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APPROVED
PELHAM SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION
PELHAM ELEMENTARY SCHHOL
November 28, 2007

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School Board Members: Linda Mahoney, Eleanor Burton, Michael Conrad
Cindy Kyzer
Superintendent: Dr. Frank Bass
Asst. Superintendent: Roxanne Wilson
Business Administrator: Kathleen Sargent

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Linda Mahoney called the public session to order at 7:12 p.m. All those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Approval of Minutes

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The following minutes were tabled to the next meeting: November 14th and 19th.

Board Buddies

Acting Chair, Linda Mahoney, introduced the Pelham High School Division Five football champions. Team Captains, Bruce Vierira and Max Roth addressed the School Board thanking them and the town for all their support throughout the season.

Linda Mahoney announced teacher nomination of Stephanie Fleet, Grade 5 at Pelham Elementary School.

Motion to accept Consent Agenda was made by Michael Conrad with a 2nd by Cindy Kyzer. Approved 4-0.

Announcement of Land Purchase

School Board members announced the purchase of approximately 43 acres of land (two parcels) for \$3million. They noted more information would be available in a week or so on the Pelham School District website.

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Bass spoke of attending a meeting of national honor society students tonight with Dr. Mohr. He stated this was a great salute to the students of Pelham. He also congratulated the high school football team.

1 **Marinace Architects Presentation**

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3 Frank Marinace noted the purpose of his presentation was to give an update on the
4 progress of the high school design. He stated he had met with high school administration
5 to make sure the program will fit the building. Mr. Marinace noted that presenting the
6 plan without an auditorium is not as simple as it sounds and some efficiencies will be
7 sacrificed.

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9 Town water supply was addressed. He noted Pennichuck and Marinace engineers had
10 spoken. He stated historic water bills from Pelham Elementary School had been
11 reviewed from the last 10 years. It was noted that both well and municipal water was
12 looked at. It was recommended to use municipal water for both flexibility and cost.

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14 The condition of the soil was discussed. It was noted that it was good for the project.
15 Soil tests were completed and reports would be made available before the next School
16 Board meeting. The soil tested 100% clean of containments.

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18 Versions of the project with and without an auditorium were presented. It was noted that
19 if the auditorium is approved, the most advantageous place for its location would be near
20 the main entrance.

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22 Michael Conrad questioned if the previously proposed budgeted amount stayed the same.
23 It was noted it had. Michael Conrad also asked the opinion of the architects with regard
24 to the recently purchased land site. Marinace responded by stating it is as good a site as
25 any they have seen in New Hampshire.

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27 The relationship between the kitchen and the auditorium was discussed.

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29 Eleanor Burton questioned the size of the kitchen. It was noted it would be about 3200sf.
30 The amount of kitchen equipment needed for a high school of that size was also
31 discussed.

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33 Linda Mahoney questioned if Windham Road would have to be widened and how it
34 would affect home setbacks. It was noted that the engineers would not encroach upon the
35 land but that a little bit more surveying would have to still be done.

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37 Linda Mahoney was questioning what the State Department of Education would accept as
38 being “useable acreage” whether from an appraiser or an engineer. Marinace responded
39 by stating it would be about 30 acres and that they are finding all program requirements
40 are being met without struggling for room for expansion for parking or fields.

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42 Roxanne Wilson questioned how many students would be in the cafeteria per lunch
43 period. It was noted the amount would be 350-400 students.

1 **Other Business Items**

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3 Pelham budget and bond hearing date is set for Tuesday, January 15, 2008

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5 Superintendent Bass updated the Board on the problem of fumes being emitted from
6 school buses while they wait at PES. He noted he discussed the situation with the bus
7 company and Principal LaFrance and that a solution had been arranged with St. Patrick's
8 School. He noted St. Patrick's students will begin their day 10 minutes early. This will
9 alleviate the situation at Pelham Elementary School. This will begin on January 2, 2008.

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11 **Monthly Budget Reports**

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13 Business Administrator, Kathleen Sargent noted there were not concerns at this time.

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15 **Future Meetings**

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17 December 12, 2007 Business Meeting 6:45 PES
18 December 19, 2007 Business/Workshop 6:45 PES
19 January 8, 2008 NH Primary
20 January 15, 2007 Bond and Budget Hearing.

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23 Motion to Adjourn the Public Session of the Pelham School Board Under RSA 91-
24 A:3II(b) at 8:28 pm was made by Michael Conrad with a 2nd by Eleanor Burton.
25 Approved 4-0.

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27 Respectfully Submitted – Diane Figaro