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APPROVED
PELHAM SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION
PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
October 10, 2007

School Board Members: Bruce Couture, Eleanor Burton, Linda Mahoney,
Michael Conrad and Cindy Kyzer
Superintendent: Dr. Frank Bass
Asst. Superintendent: Roxanne Wilson
Business Administrator: Kathleen Sargent
Student Representative: Scott Cloutier

Chairman Bruce Couture called the public session of the Pelham School Board to order at 6:02 p.m. All those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – tabled to next meeting

Public Address to School Board

Mr. Darren McCarthy from the Pelham Parks and Recreation Department presented the board with \$1,455.00 to be placed into the trust fund for the future refurbishment of tennis courts. Chairman Couture thanked everyone involved in the tennis tournament which raised the funds. It was noted that money from this fund will go directly to the upkeep of the courts.

Motion to accept the check from Pelham Parks and Recreation to go into Robinson Trust Fund was made by Michael Conrad with a 2nd by Eleanor Burton. Approved 5-0.

Budget Presentation: Pelham Memorial School

Principal Pinsonneault and Vice Principal Adamokos outlined the proposed Memorial School 07-08 budget. Highlights included:

- New Account – mentoring of new teachers – formerly Title II money (Principal Pinsonneault noted this was a big time commitment on the part of the mentor. Mrs. Mahoney questioned if the district would be able to provide technology training to new teachers.
- Repairs/instructional equipment (it was noted Business Administrator, Kathleen Sargent moved some accounts into their proper place in the budget)
- Slight increase in art supplies
- Decrease in Language Arts
- Replacement bulbs for projectors (perhaps bulk order these items)
- Music book requests -new music group. It was noted music is a graded subject
- Slight decrease in science budget

- 1 • Request for replacement schedule for social studies (looking ahead to larger
- 2 number of students)
- 3 • 30 new desks
- 4 • Cafeteria table (this is no longer in the food service budget) It was noted a
- 5 folding table is being used in the interim.
- 6 • Teacher – special education
- 7 • Increase in Athletic Department (TRI county dues and raises for officials – the
- 8 district has no control over this increase)
- 9 • Medical supply increase (diabetic supplies)
- 10 • Occupational materials
- 11 • Educational assemblies – level funded
- 12 • Slight increase in office supplies
- 13 • Dinner dance (previously absorbed by the food service budget)
- 14 • Building repairs
- 15 • Gym ceiling painting
- 16 • Locker repairs
- 17 • Flame retardant blinds (requesting part of the first floor only)
- 18 • White board installation
- 19 • Walkie-talkie system (currently difficult to communicate within the school)

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21 **Fun and Fitness Presentation**

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23 Principal Lafrance, President and Co-president of the PTA addressed the board to discuss
24 the successful fundraiser held recently at the elementary school. It was noted that 95% of
25 all students participated along with 60 parent volunteers. Last year \$40,000 was raised.

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27 **Manifests**

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29 Bruce Couture read aloud the manifests.

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31 Motion to accept Consent Agenda was made by Michael Conrad with a 2nd by Cindy
32 Kyzer. Approved 5-0.

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FIVE MINUTE RECESS

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36 **Presentation by Marinace Architects**

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38 Marinace Architects explained the proposed site plan, stating floor plans have been
39 developed and noted all spaces are there and everything is working together. The
40 proposed plans depicted an auditorium and a plan without an auditorium.

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42 A conversion plan of Pelham High School to a middle school was discussed, keeping life
43 safety issues in mind. This plan was not to do a complete overhaul. The next discussion
44 of a conversion plan of Pelham High School included a comprehensive renovation
45 including heat and mechanical systems.

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2 The criteria to qualify for state funding using high performance upgrades was noted along
3 with outlining what site work would be needed.

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5 Mrs. Mahoney notes she was unprepared at this time to ask specific questions, noting the
6 board just received the proposed plans. She questioned if contractors were consulted
7 regarding costs presented. Marinace responded by stating this was their estimate. They
8 further explained how a Construction Manager is used throughout this process, noting
9 they would be included in the construction costs.

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11 Marinace noted, looking at population projections, Pelham would not go over 900
12 students for about 10 years.

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14 Bruce Couture questioned if the upper floor lobby area was an open area. The response
15 was yes.

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17 Linda Mahoney questioned the cost of a sprinkler system and questioned the possibility
18 of having a holding tank for water usage. Marinace will report back to the board with the
19 cost of a sprinkler system for the proposed site.

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21 Bruce Couture questioned if there was an advantage to having onsite water or using
22 Pennichuck. The architects responded by stating in general it is better to use municipal
23 water as this will allow you to have a firefighting advantage and there is no pump
24 maintenance. It was noted a well could work on the site as well, noting they are open to
25 options.

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27 Michael Conrad suggested the possibility of having both municipal and well water.

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29 **Public Input**

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31 Philip McColgan questioned if the science curriculum was completed yet. It was noted
32 the curriculum piece is not completed. Mr. McColgan noted he was concerned about
33 water issues and if one gymnasium would be sufficient. It was noted that one gymnasium
34 would be sufficient until you reach a higher population that was stated previously at this
35 meeting.

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37 Mr. McColgan questioned if there would be a balcony in the auditorium. It was noted
38 that there would not be one. It was also noted that the reason for a courtyard was to allow
39 light to reach the middle of the building, as the whole interior would not have windows.

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41 John Lavalle, Chairman of the Budget Committee, questioned reimbursement from the
42 state by using high efficiency boilers. Marinace Architects responded by stating they are
43 not to the point of being able to give green numbers, noting a lot more has to be explored.
44 It is a matter of developing details. It was also stated they could go out to bid now with
45 the accuracy of the numbers given tonight.

1 Diane Chubb questioned the future location of the SAU office. She also questioned the
2 future location of the preschool, noting Windham was kicking Pelham out.

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4 Chairman Couture responded by stressing Windham is not kicking out Pelham and that it
5 was a harsh thing to say. He noted both towns are growing and space is an issue. It is
6 being discussed.

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8 The board thanked Marinace Architects for all their work.

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10 **Information from Board Members**

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12 Bruce Couture stated they need to have a committee to narrow down the field of
13 construction managers. He noted they need two board members to assist in the interview
14 process. Cindy Kyzer volunteered to be one member on the committee.

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16 Eleanor Burton noted the Budget Committee will meet tomorrow night and next Monday.

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18 Michael Conrad noted the October 20th Park and Recreation Gold Tournament. He also
19 made note that a 6:00 p.m. start time for School Board meetings was difficult for him.

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21 Kathleen Sargent noted at the next meeting, the budget for the high school will be
22 reviewed and the board will be discussing and voting on the Memorial School and
23 Elementary School proposed budgets.

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25 Scott Cloutier distributed a handout to the board regarding happenings at Pelham High
26 School.

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28 Bruce Couture noted it is a busy time of year for everyone but to please stay informed
29 with regard to proposed budgets. He also stated he appreciated all volunteers and
30 thanked them for their work.

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33 Motion to Adjourn the Public Session of the Pelham School Board Under RSA 91-
34 A:3II(b) at 8:51 pm was made by Michael Conrad with a 2nd by Eleanor Burton.
35 Approved 5-0.

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37 Respectfully Submitted – Diane Figaro
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