

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13

APPROVED  
**Pelham School Board**  
**Business Meeting**  
**Public Session**  
**September 9, 2009**

14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21

**School Board Members:** Eleanor Burton-Chair, Linda Mahoney,  
Lorraine Dube; Deb Ryan; Cindy Kyzer

22  
23  
24  
25

**Superintendent:** Dr. Frank Bass

26  
27  
28

**Business Administrator:** Kathleen Sargent

29  
30  
31  
32

**Assistant Superintendent:** Roxanne Wilson

33  
34  
35

**Student Representative:** Shannon Perry

36  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41

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

42  
43  
44  
45

Public Hearing was opened at 7:11pm to expend the State of New Hampshire Kindergarten fund totaling \$505,034.64 and to accept and expend IDEA American Recovery Act funds totaling \$464,509.00 and Title 1 American Recovery Act funds totaling \$91,737.17 per RSA 198:20-d.

Linda Mahoney questioned if the kindergarten reimbursement of \$212,400+ money the school district paid to Schiavi for the portables was included in the state kindergarten funds..

Mrs. Sargent informed the Board that the \$504,034.64 included the reimbursement of \$212,400 we paid.

**Public Forum**

Linda Dart-Kathios addressed the board on behalf of the Pelham Babe Ruth Softball League. She spoke of her concern regarding the increase in facility use fees for the use of a school building. She spoke of wanting to work with the school board. She noted the league services over 200 girls through their softball program. This league does not fall under Parks and Recreation. They are a nonprofit group.

Patti Parece and Eric Frank addressed the board on behalf of girls basketball. They noted their concern regarding the increase in facility use fees for the use of a school building.

It was noted that this item is on the Agenda for tonight. Public Forum is for issues that are not on the meetings Agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the non public minutes of August 12, 2009 as written was made by Linda Mahoney with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Kyzer. Approved 5-0 These minutes are sealed.

1 Motion to accept the non public minutes as amended of August 26, 2009 was made by  
2 Linda Mahoney with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorraine Dube. Approved 5-0. These minutes are sealed.

3  
4 Motion to approve the public minutes as amended of August 26, 2009 was made by  
5 Linda Mahoney with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorraine Dube. Approved 5-0.

6  
7 Eleanor Burton read aloud the manifests.

8  
9 Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as read was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
10 Linda Mahoney. Approved 5-0.

11  
12 Mr. Harris and Chief Midgley addressed the Board. Fire Chief spoke of completing 90-  
13 95% of the life safety issues at the high school. One door has to be changed and will be  
14 complete in the next two days.

15  
16 Dr. Bass commended the fire department for working so closely with the SAU.

17  
18 Mr. Harris addressed the board with regard to the new field house. Administration and  
19 School Board spoke of being so pleased with the Harris family's generosity.

## 20 21 **School District Updates**

22 Dr. Bass spoke of a visit by Governor Lynch to the Pelham Kindergarteners. He spoke of  
23 being off to a great start for the school year; noting the preschool program would be  
24 opening next week; reminding the board that the preschool's home is temporary.

25  
26 Dr. Bass updated the board regarding H1N1 Virus. He stated the state would be  
27 providing the seasonal flu vaccine to students, at no charge. An AlertNow announcement  
28 regarding such would go out to all parents. The state is considering offering the Swine  
29 Flu vaccine as well.

30  
31 Linda Mahoney suggested presenting an accounting/outline of the life safety issues that  
32 had been addressed, to the Budget Committee. Kathleen Sargent will handle this.

33  
34 Linda Mahoney questioned if the Facilities Committee would be speaking to the board.  
35 Mr. Hardy responded by stating the committee would be providing the minutes, as  
36 requested, to the board and that they could come and give an update when necessary. He  
37 noted the committee is getting ready for Old Home Day.

38  
39 Mrs. Mahoney spoke of her suggestions for some changes in the flyer that the Facilities  
40 Committee would be distributing at Old Home Day. Specifically referring to the wording  
41 regarding overcrowding at the elementary school. She felt this would be confusing.

42  
43 Mr. Hardy responded by stating they were speaking of the district wide needs and that  
44 their Charge was to come up with the best solution for the high school. The flyer  
45 addresses 95% of that Charge.

1 Mrs. Mahoney spoke of her only concern with regard to this is that something would go  
2 out to the public and it may raise undue concerns. She did not want to undo all the good  
3 work of the Committee.

4  
5 The board discussed the NEASC Report regarding the high school. Deb Ryan felt it was  
6 not the board's charge to change the wording of that report.

