hockey club in cooperation with Windham. They stated it would be an exciting opportunity for students and Pelham. The club would be fully funded by the parents. The parents wish to form a booster club.

Cindy Kyzer questioned how this would affect their insurance. Kathleen Sargent responded by stating any student who participates with the school districts blessing is covered under our insurance.

Lorraine Dube questioned if the club became a team would it still be funded by parents. Mr. Powers stated the parents realize this and are willing to undertake that. Parents are looking into buying some used equipment.

Linda Mahoney stated she is concerned about the messages they are sending out to the public. She noted the town is having difficulty and feels they need to start addressing the academic side before continuing to expand the athletic side of the schools. She noted she is concerned.

1 Deb Ryan felt that considering it is completely self funded, she thinks it would create a
2 positive atmosphere as it is another way for the town to come together and that the
3 parents will actually save money.

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5 Motion to allow the self funded student group for ice hockey to be established was made
6 by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Eleanor Burton. 3-1-1 (Linda Mahoney in the negative;
7 Lorraine Dube abstained) Motion carries.

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9 Motion to allow the formation of the Booster Club for the self funded ice hockey student
10 group was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Deb Ryan. 3-1-1 (Linda Mahoney in the
11 negative; Lorraine Dube abstained) Motion carries.

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13 Board gave permission to look into a cooperative group for the ice hockey club with the
14 Town of Windham.

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16 **PHS Music Performance** – Mr. Chandler spoke of going to Maryland for various music
17 festivals with students. He noted that both band and chorus would be competing. A total
18 of 26 students would attend. It is a good educational opportunity for the students and he
19 is very proud of the program. The trip is self-funded.

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21 Motion to allow the band and chorus from PHS to take a field trip to Annapolis, MD was
22 made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Lorraine Dube. Approved 5-0.

23 24 **Nomination**

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26 Motion to accept the nomination of Wendy Hendersen – Grade 1 at PES was made by
27 Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Lorraine Dube. Approved 5-0.

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31 Amy Chartrand presented the state champions to the board. The students addressed the
32 board members. The board wished them well at their next competition.

33 34 **Tyngsboro Update**

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36 Dr. Bass noted for the board that he spoke with Tyngsboro. He noted they have no
37 interest in having Pelham High School come to Tyngsboro. They are interested in
38 sharing of special ed. and some level of sharing in the area of Unified Arts. Dr. Bass did
39 not get into logistics with the town. Tyngsboro is having similar conversations with other
40 towns.

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42 The board decided to leave any further conversations up to Dr. Bass. He will keep the
43 board informed.

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NHSAA

It was noted that Eleanor Burton was selected for the Champions for Children Award. Roxanne Wilson nominated Mrs. Burton and noted she was selected as the regional award winner.

NEASC Accreditation

Principal Mohr spoke of responding to NEASC. PHS is currently on a warning status for the facilities deficiencies. They will be given two years to resolve said deficiencies. They are aware that the town supported a three year technology plan.

PSD 2009-2010 Calendar

Fran DeCinto spoke of the calendar and noted the start date for students would be 9/2/09. It was noted that 10 snow days were worked into the calendar.

Motion to accept the 2009-2010 School District Calendar as presented tonight was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Linda Mahoney. Approved 5-0.

Policies

Fran DeCinto presented the first reading of the FEMLA and the first reading of the Anti-Harassment Policy.

Motion to accept the FEMLA and Anti Harassment Policy as presented tonight as a first reading was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Deb Ryan. Approved 5-0.

Background Investigation and Criminal Records Check – 2nd Reading was noted.

Motion to accept the 2nd reading of the Background Investigation GBCDE and also GBCDR and GBCDR1 was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Linda Mahoney. 5-0.

Statement from legal counsel regarding the dress code was noted.

Linda Mahoney stated there is some confusion between extracurricular trips and field trips. This was duly noted.

Graduation Date

The date for PHS graduation will be June 19, 2009. The date for PMS graduation will be June 18, 2009.

