

**Regular Meeting of the Pelham School Committee**  
**Thursday, February 6, 2014**  
**Community Room, Pelham Library**

**In Attendance:**

Debbie Gould, Chair	Maria Geryk, Superintendent
Emily Marriott	Lisa Desjarlais, Principal
Darius Modestow	Ron Bohonowicz, Facilities Director
Trevor Baptiste	Sean Mangano, Assistant Finance Director
<b>Absent:</b>	Debbie Westmoreland, Recorder
Dan Robb	Public

**A. Welcome and Call to Order 6:30 p.m.**

Ms. Gould called to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Modestow moved to accept the minutes of November 7, 2013 and January 9, 2014 with a minor correction to the January minutes. Mr. Baptiste seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

**B. Announcements and Public Comments 6:31 p.m.**

Bill Martel, Select Board, reminded the committee members who are up for reelection that they must take out papers in order for their name to appear on the ballot. He encouraged them to connect with the Town Clerk if they plan to run for reelection.

**C. Superintendent's Update 6:34 p.m.**

Ms. Geryk reminded the Committee that there will be an Internet Safety Information Session on Monday, February 10 from 7-8 p.m. in the ARHS library. It is open to students, families and community members. Ms. Desjarlais reported that State Education Secretary Matthew Malone visited Pelham School for a tour last week. He was very interested in the work being done in Pelham, particularly PBIS, Response to Intervention and safety planning. Ms. Geryk noted that Secretary Malone is interested in hosting a safety session in our area. Ms. Desjarlais reported that PVTA students performed "The Fairy's Mistake" for Pelham students this week, and it was very well received. She reported that the new Title I teacher has started and is working with students in grades K-2 on targeted reading intervention. In addition, report cards will be distributed on Monday.

**D. New and Continuing Business 6:44 p.m.**

**A. Second Quarter Budget Update**

***DOCUMENT: Pelham Elementary School FY14 Consolidated Operating Budget Second Quarter Report***

Mr. Mangano distributed and reviewed a report outlining the status of the FY14 budget at the end of the second quarter, noting that the budget is on track at this time. Mr. Baptiste asked which budget line would reflect dues to The Collaborative. Ms. Geryk clarified that the dues are \$431 for Pelham and are reflected in Support Services. Ms. Gould thanked Mr. Mangano for the report.

**B. FY15 Budget Public Hearing**

***DOCUMENT: FY15 Proposed Pelham Budget dated February 6, 2014***

Mr. Mangano addressed the questions that were posed by the School Committee at the last meeting when they reviewed the FY15 budget for the first time, including the question regarding the figure for special education salaries. Mr. Mangano noted that the proposed additions in FY15 have been moved into the budget, as requested at the last meeting. The additions were reflected in appropriations up to a 2% increase and the remainder was reflected in school choice. Discussion followed, with Mr. Mangano and Ms. Geryk answering clarifying questions. Ms. Gould thanked Mr. Mangano for the budget information.

**C. Revised Capital Plan**

***DOCUMENT: Departmental Capital Request Summary FY2012-2016***

Mr. Mangano distributed a revised capital request summary for 2012-2016, which includes moving the \$10,000 from FY16 to FY15 for parking lot upgrades as requested by Mr. Trickey. Ms. Gould noted that she has written a warrant for Town Meeting requesting that the courtyard repairs be funded from free cash, also as requested by Mr.

Trickey. Mr. Bohonowicz addressed a question that arose at the last meeting regarding energy management costs, reporting that the system is computer controlled from Central Office. Recurring costs revolve around hardware and software for the system and in making systems upgrades as necessary for efficiency or security. Mr. Bohonowicz reported that he is hopeful that he will be able to do upgrades to the outdoor lighting at Pelham through a reimbursement program from WMECO. Ms. Gould asked what the \$10,000 for security in FY16 is for. Mr. Bohonowicz said he needs to look at his records again; however, he believes it is to cover costs for the card-swipe system. He will email the School Committee with the firm answer after he reviews the records. After further discussion, Mr. Modestow moved to approve the capital plan of \$10,000 for FY15. Ms. Marriott seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

#### **D. School Choice Vote**

Mr. Modestow moved that Pelham continue as a school choice school and grant the Pelham Principal latitude to determine the number of slots per grade level. Mr. Baptiste seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

#### **School Committee Planning**

**7:43 p.m.**

**A. Calendar Review**—Next meeting will be on March 6. Ms. Gould asked that the CPR be added as an agenda item on March 6 and the budget vote will be at that agenda as well. Thursday, March 13 is the date the school budget is scheduled to be presented to the Finance Committee at 6:00 p.m.

#### **6. Adjournment**

**7:55 p.m.**

Ms. Marriott moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Modestow seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Westmoreland