



1 **Facilities and Space Needs Discussion**

2 Rob Hardy stated he would like to get options on the table tonight with regard to what the  
3 board wishes of the Facilities Committee. Shannen Perry read into the record a statement  
4 by Mrs. Mahoney, who could not be in attendance at tonight’s meeting:

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6 “In response to your request, as I stated quite clearly at our last meeting – the only  
7 SHORT TERM option we have to provide relief to the students of our district for this  
8 upcoming year is to lease modular classrooms. The cost range to lease the moduls  
9 according to Dr. Bass would be anywhere from \$75,000-\$150,000 a year. It is my belief  
10 that a 6 classroom modular should be leased for Memorial School to address the  
11 overcrowding and a 6 classroom modular for the high school to enable us to expand our  
12 academic offerings at Pelham High.

13 The idea of tuitioning out high school students will do nothing to address the  
14 overcrowding at Memorial and it will inhibit academic opportunities at our high school  
15 based on the reduced enrollment. Not to mention the fact, that tuitioning students could  
16 cost upwards of 3-5 times as much as it would cost to lease moduls.”

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18 Mr. Hardy questioned what the cost would be for leasing a 6 classroom modular. Mrs.  
19 Clairmont responded by stating it would be approximately \$150,000 per year without  
20 bathroom facilities. She stated there would be no difference between the type of modular  
21 for Memorial or the High School. The one time set up cost with site work; hook-ups and  
22 furnishings would range between an additional \$50,000-\$100,000. Each additional room,  
23 if added, would be an additional \$25,000 per room.

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25 Deb Ryan noted her concern about location of such moduls. She stated she realized  
26 they needed a short term solution and felt they may need to do this temporarily. She  
27 stressed the need to have a long term plan in place as this would do nothing to address  
28 core space needs and science labs.

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30 Andy Ducharme stated his biggest issue is the issue of temporary. He spoke of the  
31 modular in the back of the high school that already exists. He also stated they need to  
32 have a long term solution in place. Mr. Hardy agreed and stated he would be interested  
33 in what the Facilities Committees thoughts were.

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35 Mr. Carton, from the Facilities Committee, addressed the board. He spoke of attending  
36 the High School Awards Banquet recently. He stated he has never seen such a group of  
37 teachers so engaged with their students. He stressed there are a lot of really good things  
38 going on at the high school.

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40 Mr. Carton stated the Facilities Committee performed their charge in a very methodical  
41 and tedious way – noting they ruled nothing out. He stated the only clear option that  
42 stood out with the best cost and benefit to the district-wide concern surrounding  
43 overcrowding, was new on new. He noted they did not succeed. He believes the  
44 Committee has done their work.

1 Mr. Carton stated that moving forward, he would still be happy to explain to any citizen,  
2 why they came to this conclusion and show documentation supporting such. He stated he  
3 is in favor of keeping Pelham High School in Pelham. He is very concerned about  
4 outsourcing to another town. He feels that a workforce is negatively affected when they  
5 are told they are going to outsource. He stressed that the school district is Pelham's  
6 second largest employer and that he is very powerfully in favor of keeping Pelham High  
7 School going.

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9 Mr. Carton spoke of still having 75% funding available for kindergarten until 2012 –  
10 nothing this is about \$4million being at stake. He would like the school board to focus on  
11 this and would like to see something on the March 2011 ballot. He feels this should be  
12 top priority. He also feels that modulars are an acceptable short-term plan. He stated  
13 they need a long-term plan in place. Mr. Carton suggested the need to purchase land. He  
14 feels the urgency to do something is still there, but the urgency to capture the funding is  
15 gone. He suggested the board move forward on multiple fronts at once while keeping  
16 Pelham students in Pelham.

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18 Mr. Carton stated, after speaking with Dr. Bass, that there is practically no difference in  
19 cost between purchasing new text books versus using laptops. He feels they should  
20 explore this for Pelham High School.

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22 Rob Hardy spoke of the issue of adding onto the high school and maxing out the current  
23 site – he feels this would condemn the middle school to what it is. Mr. Carton agreed  
24 with this statement after seeing the aerial view of the existing high school land.

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26 Mr. Carton noted it may be worth the money to obtain the clearance to do the studies at  
27 the high school for adding on feasibility. He feels the least expensive road is to build a  
28 new high school on new land.

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30 Deb Ryan noted that Mr. Carton articulated the value of keeping Pelham students in  
31 Pelham very well – noting his statements had an impact on her.

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33 Rob Hardy stated he would like each board member to list three solutions - noting how  
34 they feel each solution can be obtained. He would like this by the next meeting. He  
35 would like to get to the point where they are now talking about the next step.

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37 Deb Ryan stated they also have a preschool issue to solve. Roxanne Wilson noted the  
38 board needs to come up with a long-term solution for the preschool program. She noted,  
39 with regard to enrollment numbers, that they are noticing a downward trend.

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41 Mr. Hardy stated they need to talk about the basic building needs for kindergarten with  
42 raw numbers and staffing attached. He noted this has to be presented to voters soon. He  
43 stated it would be a shame to lose 75% state funding.

1 Roxanne Wilson noted they rely on enrollment projections through NHSBA. She  
2 suggested holding another workshop meeting – devoting time to this topic. Mrs. Wilson  
3 will get the committee together to present information with regard to kindergarten at an  
4 upcoming June meeting.

### 6 **Race To The Top**

7 Roxanne Wilson noted that New Hampshire is now applying for a second round change  
8 for these grant monies. She noted it is a placeholder for Pelham.

