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APPROVED
Pelham School Board
Business Meeting – Public Session
May 28, 2008
Pelham Elementary School

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School Board Members: Bruce Couture, Chairman; Linda Mahoney;
Cindy Kyzer; Eleanor Burton; Linda Koehler
Superintendent: Dr. Frank Bass
Assistant Superintendent: Roxanne Wilson
Student Representative: Scott Cloutier

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Chairman Couture called the public session to order at 7:19 p.m. All those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Forum

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None noted. Chairman Couture reminded the public about Public Forum.

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Good News

Linda Mahoney – Pelham Elementary School – PES finished a Reading Incentive Challenge for this year. Students read for approximately 20,000 hours. The winning classes are Mrs. Rotondi; Ms. Karwack; Mrs. Merrik; Mrs. Houlne and Mrs. Zube.

Eleanor Burton – Pelham Memorial School – 8th grade had a very successful trip to Washington DC. The spring music concert was held on May 20th to a large audience. The band and chorus are now on their way to the Music in the Parks competition at Six Flags on May 31st.

Linda Koehler – Pelham High School – Congratulations to first place winner Amanda Bronson and 2nd place winner Scott Cloutier. They competed in the 2008 Interview Contest sponsored by the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce and recognized at a scholarship dinner at Searles Castle.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve as written the non-public minutes of May 14, 2008 was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Linda Koehler. Approved 5-0.

Motion to approve as amended the public minutes of May 14, 2008 was made by Linda Mahoney with a 2nd by Cindy Kyzer. Approved 5-0.

1 **Manifests/Consent Agenda**

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3 Chairman Couture read aloud the manifests and spoke of the resignation of Leslie
4 Detellis. He stated it is with regret that the Board accepts her resignation.

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6 Motion to accept Consent Agenda was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by Linda
7 Mahoney. Approved 5-0.

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9 **Pelham School Board Meeting Calendar**

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11 The Board discussed the proposed calendar and noted the following changes:

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13 July, 2008 meeting date changes to the 16th and 30th
14 November, 2008 meeting date changes to the 12th and 19th
15 February, 2009, meeting date changes to the 4th and 18th
16 April, 2009, meeting date changes to the 8th and 22nd

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18 Members spoke of having Warrant Articles a little bit ahead of time this year.

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20 At this time, Chairman Couture spoke of the recent loss of a staff member at Pelham
21 High School, Peggy Colby. The members passed on their sincere condolences to the
22 family and the entire school community.

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24 **High School Student Handbook Update**

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26 Dr. Bass distributed a new section to the handbook regarding the revised grading system
27 at Pelham High School. He stated it is their goal to work in conjunction with the current
28 grading system. The grade of D is back next year and will be used as a way to provide a
29 system of warning to both students and parents. He stressed that this revised grading
30 system would be a slow process as the goal is to provide every child with the ability to
31 become proficient.

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33 Linda Mahoney read aloud a letter that addresses the above noted Handbook Update.

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35 **State Adequacy**

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37 Dr. Bass spoke of there being no change regarding grant monies to the school district -the
38 amount will remain the same as this year.

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40 **Transformer Service Costs and Options**

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42 It was noted that Business Administrator, Kathleen Sargent, examined and researched the
43 costs associated with relocating the transformer. It was noted that the cost would be
44 about \$92,000 to accomplish this. At this point in time, she feels there will not be enough
45 monies left in the budget to facilitate this endeavor. Dr. Bass suggested asking the
46 Budget Committee to release some revenues they received from Pennichuck water. It

1 was further noted that the Fire Chief is requesting this be removed from the building site.
2 The proposal will be presented to the Budget Committee by Dr. Bass.

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4 **Facilities Study Committee**

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6 The official title of the draft will be *Charge to Pelham School District Building*
7 *Committee*.

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9 Eleanor Burton noted at the last meeting, the Board came to a consensus of giving the
10 task of preparing said Charge to Dr. Bass.

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12 Linda Mahoney and Cindy Kyzer discussed some wording in the proposed draft which
13 refers to “space needs”. Mrs. Kyzer noted her concern with the wording being too
14 subjective. Mrs. Mahoney stated the Board knows what is not acceptable to the voters
15 and that they need to figure out how to meet the needs.

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17 Mrs. Mahoney stated she felt the Board already is aware of the space problems.

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19 Dr. Bass suggested taking part of the body of the letter that Mrs. Mahoney has suggested.
20 The wording noted was...*providing viable options to space needs*... Dr. Bass thought
21 this wording would make it clear and straightforward. He further noted the letter
22 requesting the formation of said committee be put on official stationary.

