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APPROVED
Pelham School Board
Budget Meeting
Public Session
October 21, 2009

School Board Members: Eleanor Burton-Chair, Linda Mahoney,
Lorraine Dube; Deb Ryan; Cindy Kyzer
Superintendent: Dr. Frank Bass
Assistant Superintendent: Roxanne Wilson
Business Administrator: Kathleen Sargent

Chairman Burton called the public session to order at 7:02 pm. All those in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance. The non public minutes of tonight have been sealed.

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Bass spoke of the property purchase across from the high school – noting the fire department would be using the building for training purchases. They are very grateful for this opportunity. This is another great collaboration with the town and the school district.

Eleanor Burton mentioned a thank you note from maintenance staff for their recent luncheon. They were very grateful that the school board recognized them.

Budget

Pelham Elementary School Kindergarten Budget - Principal LaFrance was on hand to answer questions. It was noted that no additional equipment will be needed for next year.

Page 6 – Communication Systems and equipment would be for an incoming student from the preschool level.

Motion to approve the kindergarten operating budget for 2010-2011 for \$320,305.03 was made by Linda Mahoney with a 2nd by Lorraine Dube

Technology Budget – Adam Steel was on hand to answer questions.

Linda Mahoney spoke of the phone system and discussed the possibility of leasing it versus purchasing outright. Mrs. Mahoney questioned if it could be placed in the operating budget. Kathleen Sargent will look into this.

Cindy Kyzer noted they had expended more funds for the present phone system this year.

It was noted the purchase and installation of a new phone system at all three schools would be \$95,000.

1 Adam Steel spoke of a lease option with a \$1 buyout at the end of a 3 or 5 year lease. A
2 three year lease would be \$32,901/yr and a five year lease would be \$20,515/yr.

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4 Mr. Steel noted the district would save approximately \$15,000 per year by installing a
5 new phone system.

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7 **Maintenance Budget**

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9 Alan Miller was on hand to answer questions. He spoke of maintaining equipment at the
10 elementary school but not purchasing any new equipment.

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12 Mr. Miller spoke of continuing with masonry work on the outside of Memorial School
13 along with continued window repairs.

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15 Mr. Miller noted the transformer at the high school has been officially removed.

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17 Kathleen Sargent spoke of going out to bid on the kilowatt portion of their electricity.
18 She will report back to the board.

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20 **Special Services Budget**

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22 Tina McCoy was on hand to answer questions. Mrs. McCoy distributed answers to the
23 questions which were generated at the 9/23/09 Pelham School Board Meeting.

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25 Tina McCoy spoke of contracted services for speech/language and school psychologist.
26 She noted contracting for such services costs more than hiring the staff. It was noted the
27 ESOL coordinator oversees both districts. Cindy Kyzer requested seeing a breakdown of
28 these numbers.

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30 **Preschool Budget**

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32 Linda Mahoney spoke of reducing the budget to \$431,649.85.

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34 Motion to approve the preschool budget for 2010-2011 for \$431,649.85 was made by
35 Linda Mahoney with a 2nd by Lorraine Dube. Approved 5-0.

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37 A significant savings was noted for the preschool program being separated from
38 Windham.

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40 Mrs. McCoy spoke of meeting the needs of some students through inclusion. She noted
41 the staff works hard to be creative to meet those needs.

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43 Motion to approve the district wide special education budget for 2010-2011 for
44 \$1,478,099.65 was made by Linda Mahoney with a 2nd by Lorraine Dube. 5-0.

1 **Pelham High School Budget**

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3 Principal Mohr was on hand to answer questions. She spoke of the mentoring program
4 this past year and how it helped with the new staff. She noted the turnover rate for new
5 hires was low.

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7 Linda Mahoney spoke of her concern that gymnastics was in the budget and felt it should
8 be removed as it is going to be self-funded. This line will be reduced by \$2800.

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10 Dr. Mohr noted there was no cost associated with the ice hockey and swim clubs.

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12 It was noted that sport team dues would reflect \$24.00 and not \$27.00.

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14 Mrs. Mahoney suggested level funding the regulation officials line which means a
15 reduction of \$8755. The new total for regulation officials would be \$49,920. Consensus
16 of the board was to make the line read \$53,500.