7  
8 Linda Mahoney questioned how many classrooms in the high school did not have floor-  
9 to-ceiling walls. It was noted two-three classrooms did not.

10  
11 Motion to approve the flyer to be distributed at Old Home Day as prepared was made by  
12 Cindy Kyzer with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Ryan. Approved 3-2 (Dube/Mahoney in the negative)

13  
14 Public Hearing closed at 8:07pm

15  
16 **Facilities Guidelines**

17 Deb Ryan spoke of the Parks and Recreation request for a proposal. She noted there was  
18 some discrepancy in the language stated at the meeting and what was contained in the  
19 Policy. She noted an increase of \$12,000 would be incurred by Parks and Rec as  
20 proposed. They are asking that this be reconsidered.

21  
22 Kathleen Sargent outlined the calculation of \$6.10 per square foot and how they arrived  
23 at that figure. This amount would cover lights; heat and custodial and supply costs.

24  
25 Linda Mahoney reminded the board that they had a first and second reading on the Policy.  
26 She noted that if the Budget Committee cuts custodian overtime, that they would have to  
27 absorb that cost.

28  
29 Linda Mahoney stressed that if any charges are changed in the Policy, she would like  
30 assurance that the district would not have additional costs to incur.

31  
32 Deb Ryan stated she left previous meetings with the impression that the \$45/hr fee would  
33 not be charged to the Parks and Rec. Department.

34  
35 Dr. Bass will go back and look over the costs and be as reasonable as possible.  
36 He will report back to the board at the next meeting.

37  
38 Bob Sheppard addressed the board stating the biggest expense to his organization is the  
39 payment for referees. All coaches are volunteers. They are open to a reasonable cost.

40  
41 Steven Parece addressed the board requesting a hold on fees, until a potential reasonable  
42 fee is developed.

43  
44 Deb Ryan commented that these are fees that will affect all Pelham based programs.  
45  
46

1 **Vacation Survey**

2 Dr. Bass spoke of a survey that will be distributed to the community.

3  
4 Motion to accept State of New Hampshire Kindergarten fund totaling \$505,034.64 and to  
5 accept and expend IDEA American Recovery Act funds totaling \$464,509.00 and Title 1  
6 American Recovery Act funds totaling \$91,737.17 per RSA 198:20-d was made by Cindy  
7 Kyzer with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Ryan. Approved 5-0.

8 Kathleen Sargent noted these funds are received by the district on a monthly basis.

9  
10 **Administrative Remarks**

11 Roxanne Wilson noted the SAT Improvement Plan would be available when the board  
12 wanted it presented. Mrs. Wilson will send the information to the board for review and  
13 will present such after the budget meetings.

14  
15 Kathleen Sargent spoke of removing 4 trees by the portables. Mr. Hirsch removed the  
16 trees for the district free of charge. The board spoke of their gratitude for this service.  
17 Kathleen Sargent proposed a deliberative session date of 2/3/2010.

18  
19 Opening day enrollment numbers were noted. Linda Mahoney spoke of discrepancies  
20 between the number of student enrollments presented by Principals at PMS and PHS and  
21 what is actually recorded. She noted the numbers looked a lot better than previously  
22 stated.

23  
24 The Readiness Program was discussed. Currently there are only 9 students in Readiness.  
25 Roxanne Wilson spoke of the board agreement to look at the continuation of this program  
26 before the budget is presented.

27  
28 PTA Fun and Fitness letter was noted. Budget Committee schedule and walkthrough  
29 dates and times were noted. PMS yearbook also noted.

30  
31 **Board Member Reports**

32 Lorraine Dube spoke of ways to have different fundraisers and suggested a book swap  
33 program. Students would pay a small fee and be able to swap books.

34  
35 Linda Mahoney spoke of teacher negotiations scheduled for 9/24/09. She requested the  
36 board to receive a copy of the student handbooks from each school. The School Board  
37 should be reviewing and approving them. She spoke of having a district cell phone in  
38 case of emergencies – which would be held by the Principals at their offices.

39  
40 Deb Ryan encouraged everyone to take part in Fun Fitness. A community event would  
41 take place called Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk – 10/18/09 in Nashua.

42  
43 Shannan Perry spoke of a great beginning of the school year.

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12

**Future Meetings**

September 16, 2009	Budge Meeting	6:00PES
September 23, 2009	Budget Meeting	6:00PES
September 30, 2009	Budget Meeting	6:00PES

Non Public Session reconvened at 9:12pm.  
The board came out of non public session at 10:06pm  
Motion to accept the resignation of Kevin Henry and the nomination of Allison Bowen  
was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Ryan. Approved 5-0.

*Respectfully Submitted – Diane Figaro*