

1 APPROVED
2 **Pelham School Board**
3 **Business Meeting – Public Session**
4 **April 9, 2008**
5 **Pelham Elementary School**
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7 **School Board Members:** Bruce Couture, Chairman; Linda Mahoney;
8 Cindy Kyzer; Eleanor Burton; Linda Koehler
9 **Assistant Superintendent:** Roxanne Wilson
10 **Business Administrator:** Kathleen Sargent
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12 Chairman Couture called the public session to order at 7:05 p.m. All those in attendance
13 stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
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15 Mr. Couture noted a Public Hearing would be open for one hour for the acceptance of
16 federal monies under the provisions of RSA 198:20-b.
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18 **Public Forum**
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20 Caroline Letendre, representing Destination Imagination program, addressed the Board
21 asking for help in getting the word out for donations. She stated they are a self-funded
22 program and need to raise \$11,000 in order for DI students from Pelham to advance to
23 the competition in Tennessee
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25 Linda Mahoney questioned if there was money budgeted for D.I. funds. Mrs. Sargent
26 responded by stating there were no funds budgeted because they are in a default budget.
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28 **Good News**
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30 Pelham Elementary School – Linda Mahoney – discussed the Destination Imagination
31 Team from PES going to the global competition in Tennessee. She stated they would be
32 competing against 48 states and 20 other countries.
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34 Pelham Memorial School – Eleanor Burton – announced the winners of a homework
35 raffle. She stated an ipod shuffle along with itune cards and best buy cards were raffled
36 off.
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38 **Approval of Minutes**
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40 Motion to approve as amended the non public minutes from March 26, 2008 was made
41 by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Linda Koehler. Approved 5-0.
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43 Motion to approve as amended the public minutes from March 26, 2008 was made by
44 Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Linda Mahoney. Approved 5-0.
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1 Bruce Couture made note that a discussion was had in nonpublic session regarding a
2 continuing contract nomination.

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4 Chairman Couture read aloud the Manifests

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6 Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as read was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by
7 Eleanor Burton. Approved 5-0.

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9 **Food Service Proposal**

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11 Megan Bizzarro distributed a food service policy that she would like the School Board to
12 accept. She stated prices are reviewed yearly and noted the food service industry is not
13 immune to rising food costs.

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15 She discussed ways in which student's accounts can remain current. Some more
16 aggressive steps of notifying parents were also discussed. Mrs. Bizzarro noted how other
17 districts handle this situation. She also discussed implementing an online system for
18 parents.

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20 Bruce Couture requested that the proposed policy be known as the first reading of the
21 next School Board.

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23 Mrs. Bizzarro also noted that notification regarding overdue accounts comes from the
24 office.

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26 Kathleen Sargent clarified that food service has always been a part of the school district
27 budget – referencing federal funds. She noted that year end write-offs were not allowed.

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29 Bruce Couture noted that this program is supposed to be self-sufficient.

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31 Cindy Kyzer suggested placing a notice regarding balances owed in with student's report
32 cards.

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34 **2008-2009 Calendar**

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36 The Board discussed the proposed school calendar. It was noted that Teacher Workshop
37 days were contracted days but that there was nothing in the contract that states there has
38 to be Early Release Days. Roxanne Wilson stressed that ER days are very valuable to
39 teachers as it helps to keep the momentum going and allows for training time for staff.
40 Mrs. Wilson also noted that presenters have been scheduled for next year along with
41 training for technology and curriculum mapping.

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43 Linda Koehler discussed changing the October ER Day to a Friday in January – thus
44 making a long week.

1 Cindy Kyzer requested seeing an actual training schedule of what is accomplished during
2 an ER day – noting this would be very helpful for the Board.

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4 Motion to accept the School District calendar and removing one early release day,
5 keeping October 10th and May 8th along with removing the April 9th Delayed Opening
6 Day was made by Linda Mahoney with a 2nd by Linda Koehler. Approved 4-1 (Cindy
7 Kyzer opposed).

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9 Eleanor Burton recommends having research done on the number of absenteeism's on
10 early release days.

11 **Public Hearing Discussion**

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14 Kathleen Sargent discussed commodities and asked for the approval of funds coming into
15 the district.

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17 Roxanne Wilson gave an overview of title grants and what they are used for.

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19 Motion to accept and expend unanticipated funds from federal sources under RSA
20 198:20-b as presented was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Linda Koehler. Approved
21 5-0.

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23 Public Hearing ended at 9:24 p.m.

24 **NECAP Results**

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27 Roxanne Wilson presented NECAP scores for the district. She stated it was the first time
28 that 11th graders took the test and noted that all three states have reported dismissal
29 results in math for this group. She also noted that Pelham had significant scores above
30 the state average in the areas of reading and expressive writing. She stated she will now
31 analyze the results and look at the types of mistakes the students are making.

32 **Kindergarten Update**

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35 Senate Bill 530 was included in Board members packets for their review. The bill
36 extends the timeline for Kindergarten Aid through June 2013

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38 Roxanne Wilson spoke of having an Implementation Plan submitted to the State no later
39 than December 1, 2008. She also noted the State will give a waiver regarding the no
40 means no law. She requested having discussions from the Board at a future meeting as to
41 what direction the School Board wishes to proceed in.

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43 Mrs. Wilson stated the NEASC Study Committee for the high school concluded today
44 and noted they all stated they felt very welcomed and that some great things were
45 happening at the high school. The report will take another few months to come back as it
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Monthly Reports

Eleanor Burton questioned if there was a freeze on paper supplies. Mrs. Sargent noted that none of the schools have run out of paper.

Mrs. Sargent also stated that a lot of information will be coming to the District from Marinace Architects in the form of drawings, etc.

Board Member Reports

Eleanor Burton – noted CIP is looking to the School Board to set priorities. She also noted that at the last Board meeting there was a discussion about forming a high school committee and setting charge orders for them. Mrs. Burton distributed past charge orders to the Board for them to use as a reference to help determine what the next charge should be for this committee.

Cindy Kyzer – reminded everyone that Pelham High School Council is sponsoring a drug awareness program that will focus on all age groups. It will be presented by the Police Department and will be held at Pelham Elementary School.

Linda Mahoney – discussed CIP, noting there is information in the report that does not belong there as it is referencing opinion and not fact. She requested this topic be placed on a future agenda for further discussion by the School Board. Mrs. Mahoney questioned if a follow-up letter went out to Santastic Landscaping regarding a previously discussed issue. Mrs. Wilson will inquire about a second letter going out.

Mrs. Sargent stated she will inquire about the installation of the video intercom systems at the schools.

Linda Koehler – stated she was very impressed with the presentation the high school students made on Sunday which identified the top 10 problems at Pelham High School.

Bruce Couture – noted there would be an evening of chamber music on April 15th at Pelham Memorial School and a Jazz night on April 17th at Souhegan High School. He also noted that the School Board will be discussing all the Warrant Articles at the next meeting.

Information/Correspondence

Copies of the following were given to Board members for their review: Greenwood letter; School Board list and reorganization list; Marinace Contract.

1 **Future Meetings**

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3	April 23, 2008	Business/Workshop Meeting	7:00 PES
4	May 13, 2008	SAU Meeting	7:00 SAU office
5	May 14, 2008	Business Meeting	7:00 PES
6	May 28, 2008	Business/Workshop Meeting	7:00 PES

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10 Motion to adjourn under RSA 91-A: 3II at 9:28 p.m. was made by Linda Mahoney with a
11 2nd by Cindy Kyzer.

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14 Respectfully Submitted – Diane Figaro