



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District
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February 2, 2006
Minutes

Present: F. Rothhaus, L. Rothhaus, S. Barnes, J. Vaillancourt, S. Heinrich, C. Morrison and School Board liaison G. Markwell

Also Present: School Business Administrator M. Shevenell and Media Services Director P. Tinker.

S. Heinrich called the meeting to order at 7 PM. He stated the only item of business was discussion of the petition warrant article for technology upgrades at the high school. He asked M. Shevenell and P. Tinker to give an overview of what the article could include.

M. Shevenell and P. Tinker asked that the minutes reflect that they had been invited to speak with the Committee to provide information about technology needs and costs but were not advocating for or against the warrant article.

M. Shevenell told the Committee that there were 132 "Windows 98" computers that the Technology Committee would like to replace at the high school, estimated cost: \$875 per machine. He stated the original operating budget item had been for only 100 computers with an intention to replace the rest in the following budget year. In addition, the original budget request had included 30 laser jet printers, estimated cost \$200 per unit and the remaining \$24,000 of the budget was for presentation systems, digital cameras and digital camcorders. He noted when the School Board cut these funds from the budget and asked for them to be included in a warrant article, the Administration had decided to ask for all 132 computers.

Members discussed whether to petition for the all the technology items that had been cut or just the computers.

L. Rothhaus made a MOTION to petition for \$146,200. Second: S. Barnes. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

J. Vaillancourt and L. Rothhaus will work on getting the needed signatures. The deadline for submission of petitioned warrant articles to the School Board is February 14th at 4:30 PM. The article will then need to be presented to the Budget Committee on February 16th, to the School Board at a date to be determined, probably February 14th and at Deliberative Session on March 9th. J. Vaillancourt will be the main spokesperson, but she asked the other members to be available to help.

J. Vaillancourt made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: S. Barnes. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

S. Heinrich adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

