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APPROVED  
**Pelham School Board**  
**Budget Meeting – Public Session**  
**November 19, 2008**  
**Sherburne Hall**

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**School Board Members** Bruce Couture; Linda Mahoney; Cindy Kyzer  
Eleanor Burton; Linda Koehler  
**Assistant Superintendent:** Roxanne Wilson  
**Business Administrator:** Kathleen Sargent

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Bruce Couture called the public session to order at 7:00 pm. All those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Consent Agenda**

Motion to accept as amended the public minutes of November 5, 2008 was made by Linda Mahoney with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eleanor Burton. Approved 5-0.

**Superintendent Remarks**

Roxanne Wilson thanked all parents for attending parent-teacher conferences and added a wish of good luck to Pelham High School Pythons football team in their upcoming game.

**Public Hearing Date**

Motion to accept date of January 20, 2009 for public hearing was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Mahoney. Approved 5-0.

**Kindergarten Plan Update**

Roxanne Wilson stated the plan regarding kindergarten would be submitted to the state next week after the final touches are made along with information as to where the portables will be placed. The School Board will be supplied with a final plan before it is submitted. Mrs. Wilson noted the State will know that Pelham is still making decisions.

Linda Mahoney noted her concern about not seeing the plan and the importance of the Board voting upon it before it is presented to the State. Mrs. Wilson stated the Board would be able to vote on the plan on December 10, 2008 and that what she will be submitting next week is the information with the decisions the Board has already made. She noted the D.O.E. deadline. Mrs. Wilson will email to the Board what is being sent to the State.

Cindy Kyzer questioned if a letter would also be sent reserving Pelham's rights regarding kindergarten. Mrs. Wilson will have Dr. Bass discuss with legal counsel regarding the

1 draft of a letter reserving their rights. Mrs. Mahoney stressed she would like to see  
2 anything that will be sent to the State first.

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4 Mrs. Mahoney noted her concern about the amount of money paid to Team Design for  
5 their work that was recently done. She requested that Dr. Bass forward their bill to the  
6 State for possible reimbursement. Mrs. Sargent will forward the bill. Bruce Couture  
7 noted that Team Design performed a lot of pro bono work for the District. Mrs. Wilson  
8 added that any site work could also be forwarded to the state for possible reimbursement.  
9 Mrs. Sargent stated she had doubts the State would pay the bill in this cycle and may hold  
10 it for the future long term.

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12 Mrs. Mahoney stated she would like the Board to agree to suspend future work from  
13 Team Design for now. The Board agreed.

#### 14 15 **Preschool Plan Update**

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17 Mrs. Wilson noted Dr. Bass has sent the contract to legal counsel and will be bringing it  
18 to the next meeting for the Board to review. Eleanor Burton questioned what the legal  
19 costs were.

#### 20 21 **Police Proposal**

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23 Bruce Couture noted that Chief Rourke spoke to the Board at the last meeting regarding a  
24 new speed check system he would like to install. Mrs. Mahoney reminded the Board that  
25 the Police Chief was going to see if the difference in the cost could come out of his own  
26 budget. Bruce Couture spoke of having the current ones refurbished. Mrs. Koehler noted  
27 they should be replaced and that replacement would be the best safety measure. Mrs.  
28 Burton questioned if this could come out of this year's budget. Mrs. Sargent noted the  
29 funds for this request were available.

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31 Motion that the School Board approved the spending of \$4,100 with the Pelham Police  
32 Department for the safety check sign for the school zone area contingent upon the Police  
33 Department coming up with the remaining balance was made by Linda Koehler with a 2<sup>nd</sup>  
34 by Eleanor Burton. Approved 5-0.

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36 Bruce Couture noted that if the Chief could not get the new signal with the Motioned  
37 Monies, then the Board would take up the discussion again.

#### 38 39 **Warrant Article Update**

40 Kathleen Sargent noted that Article #14 should now read \$80,000 for the repair and  
41 paving of the existing front driveway and parking lot at PMS. She is also getting legal  
42 opinion as to the wording in parentheses of this Article.

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44 Regarding Article 4, Linda Mahoney requested keeping the wording consistent  
45 throughout as it pertains to modular classrooms and not use the word portable. This was  
46 noted by Mrs. Sargent.

