

**PELHAM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
PUBLIC SESSION  
JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2006  
Pelham Elementary School**

**Board members present:** Mr. Mike Conrad – Chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Burton, Mrs. Linda Mahoney, Mrs. Cindy Kyzer and Dr. Steven Tello  
**Superintendent:** Dr. Elaine Cutler  
**Business Administrator:** Mr. Brian Gallagher  
**Assistant Superintendent:** Roxanne Wilson

Chair Conrad called the board to public session at 7: 00p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Good News from Pelham Schools**

**Pelham Elementary School**

Dr. Tello announced Christina Williams, from Mr. Biron's 5th grade class, the winner of the Pelham Elementary School Geography Bee is. Christina has already completed the next step by taking the written test that determines the top 100 students in the State. Those 100-student's will compete with each other, and the State winner will proceed to the national Geographic Bee at the end of March. Good Luck, Christina!

**Pelham Memorial School**

Mrs. Kyzer announced the winner at Pelham Memorial School as Nicole Olson in Grade 7. Good job Nicole.

**Pelham High School**

Mr. Lebel announced Dr. Linda Fox, Dean of the English department has been selected Teacher of the year for New Hampshire. Dr. Fox will compete with other educators from around the country for National High School teacher of the Year. Congratulations Dr. Fox.

**Presentations of Policies/Reports by Superintendent and Staff**

**Pelham High School Mock Trial Team/Speaking Rubric**

Cynthia Evans presented a part of the continuing series of curriculum programs in Pelham High School. Amanda Bronson demonstrated the Dress Code trial, which she was a Texas Judge at the American Bar Association. Logan Zemetres gave his presentation to the board. Congratulations!

**Summer Enrichment Computer Classes**

Darlene Greenwood and Lisa Laroche of Pelham Elementary School submitted a Proposal for funding to continue offering a summer computer camp. The program was funded for the past 2 years by the PCM, and now that funding has ended. Cost was discussed and Mrs. Mahoney was concerned about using District funds and restricting number of students in classes. Parents should pay the fees for these classes. Chair Conrad commented on the lateness of this proposal –would of liked to have seen it before the budget. The board decided it should be offered as a fee based program. Darlene Greenwood will put a letter together to send to parents offering the computer camp program for two groups for 5 days for \$50.00. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the SAU. This proposal will be on the Agenda for February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Date: December 11, 2005  
Type: Regular Business Meeting  
Typo errors recorded, and a comment added.  
Motion to Accept by Mrs. Kyzer  
Seconded by Mr. Tello  
Approved 5-0

Date: January, 16<sup>th</sup>2006  
Type: Bond Meeting  
Motion to Accept by Mrs. Mahoney  
Seconded by Mrs. Burton  
Approved 5-0

**Vendor and Payroll Manifests to be signed**

A/P BATCH 21	\$344,445.41
P/R BATCH 31 & 32 deductions	\$206,556.96
P/R BATCH 31 & 32	\$295,436.54
<b>SAU MANIFESTS</b>	
P/R BATCH 16 deductions	\$9,614.85
P/R BATCH 16	\$13,772.97
P/R BATCH 11	\$20,616.09
P/P BATCH 15 deductions	\$15,204.95
P /R BATCH 15	\$13,772.95

Motion to accept the Manifests by Mr. Tello  
Seconded By Mrs. Mahoney  
Accepted 5-0

**Consent Agenda**

None

**Appointment Presentations by the Public**

None

**Other Business Items**

**Policy regarding Non-School Sponsored Clubs and Activities**

Revisions were made on 11/27/2005. Dr. Cutler shares her concerns on #5 displaying materials. The Board decided on a simple form being provided, specifying the exact location the materials must be displayed; a stamp with an authorizing signature will be purchased to stamp materials.

**# VI. A**

The Board had a discussion about how non-school sponsored funds are handled and if there were any legal issues. Dr. Cutler would like to see how other High Schools handle this subject. Policy will be submitted to legal counsel for review.

**Holiday Celebrations in School**

**The Pelham Elementary School**

- ❖ The Music Department presented a Winter Concert featuring the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band and the PES Chorus. A report was submitted by the principal, Alicia LaFrance, regarding varied school activities.

**Pelham Memorial School**

**Cathy Pinsonneault the principal of Pelham Memorial School submitted an agenda of activities held this Holiday Season. The Pelham Memorial staff was committed to providing students with curriculum-based lessons throughout the month of December.**

- ❖ Held annual fundraising drive for the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund.
- ❖ PMS participated in the Toys for Tots toy drive as a drop off location.
- ❖ Homerooms collected cans for donations and 3 pounds of chocolate was raffled off via main office, students purchased chances.
- ❖ The Ipod Shuffle raffle created a lot of excitement with the students. They had to earn raffle chances by spot homework checks made by the principal -six prizes were awarded.
- ❖ Eighth graders attended The Christmas Carol Concert, per their English curriculum.
- ❖ During the month of December the daily trivia were holiday related.
- ❖ On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the music department held their holiday concert, both instrumental and choral students performed to a packed house.

- ❖ On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, all classes were held using an abbreviated schedule. Every afternoon, each grade level watched a curriculum-based movie with refreshments provided by the teachers and students.

