

1 APPROVED

2 **Pelham School Board**

3 **Business Meeting - Public Session**

4 **May 27, 2009**

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6 **School Board Members:** Eleanor Burton-Chair, Linda Mahoney,

7 Cindy Kyzer; Lorraine Dube; Deb Ryan

8 **Superintendent:** Dr. Frank Bass

9 **Assistant Superintendent:** Roxanne Wilson

10 **Business Administrator:** Kathleen Sargent

11 **Student Representative:** Courtney Perry

12 Chairman Burton called the public session to order at 7:05 pm. All those in attendance stood for the
13 pledge of allegiance.

14 **Consent Agenda**

15 Motion to approve the non public minutes of May 13, 2009 as amended was made by Linda Mahoney
16 with a 2nd by Lorraine Dube. Approved 4-0

17 Motion to approve the public minutes of May 13, 2009 as amended was made by Linda Mahoney with a
18 2nd by Lorraine Dube. Approved 4-0.

19 Manifests were read aloud.

20 Nominations of Ellen Somen; Holly doe; Dianne Jezek; Sandee Bisson; Elizabeth Bolduc were noted.

21 Motion to accept the Consent Agenda with nominations was made by Deb Ryan with a 2nd by Linda
22 Mahoney. Approved 4-0.

23 **Superintendent's Remarks**

24 Dr. Bass commented on the recent lockdown situation at Pelham High School. He noted his
25 appreciation to Administration; Police and most of all students during this situation.

26 Dr. Bass noted that more information would be coming before the Board over the next two meetings
27 with regard to stimulus monies that would be coming into the district.

28 Dr. Bass also noted that the recent Washington DC trip was an enormous success.

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1 **Facilities Presentation**

2 Sean Minuti, Chairman and Christine Marion presented their proposal for the district to the School
3 Board. They spoke of the current space and capacity issues at the high school. The noted they
4 extensively reviewed the data that was available to them as provided by the 2007 Marinace report;
5 analysis, educational specifications and 2002 Team Design report. They considered the impact on the
6 Pelham School District; met with elementary and middle school administrators and developed a detailed
7 list of potential solutions.

8 The Committees final recommendation was as follows: New high school on a new site (7 votes in favor;
9 0 votes against with 2 votes abstaining and 1 absentee). Further discussion included: renovating the
10 current high school to a middle school; building a new kindergarten building.

11 Their recommendation was to move forward now.

12 Deb Ryan thanked the committee members and requested having more information provided in a more
13 simplified version. She stressed that people should keep in mind that numbers presented will only go up
14 in the future.

15 Courtney Perry questions why there is a difference in state aid for kindergarten between Options #1 &
16 #2.

17 Lorraine Dube also thanked the members for their time and effort but felt they out to look at this
18 project as a self-funded project as she noted state aid could not be counted on right now. She would
19 like to look at different levels and designs with varying degrees of costs attached.

20 Chris Marion state that doing only moderate renovations to the high school would not address the
21 overall problems.

22 Rob Hardy noted that unfortunately, they did not have the funds available for detailed plan options.

23 Lorraine Dube would like to see increments and more options.

24 Deb Ryan stated she wants to determine the best needs of the district as a whole. She noted that if they
25 do it in increments it will cost more later. She felt they have no time to waste and encouraged people to
26 think long term.

27 Linda Mahoney spoke of the Board's responsibility to take the recommendations presented tonight
28 under advisement. She noted her appreciation to the committee and to Marinace for donating their
29 time to meet with them.

30 Eleanor Burton commented on the staff at the high school for caring about the children of Pelham and
31 giving them a great education.

32 RECESS

33 Open forum night at Shelburne Hall was noted for 6/25/09.

1 **Policies/Reports**

2 Policy DIA – Disaster Recovery was noted as a 2nd reading.

3 Policy DIH – Fraud Prevention and Fiscal Management was noted as a 2nd reading.

4 Motion to accept policy DIH was made by Linda Mahoney with a 2nd by Lorraine Dube. 4-0.

5 Motion to accept policy DIA was made by Deb Ryan with a 2nd by Linda Mahoney 4-0.

6 Monthly Reports were noted with kindergarten enrollment holding at 67.

7 Roxanne Wilson spoke of working with the High School, Memorial and Pelham Elementary Schools on
8 the plan that will be sent to the Department of Education soon.

9 **Board Member Reports**

10 Courtney Perry spoke of the senior class trip to Boston to see Blue Man Group; the National Honor
11 Society going to UNH for spring conference and the judging of the Memorial School talent show.

12 Linda Mahoney commended the staff, students and Pelham police during the high school lockdown. She
13 questioned how they would be proceeding with the landscaping contract and question if it was going
14 out to bid. She noted she would like to have the board consulted before going forward. Dr. Bass is
15 aware of the pesticides restraints.

16 Lorraine Dube noted she attended PMS council meeting. She noted a resident called with regard to
17 excess equipment. Dr. Bass stated they should probably go out to bid with items like that.

18 Linda Mahoney noted there is a policy regarding this.

19 Deb Ryan spoke of the high school social entrepreneurs having a cookout on Saturday June 6th. She also
20 attended the band and chorus concerts at Memorial School.

21 Eleanor Burton spoke of professional development; an upcoming high school concert; and graduations.

22 Linda Mahoney noted the School board had not made a decision about ending the 8th grade graduation.

23 **Future Meetings**

24 June 3, 2009 SAU Meeting SAU 7:00

25 June 10, 2009 Business Meeting PES 7:00

26 June 24, 2009 Workshop/Business PES 7:00

27 Respectfully submitted – Diane Figaro