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APPROVED
PELHAM SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION
PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
November 19, 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

Chairman Couture called the public session to order at 6:07 p.m.

Warrant Articles

Article #1 – Election of Officers – Members agreed this Article stays the same.

Article #2 – School Board discussed striking the words *For Construction of Pelham High School* and changing it to *For the Purposes of School Construction*. Linda Mahoney questioned then need for wording of number of years we will be bonding for. Kathleen Sargent noted you did not need this wording. She further stated the tax impact is based on land for 10 years. Consensus of the Board to change wording: Bruce Couture – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes and Michael Conrad – yes.

Article #3 – Consensus of the Board to keep Article 3 as written: Cindy Kyzer – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes; Michael Conrad – yes; Bruce Couture – yes; Eleanor Burton – no. Cindy Kyzer noted she was in favor of a permanent stage. The Board discussed building the high school for 1,000 students with renovation of existing Pelham High School with built-in stage.

Article #4 – Auditorium – Board members discussed changing the wording of the Article by striking the wording “attached” from the text and adding in its place the word “to be included in the new Pelham High School. Consensus of the Board to do this: Bruce Couture – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Michael Conrad – yes and Eleanor Burton – no.

Article #5 – Operating Budget – Kathleen Sargent stressed the Board may want to vote on wording only and not on the dollar amount. Consensus of the Board to keep the wording as written on Article #5: Michael Conrad – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes; Bruce Couture – yes.

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2 **Article #6** – 3% Salary Increase/Non-Union – Consensus of Board: Michael Conrad –
3 yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney –
4 yes.
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6 **Article #7** – Modularity – The Board discussed taking out this Warrant Article. Consensus
7 of the Board to take out Article #7: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Bruce
8 Couture – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.
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10 **Article #8** – Special Education Position – The Board discussed the need for this
11 requested position, noting the numbers do justify the need. The tax impact for this is four
12 cents. Consensus of the Board to take out Article #7: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy
13 Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.
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15 **Article #9 (a)** – PES 2 classroom teacher requests – The Board discussed enrollment
16 numbers: Consensus of the Board to keep Article 9(a): Linda Mahoney – yes; Cindy
17 Kyzer – no; Eleanor Burton – no; Bruce Couture – no; Michael Conrad no. Article 9(a)
18 was removed.
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20 **Article #9 (b)** – PES P/E Health Teacher – Consensus of the Board to keep this Article:
21 Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes;
22 Linda Mahoney – yes.
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24 **Article #9(c)** – PES Assistant Principal – Consensus of the Board to strike this Article
25 from the Warrant: Linda Mahoney – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes;
26 Bruce Couture – yes; Michael Conrad yes. Article 9(c) was removed.
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28 **Article #10** – ½ Custodian – Board members discussed taking health benefits out of the
29 requested position. Consensus of Board to delete health benefits and keep the rest of the
30 wording in the Article. Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes;
31 Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.
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33 **Article #11** – Pelham Memorial School teacher request - Consensus of the Board to keep
34 this Article: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes; Eleanor
35 Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.
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37 **Article #12(a)** – Pelham High School ½ Business Teacher - Consensus of the Board to
38 keep this Article: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes;
39 Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.
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41 **Article #12(b)** – PHS ½ Art Teacher - Consensus of the Board to strike this Article from
42 the Warrant: Linda Mahoney – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes; Bruce
43 Couture – yes; Michael Conrad - yes. Article 12(b) was removed.
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1 **Article #12(c)** - PHS Social Studies Teacher - Consensus of the Board to keep this
2 Article: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes; Eleanor Burton
3 – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.

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5 **Article #12(d)** – PHS Science Teacher - Consensus of the Board to strike this Article
6 from the Warrant: Linda Mahoney – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes;
7 Bruce Couture – yes; Michael Conrad -yes. Article 12(d) was removed.

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9 **Article #13** – Funding for St. Patrick School – Cindy Kyzer noted she had a hard time
10 giving money to a private school. Michael Conrad suggested letting the voters decide.
11 The Board decided to level fund this to \$53,991.00. Dr. Bass questioned using tax payer
12 dollars to fund private school. Consensus of the Board to keep this Article as level
13 funded for \$53,991.00: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – no; Bruce Couture – yes;
14 Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.

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16 **Article #14** – Technology Plan – Michael Conrad stated the Board should ask for
17 reconsideration of putting \$50,000 back into the Budget for Technology. The Board
18 decided to change the dollar amount requested for this Article to \$183,333.00.
19 Consensus of the Board to keep this Article as level funded for \$183,333.00: Michael
20 Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda
21 Mahoney – yes.

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23 **Article #15** – Replace wording “to support the Pelham School District” with “to replace
24 contracted services with support staff”. Consensus of the Board to keep this Article with
25 wording changes: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes;
26 Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.

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28 **Article #16** – Replace wording “and other technology driven functions” with “staff that
29 will replace contracted services. Consensus of the Board to keep this Article with
30 wording changes: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes;
31 Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.

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33 **Article #17** – Replace wording “parking” to “pavement”. Consensus of the Board to
34 keep this Article with wording changes: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes;
35 Bruce Couture – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.

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37 **Article #18** – Consensus of Board to remove this Article: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy
38 Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes

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40 **Article #19** – District Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund - Consensus of the Board to
41 keep this Article: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer – yes; Bruce Couture – yes;
42 Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.

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44 **Article #20** – Easement – Replace word “acquire” with “transfer”. Consensus of the
45 Board to keep this Article with wording change: Michael Conrad – yes; Cindy Kyzer –
46 yes; Bruce Couture – yes; Eleanor Burton – yes; Linda Mahoney – yes.

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2 Board members discussed the need for an explanation to the Budget Committee regarding
3 Professional Training.

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6 Motion to Adjourn the Public Session of the Pelham School Board Under RSA 91-
7 A:3II(b) at 7:30 pm was made by Michael Conrad with a 2nd by Eleanor Burton.
8 Approved 5-0.

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10 Respectfully Submitted – Diane Figaro