**The Winter Holidays at Pelham High School this past year, 2005.**

**PHS participated with community organizations in two donation drives.**

- ❖ Students participated in the food drive for the Pelham Food Pantry.
- ❖ Students donated toys with the Pelham Fire Department for the annual Toys –for –Tots collection.

**PHS supported two school-sponsored events.**

- ❖ On December 15<sup>th</sup> the music department hosted a Winter Concert.
- ❖ On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the advisory meeting was extended to allow the advisories to have a holiday turkey dinner and enjoy school wide social activities.

**Mrs. Mahoney provided a packet of Holiday information at a prior meeting.**

Mrs. Mahoney had great concerns over the school district’s observance of Christmas and the symbols associated with Christmas. At a previous meeting she provided information regarding the constitutional rights of school districts in celebrating seasonal holidays. She explained the tremendous cultural diversity that exists in the school she works at and how that school celebrated the holidays with symbols and references to Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanzaa.

**Deliberative Session**

School board members were assigned responsibilities for specific contents of the different warrants at Deliberative Session.

**Warrant Article # 2** (operating budget) -Budget Committee

Warrant Article # 3 Collective Bargaining -Mrs. Kyzer

Warrant Article # 4 Professionals architectural and engineering services to study a four-school model. Chair Conrad

Warrant Article # 5 to purchase and install two double relocatable classroom-building units. Chair Conrad

Warrant Article # 6 & 7 Special Education/Case Manager position to support students with disabilities. Mrs. Mahoney

Warrant Article # 8 A Half time Business teacher. Mr.Tello

Warrant Article # 8 B Art teacher. Mrs. Kyzer

Warrant Article # 8 C Math and Science teacher -Mrs. Mahoney

Warrant Article # 8 D Upgrade of Guidance teacher. Mrs. Burton

Warrant Article # 8 E Full time Athletic Director. Chair Conrad

Warrant Article # 8 F Full time Athletic Trainer. Mrs. Kyzer

Warrant Article # 9 A Classroom teacher. Mr. Tello

Warrant Article # 9 B Physical Education teacher. Chair Conrad

Warrant Article # 9 C Instructional Assistant Aide position. Mrs. Mahoney

Warrant Article # 10 Non Union employees. Mrs. Burton

Warrant Article # 11 A three years Technology Plan. Mr.Tello

Warrant Article # 12 to purchase new bleachers at PHS. Mrs. Kyzer

Warrant Article # 13 Roof repairs at PMS. Chair Conrad

Warrant Article # 14 Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for Emergencies. Chair Conrad

Warrant Article # 15 Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund to authorize the use/transfer balance. Chair Conrad

Warrant Article # 16 to purchase desks, bookcases chairs and file cabinets. Mrs. Burton

Warrant Article # 17 to continue to provide Child benefit services. Mrs. Mahoney

Warrant Article # 18 to allow for insertion of the SAU 28 budget as a separate warrant article. - Petitioners

Warrant Article # 19 for the construction, planning and engineering for a 50,000 square foot addition. - Petitioners

**Policy Review**

Chair Conrad thanked Mrs. Kyzer and Mrs. Burton for all the researching being put into the updating of the policies. Dr. Cutler explains the process of the policies; they need to be presented at two meetings and available for public comment. The goal is to have all policies on line. There are a total of 12 sections.

**Section C: General School Administrative**

Policy Review: First Reading

Second reading in February

**Section H: Negotiations**

Policy Review: First Reading

Second reading in February.

**Section L: Education Agency Relations**

Policy Review: First Reading

Second reading in February

**HB1241-Mandatory Kindergarten**

Mrs. Mahoney presented to the board a draft letter she put together to the NH House Education Committee.

Mrs. Mahoney informed the Board that she sent a letter to the committee, as a private citizen, regarding the proposed bill.

Mrs. Mahoney commented that the timing of this bill is not good for Pelham, suggested that the state provide scholarships for children that can't afford to pay for private kindergarten.

**Administrative Monthly Reports**

The December report was provided.

**Operating Budget Report**

The December report was provided.

**Additional Information**

Letter from Windham School Board was handed out.

Pelham High School reports to be filed in Master planning Book.

Reports handed out are reflective if other structural studies that must be accomplished before any addition is made to the high school.

Laidlaw publication

**E-mail from Ed Murdough, NHDOE**

The letter was distributed to the board.

**Information and proposals from the Board Members**

Mrs. Burton- has been working on the Policies.

Mr. Tello has been working with Executive Director of Salem Boys and Girls Club –Brainstorming.

Mrs. Mahoney and the Budget Committee have wrapped up this year's work.

Mrs. Kyzer discussed Articles, tri-council meeting, PTA forum on February 14<sup>th</sup> and Community Night on February 16.

These are great opportunities to talk with people Time is 6-8 p.m.

Chair Conrad in reflection of receiving a petition from over 60 Pelham employees will be seeking reelection.

**Future Meetings**

**Meeting Dates:**

February 8th, 2006	Deliberative Session
February 22, 2006	Pelham Business Meeting
March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Pelham Business Meeting
March 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Community Night

**Future Agendas**

Continued Master Planning for a four-school model

Communication Plan

Policy Review

**Motion to Adjourn by Chair Conrad at 9:02**

Motion to Accept by Mrs. Kyzer

Seconded by Mr. Tello

5-0

Respectfully submitted by Diane McAveaney

The Pelham School Board has not approved these minutes.