10 Andy Ducharme questioned how long they had this information in hand – Mrs. Wilson  
11 noted this has been updated about a week or two ago. She noted that Phase One  
12 Memorandum of Understanding was different from this proposed one.

14 Motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding and submit the application for Race  
15 to the Top was made by Deb Ryan with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Ducharme. Approved 3-0.

### 17 **2011-2012 Budget**

18 Adam Steel spoke of the process of formulating the 2011-12 budget already. He would  
19 like to have the building principals come to the board in September and then have the  
20 board approve the budget at the end of September. Mrs. Clairmont along with Mr. Steel  
21 will present to the Budget Committee. Mr. Steel will be coming to the board in June with  
22 a timeline of dates as to how this will unfold. He noted this is a little bit of a departure  
23 from past practice. They would like to have less of a line by line presentation made to  
24 the Budget Committee and more of a presentation by the Principals.

26 Deb Ryan stated she feels strongly there should be school board training to help with the  
27 duties with regard to the Budget Committee. She would like the school board to have a  
28 say on what gets cut and what does not. She does not think the Budget Committee should  
29 make those determinations. She feels the Budget Committee should give the school  
30 board the number to hit and they will make the cuts where necessary. She invited this  
31 board to be more involved in this process.

33 Donna Clairmont stated a liaison will be present at the school board budget meetings so  
34 they can hear exactly what is presented to the board. Mrs. Clairmont stated they will  
35 come to the board on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with a timeline – giving a very clear picture of the budget  
36 along with tax impact and how much constitutes non-discretionary costs along with  
37 discretionary costs.

### 39 **FMLA 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

40 Motion to accept Policy GCCBC Family and Medical Leave Policy was made by Andy  
41 Ducharme with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Ryan. Approved 3-0.

### 43 **Public Forum**

44 Mrs. Cookingham addressed the board stating she feels they should keep Pelham students  
45 in Pelham – thus keeping pride and sense of identity. She feels modular classrooms are  
46 temporary and should have a time limit on them. She noted the trailer at the high school

1 as not temporary as it has been there for four years. She also feels it is very important to  
2 put the land on the 2011 ballot and secure it at a good price. She stated if there is money  
3 next year from the state, she would urge this board to take advantage of that. She feels it  
4 is important to be pro-education and supports the building of a new high school. She  
5 stated that she along with other supporters are going to start having meetings to stand  
6 behind this and that they are more than willing to help out.

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8 **PSB Meeting Calendar**

9 Motion to accept the calendar omitting the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Deb Ryan with  
10 a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Ducharme. Approved 3-0.

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12 **Communications Committee**

13 Deb Ryan stated that she believed in order to facilitate any changes or needs, the board  
14 will need to improve how they communicate with the community. She requested the  
15 formation of a Communications Committee. She would like to be able to gage how the  
16 community feels on a particular matter. She proposed a rough draft of a Charge for the  
17 board's review. The intention is to have a non-partisan committee formed. She spoke of  
18 subscribing to CommLINK – which is geared toward school district communicators.

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20 Motion to discuss Communications Committee further was made by Deb Ryan with a 2<sup>nd</sup>  
21 by Andy Ducharme 3-0

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23 Mr. Ducharme felt this would be good and suggested that they receive input from Mr.  
24 Steel on ways to be able to communicate better with the community. He suggested  
25 having information available at Town Hall.

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27 Mr. Steel noted there were some options available and spoke of the Town's current  
28 system. He noted they pay a yearly fee for ALERTNOW but thought other systems  
29 would charge a flat fee.

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31 Mr. Hardy directed Roxanne Wilson and Dr. Bass to come up with a Charge for this  
32 Committee and bring that back to the board for their review.

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34 **Board Member Reports**

35 Shannen Perry spoke of the awards banquet at the Harris Pelham Inn. She spoke of a lot  
36 of field trips planned for the end of the school year with a class trip for seniors planned in  
37 Rindge, NH.

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39 Andy Ducharme spoke of being a judge at a recent PMS talent show.

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41 Deb Ryan spoke of PMS band and chorus concert; the PES spring concert and drama  
42 show and attending a professional development meeting – noting there is a lot expected  
43 of teachers and administrators. She would like to communicate this fact more to the  
44 community. Mrs. Ryan would like to put together a school board framework to work by  
45 so that they have objectives; goals and targets.

1 Rob Hardy spoke of Facilities Use Fees – and stated he is happy to report, in very short  
2 order, that Mr. Steel and Mrs. Clairmont will be ready to present a revised policy for the  
3 board’s review very soon.

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5 **Future Meetings**

6 June 9, 2010 Business Meeting PES 6:30pm

7 June 23, 2010 Workshop/Business Meeting PES 6:30pm

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9 Motion to go into non public session at 8:15pm under RSA 91-A:3II (a)(b)(c) for  
10 nominations and resignation(s) and bullying reports was made by Deb Ryan with a 2<sup>nd</sup>  
11 by Andy Ducharme; Deb Ryan – yes; Andy Ducharme – yes; Rob Hardy – yes.

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14 The board returned to public session at 8:42pm.

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16 Motion was made to accept the nominations of Lisa Daly-Gargano; Keeschia Frazier;  
17 Ryan Clark; Julia MacIntosh; Melissa Hewson; Joseph Mundy; Julia Burton and Peter  
18 Harris. The board also made a motion to accept the resignations of Timothy Powers and  
19 Elizabeth Strauss during non public session.

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21 Motion to adjourn was made at 8:43pm by Deb Ryan with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Ducharme. 3-0

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24 Respectfully Submitted – Diane Figaro