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APPROVED
PELHAM SCHOOL BOARD
Workshop Meeting – Public Session
December 10, 2008
Pelham Elementary School

School Board Members: Bruce Couture, Chairman; Linda Mahoney;
Cindy Kyzer; Linda Koehler; Eleanor Burton

Superintendent: Dr. Frank Bass

Assistant Superintendent: Roxanne Wilson

Business Administrator: Kathleen Sargent

Chairman Couture called the public hearing to order at 7:07 p.m for the acceptance of additional funds from federal grants for the year 2008-2009.

Chairman Couture called the public session to order at 7:09p.m. All those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum – none noted at this time.

Good News – Pelham Elementary School was awarded a \$500 grant by the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program. First Chance Convenience Store of Pelham was instrumental in helping secure this grant which will be used by the Guidance Program to purchase kits and games to help students deal with social and emotional issues.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the non public minutes of November 12, 2008 was made by Linda Koehler with a 2nd by Linda Mahoney. Approved 4-0-1 (Cindy Kyzer abstained)

Motion to approve the public minutes as amended from November 12, 2008 was made by Linda Koehler with a 2nd by Linda Mahoney. Approved 4-0-1 (Cindy Kyzer abstained)

Motion to approve the public minutes as amended from November 19, 2008 was made by Linda Koehler with a 2nd by Eleanor Burton. Approved 5-0.

Chairman Couture read aloud the manifests.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written was made by Linda Mahoney with a 2nd by Cindy Kyzer. Approved 5-0.

Pelham High School Football Team State Championship – Football players were recognized for their achievement regarding their recent championship status. Mrs. Mahoney and Dr. Bass presented the players with Certificates of Achievements. Mrs. Mahoney was instrumental in supplying the players with these Certificates.

1 **Superintendent Remarks**

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3 Dr. Bass spoke of Random Acts of Kindness at Pelham Elementary School. Principal
4 LaFrance and 5th grader teacher Michelle Mangiafico spoke of acts of kindness by her 5th
5 grade students. Her goal is to have students learn the importance of citizenship. Every
6 year the current class performs more acts of kindness than the class in the previous year.
7 She spoke of many teachers throughout the district doing things for their community.

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9 At Pelham Memorial School Mrs. Lamontagne's 8th grade class presented personal
10 poetry. Students read aloud their own crafted poetry for the School Board.

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12 At Pelham High School, Ms. Miller's Honors Trigonometry class spoke of a proof
13 project which promotes independent thinking by the students. Students were asked to
14 proof problems, which were then presented to the School Board.

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16 **Kindergarten Presentation**

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18 Dr. Bass noted an extension of the December 1, 2008 deadline was granted by the
19 Commissioner. A revised plan was presented to the School Board for their review.
20 Roxanne Wilson noted she hoped to have the registration process started during the early
21 part of January, 2009. She noted a letter, stating such, would be sent to area kindergarten
22 programs.

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24 Cindy Kyzer asked how morning and afternoon session would be determined. Mrs.
25 Wilson responded by stating they will try to honor requests but that the sessions will need
26 to be balanced out.

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28 Cindy Kyzer questioned if provisions will be made regarding the starting age for the
29 program. Roxanne Wilson responded by stating that by age 6, students are supposed to
30 be in first grade. A case by case scenario may be looked at.

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32 With regard to curriculum, it was noted the state did not have control of this. Roxanne
33 Wilson stated with regard to curriculum, this is the first stage and will look a bit different
34 after updating.

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36 Motion to approve the letter to Commissioner Tracy along with the kindergarten proposal
37 plan so that it may be sent to the state was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Linda
38 Koehler. Approved 5-0.

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40 Motion to attach the appendix regarding kindergarten curriculum be sent to the
41 Commissioner was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Linda Koehler. Approved 5-0.

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43 Linda Mahoney questioned if the Team Design bill would be sent to the state. Dr. Bass
44 stated they will send a copy of the bill along with the plan regarding kindergarten. He
45 noted that per his conversation with the state, Pelham would be reimbursed 75 cents on
46 the dollar for Team Design services.

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2 Kathleen Sargent spoke of the placement of the kindergarten portable. She noted the site
3 on the east side of Pelham Elementary School building on the Memorial School side
4 would be best. It will impact one playing field which may impact some town sports but
5 would not impact school sports. Schiavi will be sending the bill for the portable to the
6 state for reimbursement.

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8 Chairman Couture closed the Public Hearing at 8:10 pm

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10 Motion to accept \$85,575.44 for additional funds for federal grants was made by Linda
11 Koehler with a 2nd by Eleanor Burton. Approved 5-0.

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13 **Warrant Article Discussion**

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15 Bruce Couture read loud the Articles.