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18 Kathleen Sargent noted that two stipends for salary sports line did not print correctly.
19 Mrs. Mahoney spoke of her concern that the stipends in the teacher's contract do not
20 come close to what is presented. Kathleen Sargent stated this line should read salary/co-
21 curricular.

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23 The board discussed the pros and cons of having a pole vault pit. Dr. Mohr spoke of
24 revenues that could be had by holding state meets at the high school. It was noted that
25 concession stand revenues go to the Booster Club – noting that last year the Booster Club
26 funded \$14,000 in scholarships. Dr. Mohr will ask the Booster Club to support ½ of the
27 amount for the vault.

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29 Consensus of the board to support Dr. Mohr's recommendation of ½ of the cost of the
30 pole vault was approved. Voting was as follows: Cindy Kyzer – yes; Deb Ryan – yes;
31 Lorraine Dube – no; Linda Mahoney – no; Eleanor Burton – yes.

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33 Mrs. Mahoney spoke of her concern regarding overuse of school facilities during such a
34 meet.

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36 The resurfacing of the track was taken out of the high school budget and placed into the
37 district wide maintenance budget for next year.

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39 Linda Mahoney spoke of an article in the Tribune which states that Pelham High School
40 has as many sports teams as a much larger high school. There are 18 different sports
41 programs offered at PHS. Dr. Mohr noted this was typical of Class I team offerings.

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43 Dr. Mohr spoke of the pride students have in their high school and stated she sees team
44 shirts worn every day by students.

1 Motion to accept the Pelham High School Budget for 2010-2011 for \$4,787,182.92 was
2 made by Linda Mahoney with a 2nd by Cindy Kyzer. Approved 5-0.

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4 Motion to allow Kathleen Sargent to adjust amounts at all three schools to reflect removal
5 of phone differences with the addition of \$32,901 for the 3-year lease for the new phone
6 system be included in the overall operating budgets was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd
7 by Deb Ryan. Approved 5-0.

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9 Motion to accept the overall operating budget and allow Kathleen Sargent to adjust/add
10 what was adjusted tonight was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Lorraine Dube. 5-0.

11 **District Wide Budget**

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14 Kathleen Sargent noted the new SAU share would be \$647,874.00

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16 Linda Mahoney asked for justification regarding landscaping and irrigation costs of
17 \$106,500.

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19 Consensus of the board to change the amount for landscaping to \$96,000.

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21 Motion to approve the district wide budget 2010-2011 for \$8,694,460 was made by Linda
22 Mahoney with a 2nd by Cindy Kyzer. 5-0.

23 **Federal Funds Update**

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26 Kathleen Sargent noted there was an increase due to Title II IDEA with no tax impact.
27 Kathleen Sargent spoke of the grant for kindergarten which takes care of the lease
28 payment for the portable and non-consumables as being \$167,238.82.

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30 Kathleen Sargent noted the impact money will be gone in budget year 2010-2011.

31 **Food Service Budget**

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34 Motion to approve the food service budget for \$799,501.82 was made by Linda Mahoney
35 with a 2nd by Cindy Kyzer. Approved 5-0.

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37 Deb Ryan will request that the Budget Committee move the warrant article presentation
38 from the school board to the end of November. Kathleen Sargent will send a draft of the
39 warrant article to the school board for review prior to the next meeting.

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41 Roxanne Wilson noted the Technology Grant would have to be officially approved this
42 year in order to apply for Title II D Grant monies from the federal government.

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1 **Information/Correspondence**

2 Equipment List from food service was noted.
3 Letter from Plymouth State University – noted. Dr. Bass spoke of Dean of Mathematics,
4 David Gilcrest, at Pelham High School as being a crucial member of the task force’s
5 writing team.

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7 Mrs. Mahoney stressed the need for board approval on any items/equipment being sold
8 by the district.

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10 **Future Meetings**

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12 November 4, 2009 Business Meeting PES 7:00PM
13 November 18, 2009 Business/Workshop PES 7:00PM

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15 Motion to adjourn was made at 9:35pm by Linda Mahoney with a 2nd by Lorraine Dube.
16 Approved 5-0.

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19 Respectfully Submitted – Diane Figaro