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24 Linda Mahoney read aloud the letter that will be available to residents with the date
25 change of June 15, 2008. (Letter will be posted at the public library; senior citizens
26 center and to all newspapers

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28 Motion to accept letter as presented and as read was made by Cindy Kyzer with a 2nd by
29 Linda Koehler. Approved 5-0.

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31 Section VIII of the Charge would add *and a secretary*. Letter (D) would be removed.

32 Section IX of the Charge would be removed.

33 Section X of the Charge would stipulate 13 members and added a School Board Member
34 be included in the Committee.

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36 Linda Koehler suggested a part of the Charge should be to review the information the
37 District already has available to them.

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39 Roxanne Wilson stressed that if the Committee will be requesting to look at other
40 buildings and not just the high school, that it will need to be clearly stated.

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42 Bruce Couture noted the article was written to just be looking at the high school.

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44 Dr. Bass noted it would be redrafted and sent to the Board for their review.
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1 **Superintendent Remarks**

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3 Dr. Bass spoke of the Pelham High School Prom and how successful it was. He stated he
4 heard nothing but rave reviews.

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6 Scott Cloutier stated the prom was well put together and planned this year and that the
7 music was great.

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9 Dr. Bass spoke of having lunch at PES with the Leadership Group. He stated he will be
10 giving a synopsis of what students had to say during the lunch.

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12 **Other Business Items**

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14 Dr. Bass stated that the Business Administrator feels they are close in the budget but that
15 she feels they will make it through to the end of the year.

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17 **Monthly Reports**

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19 The monthly budget report was noted

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21 **Information and Correspondence**

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23 Pelham School District CIP Submission – the letter to Bill Scanzani as Chairman of the
24 CIP, was distributed for the Board’s review.

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26 Linda Mahoney requested that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Board of
27 Selectman.

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29 NHSAA update on bills SB539 and SB530 – It was noted that funding would remain at
30 \$3,450 per student.

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32 Preschool Update – Dr. Bass updated members by stating they are looking at other
33 facilities in town to see what may be available. He would come to the next School Board
34 meeting to present short and long term goals and present what options may be available.
35 Dr. Bass stressed that the Board would have to look very carefully down the road with
36 regard to Kindergarten.

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38 Bruce Couture noted there would be a significant savings to the district if the preschool
39 program were housed at PES.

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41 Cindy Kyzer stated the public should know that there are space problems in Windham
42 and that they have asked Pelham to leave due to this issue.

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44 Maintenance and operation costs from Ed Murdough were noted.
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1 **Board Member Reports**

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3 *Eleanor Burton* – spoke of the Memorial Day parade and noted she was questioned as to
4 why the school bands do not participate. Also noted the flag at the High School needs
5 replacement. The school concerts were a great success and well attended. Regarding the
6 approval of a music teacher at PES, Mrs. Burton stated she thought a previous Warrant
7 Article on this issue stated the teacher will also need to provide music instruction at
8 Pelham Memorial School.

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10 Roxanne Wilson noted her concern about this, stating the Board will have to think about
11 this decision and have a discussion on the topic, as it would defeat the purpose of having
12 the teacher at PES.

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14 Dr. Bass noted he will look further into the wording of the Warrant Article.

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16 *Cindy Kyzer* – noted the concert and talent shows were great.

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18 *Linda Koehler* – attended the NHSBA presentation. She announced a custodian at PHS
19 was one of seven selected musicians to play at the Tweeter Center as an opening act for
20 Tim McGraw.

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22 *Linda Mahoney* – questioned if the slight time changes to PES and PMS that were
23 previously approved at the last meeting, were reflected in the new handbooks. Dr. Bass
24 made note to check this before they go to print. Mrs. Mahoney also noted the award
25 ceremony went really well.

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27 *Scott Cloutier* – thanked the School Board and stated his position as Student
28 Representative would be filled soon.

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30 *Bruce Couture* – Noted the President of PESPA requested, via a letter to him, a meeting
31 to go over the PESPA contract. He also wished the seniors good luck.

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33 **Future Meetings**

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35	June 10, 2008	SAU Meeting`	7:00 SAU office
36	June 11, 2008	Business Meeting	7:00 PES
37	June 18, 2008	Business/Workshop	7:00 PES
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41 Motion to adjourn under RSA 91-A: 3II at 8:25 p.m. was made by Linda Mahoney with a
42 2nd by Cindy Kyzer. 5-0

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45 Respectfully Submitted – Diane Figaro