



**Pelham School Board Meeting Agenda**  
**February 3, 2021**  
**Sherburne Hall-7:00 PM**  
**Immediately following the Deliberative Session**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**I. PUBLIC SESSION**

**1. Opening/Call to Order**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Public Input/Comment - The Board encourages public participation. Our approach is based on Policy BEDH. This includes these guidelines:
  - i. Please stay within the allotted three minutes per person.
  - ii. Please give their name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented.
  - iii. We welcome comments on our school operations and programs. In public session, however, the Board will not hear personal complaints of school personnel nor complaints against any person connected with the school system.
  - iv. We appreciate that speakers will conduct themselves in a civil manner.
- d. Opening Remarks: Superintendent and Student Representative

**2. Presentations (If necessary)**

**3. Main Issues/Policy Update**

- a. Reconsideration of 3/21 Warrant (if necessary)
  - i. Explanation: If action is taken to change Article II regarding the operating budget at the deliberative session, the Board may choose to reconsider its recommendation.
  - ii. Materials:
    1. March 2021 Warrant

**4. Board Member Reports** – Committee reports, school activities and events, or other school related programs that board members have attended or participated in.

**5. Housekeeping**

- a. Adoption of Minutes
- b. Vendor and Payroll Manifests
- c. Correspondence & Information
- d. Enrollment Report
- e. Staffing Updates

## 6. Future Agenda Planning

### 7. Future Meetings:

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| a. 2/17/21 | Board Meeting 6:30 PM | PES |
| b. 3/3/21  | Board Meeting 6:30 PM | PES |

### 8. Non-Public Session\* (if necessary)

#### **\*Rules for a non-public session 91-A:3 Nonpublic Sessions.**

II. Only the following matters shall be considered or acted upon in nonpublic session:

- (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.
- (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.
- (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.
- (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.
- (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph.
- (f) Consideration of applications by the adult parole board under RSA 651-A.
- (g) Consideration of security-related issues bearing on the immediate safety of security personnel or inmates at the county or state correctional facilities by county correctional superintendents or the commissioner of the department of corrections, or their designees.
- (h) Consideration of applications by the business finance authority under RSA 162-A:7-10 and 162-A:13, where consideration of an application in public session would cause harm to the applicant or would inhibit full discussion of the application.
- (i) Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.
- (j) Consideration of confidential, commercial, or financial information that is exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV in an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to RSA 541 or RSA 541-A.
- (k) Consideration by a school board of entering into a student or pupil tuition contract authorized by RSA 194 or RSA 195-A, which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general public or the school district that is considering a contract, including any meeting between the school boards, or committees thereof, involved in the negotiations. A contract negotiated by a school board shall be made public prior to its consideration for approval by a school district, together with minutes of all meetings held in nonpublic session, any proposals or records related to the contract, and any proposal or records involving a school district that did not become a party to the contract, shall be made public. Approval of a contract by a school district shall occur only at a meeting open to the public at which, or after which, the public has had an opportunity to participate.
- (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

**2021 PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Pelham in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon district affairs:

**FIRST SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING (DELIBERATIVE)**

You are hereby notified that the first session of the annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Pelham will be held at Sherburne Hall, 6 Village Green, in said Pelham on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. for explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles number 1 through number 3. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended, and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

**SECOND SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING (OFFICIAL BALLOT VOTING)**

You are hereby notified that the second session of the annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Pelham will be held at Pelham High School gymnasium, 85 Marsh Road, in said Pelham on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 7:00 A.M. for the choice of School District Officers elected by official ballot, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on the official ballot, and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the first session on official ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The polls for the election of School District Officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 7:00 A.M. and will not close earlier than 8:00 P.M.

**ARTICLE 1**

To elect by ballot the following School District Officers:

School Board Member	3-Year Term
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## ARTICLE 2

Shall the Pelham School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-one million, Nine-hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$31,980,000) (gross budget) for the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of a major renovation and additions to the Pelham Memorial School and its associated buildings and grounds facilities, with not more than Thirty-one million, Nine-hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$31,980,000) to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bond and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend federal, state or other aid which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to take any and all action necessary in connection therewith or to pass any other vote relative thereto, including but not limited to, the acquisition or conveyance of interests and real property necessary to complete the project; and further to raise and appropriate the additional sum of Seven hundred ninety-nine thousand, five hundred dollars (\$799,500) for the first year's payment of interest on the bond? (3/5 ballot vote required)

*Recommended By the School Board*

*Recommended By the Budget Committee*

## ARTICLE 3

Shall the Pelham School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session of the annual school district meeting, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling thirty-five million, six hundred thirteen thousand, ninety-eight dollars (\$35,613,098)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be thirty-five million, two hundred thousand, six hundred twenty-eight dollars, (\$35,200,628), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pelham School District or by law; or the Pelham School Board may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (*Majority vote required*).

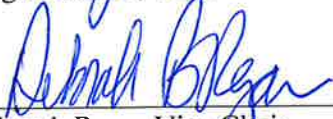
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GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID PELHAM THIS 6th DAY  
OF JANUARY 2021.



Megan Larson, Chair



Deborah Ryan, Vice Chair



G. David Wilkerson



Troy Bressette



Darlene Greenwood

**Pelham School Board**