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17 Kathleen Sargent noted that if Warrant Article #4 fails, then the entire amount of money
18 will have to be returned and they will not be able to rent portables for the high school site.
19 She noted that legal counsel stressed that the article is unnecessary and that the Board can
20 move into a lease agreement. Legal Counsel is recommending removing it altogether.

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22 Motion to remove Article 4 from the Warrant Articles was made by Linda Mahoney with
23 a 2nd by Cindy Kyzer. Approved 5-0.

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25 Linda Mahoney stated moving forward with a lease/purchase agreement would make the
26 most financial sense.

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28 Motion that the School District continue with the rental agreement for the portable at
29 Pelham High School until June, 2009 at which time they will convert the existing rental
30 agreement into a three year lease/purchase agreement effective June 30, 2009. This lease
31 agreement will contain an escape clause, motion made by Linda Mahoney with a 2nd by
32 Cindy Kyzer. Approved 5-0.

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34 Regarding Article 12, Kathleen Sargent noted that if this fails, the money will have to
35 come out of the operating budget in order to fund the full time technology position.

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37 Motion to approve Article 12 as written was made by Linda Koehler with a 2nd by Cindy
38 Kyzer. Approved 5-0.

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40 Linda Mahoney spoke of the Budget Committee not wanting to keep the article regarding
41 the removal of the transformer at the high school. Linda Koehler suggested having the
42 State Fire Marshall weigh in on this matter. Cindy Kyzer along with the rest of the Board
43 agreed to leave the Article in as written and have the voters decide.

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45 Kathleen Sargent noted the date for Reconsideration would be January 20, 2009.

1 Linda Mahoney noted the parking lot article paving project at Memorial School was in
2 question by the Budget Committee – questioning the square footage of the project. Dr.
3 Bass responded by stating the Board should present further information during the
4 reconsideration process. Linda Koehler suggested taking pictures along with
5 measurements of the potholes.

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7 Linda Mahoney stated the Budget Committee may also be confused with the transformer
8 at Pelham Memorial School. She also spoke of the Budget Committee being confused
9 about the Board wanting to secure a piece of land if it comes up for sale. Mrs. Mahoney
10 noted that since 2001, 9.9 acres of land adjacent to school district property became
11 available.

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13 Cindy Kyzer spoke of the established Capital Reserve Fund of \$14,251.

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15 Kathleen Sargent spoke of her concern regarding the Article for Capital Reserve funding
16 for educating disabled children in the amount of \$10,000.

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18 Regarding Article 7, ½ time special education clerical position, it was noted the Budget
19 Committee did not recommend this also – it was decided more supporting information
20 should be brought forward for reconsideration.

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22 Regarding Article 3, the Collective Bargaining Agreement, it was noted it is moving
23 along.

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25 **Local Government Center Health Trust**

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27 Motion that Pelham School District participate in the self-funded, reinsurance pools
28 operated by subsidiaries of Local Government Center, Inc. and also authorizing Kathleen
29 Sargent to sign on behalf of the Pelham School Board was made by Linda Koehler with a
30 2nd by Linda Mahoney. Approved 5-0.

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32 **PRIMEX**

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34 Motion to hereby accept the offer of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management
35 Exchange to enter into its 5% Multi Year Discount Program as of 12/19/08 for the
36 adoption of this resolution and to be contractually bound to all of the terms and
37 conditions of Primex risk management pool membership during the term of the 5%
38 Multi-Year Discount Program. The coverage provided by Primex in each year of
39 membership shall be as then set forth in the Coverage Documents of Primex and that
40 Kathleen Sargent be able to sign on behalf of the Pelham School District until July 2012
41 was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Linda Koehler. Approved 5-0.

1 **Board Member Reports**

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3 Bruce Couture spoke of the boiler update – noting the water filtration system is in and
4 working. Mr. Couture then noted he felt it was critical to have regularly scheduled
5 school board meetings at this time of year.

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7 Dr. Bass spoke of School Reform News – noting he would find some articles that the
8 School Board may be interested in reading and distributing same to members.

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10 Eleanor Burton spoke of the NHSB meeting in Nashua recently and noted their meetings
11 would move around the state so more people could attend.

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13 Cindy Kyzer noted negotiations continue with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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15 Courtney Perry spoke of the annual club fair and the many clubs available at the high
16 school. She spoke of Senior Breakfast being held this Friday.

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18 Linda Mahoney spoke of the PES Council meeting and all their hard work. She also
19 requested an update regarding the Preschool. Dr. Bass stated he is waiting to hear from
20 legal counsel.

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22 **Future Meetings**

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24	December 17,2 008	Business/Workshop	7:00 PES
25	January 14, 2008	Business Meeting	7:00 PES
26	January 28, 2008	Business/Workshop	7:00PES

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28 Motion to adjourn the public session at 9:00 pm was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by
29 Eleanor Burton. Approved 5-0.

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31 Respectfully Submitted – Diane Figaro