1 Regarding Article 5, Linda Mahoney stated the Committee met and was concerned that if  
2 the Article fails, it would put off any work for another year. She noted they would like to  
3 put the monies requested back into the operating budget. Mrs. Sargent stated they could  
4 use funds that may be available at years end if needed. Mrs. Mahoney stated she would  
5 like to remove Article 5 and take their chances. Mr. Couture felt they should present it to  
6 the Budget Committee as a reconsideration of \$25,000. Mrs. Burton stated the Budget  
7 Committee wanted it to go into the operating budget to begin with. Mrs. Sargent will put  
8 this through the reconsideration process.

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10 Motion that Article 5 be withdrawn from the Warrant was made by Eleanor Burton with a  
11 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Mahoney. Approved 5-0.

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13 Regarding Article 8, Roxanne Wilson noted that Principal LaFrance is withdrawing the  
14 classroom teacher request based on the new enrollment numbers.

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16 Regarding Article 12, it was noted the cost savings regarding the phone difference in the  
17 telephone line account can be explained to voters during deliberative session.

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19 Regarding Article 13, Kathleen Sargent noted she would be checking the wording with  
20 legal counsel also.

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22 Regarding Article 17, Linda Koehler wondered if there is a better/easier way to word this  
23 Article.

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25 Linda Mahoney mentioned that salaries were less this year. Mrs. Sargent explained that  
26 leadership team made a decision as to which step they would be hiring from.

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28 Motion to vote on the school articles as amended was made by Cindy Kyzer with 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
29 Eleanor Burton. Approved 5-0.

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31 All changes from legal counsel will come back before the School Board.

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33 **Reconsideration Discussion**

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- 35 • \$25,000 for high school building committee;
  - 36 • Deletion of teacher request at PES;
  - 37 • Deletion of school bus request. Noting the Budget Committee wanted more  
38 justification regarding this request. Mrs. Sargent noted the amount of children  
39 riding the buses was within the appropriate range. She also stated they are  
40 looking at alternatives – designated bus stops; (Mr. Couture felt there were too  
41 many stops on the routes);
  - 42 • Contracted services line for ESOL was removed under Mrs. McCoy’s  
43 recommendation

44 Mrs. Sargent stated that Mr. Miller would be present at the reconsideration for  
45 clarification, if needed, regarding substitute custodians.

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1 **Business Administrator Updates**

2 Mrs. Sargent stated that one boiler is complete and that everything else would be done by  
3 November 26, 2008, including the filtration system.

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5 The panels on the stage at Memorial School were being repaired. The cost will be \$1,100.

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7 **Information/Correspondence**

8 The proposed Memorial School addition was presented to the Board for their review.  
9 Linda Koehler stressed that they still need to hear from the Fire Chief regarding the fire  
10 wall before going any further with the discussions.

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12 **Board Member Concerns/ Reports**

13 Mrs. Mahoney spoke of the filing process for candidates and noted they need to file with  
14 the Clerk at Town Hall.

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16 Cindy Kyzer spoke of a health benefits presentation for teachers.

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18 Eleanor Burton spoke of professional development meeting along with PMS Council  
19 providing lunches between conferences for teachers. She spoke of attending recent  
20 drama club presentations and enjoying them.

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22 Courtney Perry wished the football team good luck this weekend. She stated Student  
23 Government had a veteran’s breakfast for veterans, which was very nice. She also spoke  
24 of the high school fashion show and Amber Foucher, a Senior, won Miss Teen New  
25 Hampshire recently and will go on to compete nationally.

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27 Linda Mahoney spoke of the high school football team being interviewed tonight on the  
28 11:00 news. PESPA contracts are moving along and spoke of the conference sign up  
29 process at PMS as being really good and easy to do.

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31 Linda Koehler spoke of the Budget Committee meeting twice per week and voting on  
32 Warrant Articles soon.

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34 Bruce Couture wished everyone a great Thanksgiving and encouraged all students to get  
35 involved in their schools.

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37 **Future Meetings**

38 December 10, 2008 Business Meeting PES 7:00 pm

39 December 17, 2008 Workshop//Business PES 7:00 pm

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41 Motion adjourn the public meeting at 8:28 pm was made by Linda Koehler with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
42 Eleanor Burton. Approved 5-0. Respectfully submitted – Diane Figaro