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Maintenance Issues

Kathleen Sargent spoke of the need for a tilt trailer to be used by the maintenance department in order for them to be able to move equipment back and forth from buildings. Linda Mahoney stated she would have liked to have known about this need beforehand. Motion to allow Kathleen Sargent to purchase the tilt trailer at the cost of \$5,000 was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Lorraine Dube. Approved 5-0.

Kathleen Sargent discussed the need to upgrade PMS electrical classroom outlets. Kathleen Sargent noted there are monies in the modular line. The maintenance department will perform this service.

Motion to support the PMS school electrical upgrades for \$15,500 was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Deb Ryan. Approved 5-0.

Linda Mahoney questioned if there were monies available to fix some science labs. Kathleen Sargent will look into this. Mrs. Sargent did note that the water situation in the labs was already taken care of.

Maintenance Building Roof – Kathleen Sargent explained that this roof is leaking on the equipment. She received a quote of \$11,258.00 to replace said roof.

Deb Ryan requested that Mrs. Sargent obtain more quotes.

Motion to approve the maintenance building roof but not to exceed \$11,258.00 was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Lorraine Dube. Approved 5-0.

Loam – Kathleen Sargent stated that the loam taken from the site work for the kindergarten portable would be reused to re-crown Harris Field and do some work at PMS.

Dr. Bass stated he and Eleanor Burton met with Mr. Harris and his family recently to discuss their generous donation of about \$20,000 to build a concession stand and bathrooms at Harris Field.

Monthly Reports

Enrollment – noted. Lorraine Dube noted her concern about the drop out rate at the high school. She questioned if students could be reimbursed by the state for the cost of attending adult education classes. She noted this would provide options for them.

Dr. Bass noted they currently work with Salem and stated there is a new law going into effect regarding the drop out age now being 18. He suggested having Dr. Mohr come before the board and speak about the process for those students and what opportunities are available to them.

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2 Eleanor Burton requested having the previously used enrollment form. This was noted.

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4 **Assistant Superintendent Report**

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6 Roxanne Wilson noted that the AYP (adequate yearly progress) reports came out this
7 week and stated that all of Pelham’s schools as a whole met AYP. However the
8 subgroups of Special Education and Title 1 did not meet AYP. Therefore, PES has
9 missed AYP in reading for a 2nd year and is now a school in need of improvement. PES
10 has missed AYP in math for 1 year. PMS has submitted their plan in reading, as they
11 were in their second year of missing AYP. PHS made it in reading but not in math – they
12 are also a school in need of improvement. PES can receive some money to help with this
13 because they receive Title 1 monies.

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15 Special Education will be receiving some monies from the state from the stimulus
16 package and Roxanne Wilson will be speaking with Tina McCoy to discuss how some of
17 this money could help as it pertains to AYP.

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19 Dr. Bass noted there is money for the district coming through for adequacy but they will
20 not see a direct benefit to the schools for student services. Kathleen Sargent noted they
21 will not be seeing any stimulus monies for any “shovel ready” projects that they were
22 hoping for.

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24 **Board Member Reports**

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26 Courtney Perry – PHS put on their first musical; the FBLA conference was held; a blood
27 drive is being held on 4/22/09; the prom date is set for May 8th at the Granite Rose.

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29 Linda Mahoney – spoke of attending a fundraiser for the senior class.

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31 Deb Ryan – spoke of a teen outreach project with Parkland Hospital and would like to
32 work with high schools. Mrs. Ryan requested looking into this further and reporting back.

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34 Eleanor Burton – reminded members of the upcoming orientation reference workshops
35 for board members. Cindy Kyzer will contact the organization and have them come
36 before both Pelham and Windham if possible. Eleanor Burton spoke of critical needs for
37 the district and spoke of the need for more communication – by using Sherburne Hall on
38 April 16th as an open forum type of session with the public.

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40 Linda Mahoney suggested having a weekly or monthly report in order to get information
41 out to the public.

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43 Motion to adjourn the public session at 9:33 pm was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by
44 Deb Ryan. Approved 5-0.

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46 Respectfully Submitted – Diane Figaro