

1
2
3
4
5
6

APPROVED
PELHAM SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION
PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
August 22, 2007

7 **School Board Members:** Bruce Couture, Eleanor Burton, Linda Mahoney
8 **Superintendent:** Dr. Frank Bass
9 **Asst. Superintendent:** Roxanne Wilson
10 **Business Administrator:** Kathleen Sargent

11
12 Chairman Bruce Couture called the public session of the Pelham School Board to order at
13 7:14 p.m. All those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

14
15 **Public Forum**

16
17 Bruce Couture announced the procedure to be followed by members of the public

18
19 Brenda Hobbs from PESPA (Pelham Educational Support Personnel Association)
20 addressed the School Board. She stated that hourly union rate for support staff was
21 \$11.42 hour. This was noted with regard to the intended hiring of three new playground
22 aids at Pelham Elementary School at the hourly rate of \$10.00.

23
24 **Gift**

25
26 Tim Monnet and Principal Mohr discussed the installation of a friendship bench in honor
27 of Pelham High School student Michelle Lemieux. It was noted the dedication of the
28 bench will occur on September 10, 2007.

29
30 Motion to accept gift of granite bench in honor of Michelle Lemieux was made by Linda
31 Mahoney with a 2nd by Eleanor Burton. Approved 3-0.

32
33 **Manifests and Consent Agenda**

34
35 Chairman Couture read aloud the Manifests. Speech/Language Pathologist teacher
36 nomination of Christine Kiss was announced.

37
38 Motion to accept Consent Agenda and Manifests was made by Linda Mahoney with a 2nd
39 by Eleanor Burton. Approved 3-0.

40
41 **Superintendent Remarks**

42
43 Dr. Bass remarked that he was looking forward to being in classrooms and meeting all
44 teachers. He spoke of the reinvigoration project for Pelham High School. Dr. Bass
45 presented a Certificate of Occupancy to Chairman Couture. He noted all egress issues
46 had been addressed and that at least \$100,000 was left over from the original budgeted

1 amount for such issues. This balance will remain for other life safety work if and when
2 needed. Dr. Bass further noted that both Marinace Architects and Pro Con worked
3 together on the egress project. Their cooperation saved the district this substantial
4 amount of money.

5
6 Dr. Bass noted the following dates with regard to the Special District Meeting:

7
8 8/27/07 – Preparation of Budget Committee

9 8/30/07 – Budget Committee presentation of proposed contract

10 9/25/07 – Deliberative Session

11 10/23/07 – Voting

12
13 **Pelham School Board Goals**

14
15 Linda Mahoney questioned the convening of a Community Involvement Committee. She
16 noted she felt the School board should be doing this and not a newly formed committee.
17 She questioned what their *Charge* would be.

18
19 Dr. Bass agreed that the Committee would need a directed purpose. He stated the
20 Committee would need to look at short and long term goals for facilities.

21
22 Eleanor Burton noted there was always a Committee from the community and that they
23 have to be involved.

24
25 **Other Business**

26
27 Business Administrator, Kathleen Sargent, noted Pennichuck recently presented the
28 district with over an \$182,000 refund for an error in meter reading at Pelham Elementary
29 School. She noted this refund will be used as a credit on future water bills. It was further
30 stated that Mr. Miller questioned the excessive water usage at the state level. Mrs.
31 Sargent will report back to the Board with a further update regarding the usage of a flow-
32 thru meter which will track water usage at the elementary school for one week.

33
34 Kathleen Sargent noted fuel bids came in and were awarded to Palmer Gas Company for
35 propane and Fred Fuller for oil.

36
37 **Fields/Grounds Update**

38
39 Dr. Bass stated they are working closely with the landscaping company and will continue
40 to do what is needed to have all fields ready.

41
42 Assistant Superintendent, Roxanne Wilson, reminded the Board that AYP (adequate
43 yearly progress) will be coming out on Tuesday, August 28th. She also reminded the
44 Board that if Pelham shows a need for improvement, they will come up with a plan of
45 action. Mrs. Wilson further stated that the Department of Education sets a target of
46 having student's 100% proficient by the year 2014.

1 **Board Members Reports**

2
3 Eleanor Burton questioned when the open house at the high school would be in order for
4 the community to view the egress repairs. Roxanne Wilson responded by stating
5 Principal Mohr is arranging this with student council. Eleanor Burton also stated she met
6 with professional development committee and everything sounded excellent.

7
8 Linda Mahoney noted freshman orientation will be held on August 23rd from 10:00-2:00.
9 Mrs. Mahoney requested that the PESPA hourly rate for support staff be verified.

10
11 Bruce Couture encouraged the community to watch the upcoming Budget Committee
12 meetings regarding the Special District Meeting which will be held on August 27th.

13
14 Motion to Adjourn the Public Session of the Pelham School Board Under RSA 91-
15 A:3II(b) at 8:11 pm was made by Linda Mahoney with a 2nd by Eleanor Burton.
16 Approved 3-0.

17
18 Respectfully Submitted – Diane Figaro