



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District
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Minutes
February 9, 2004

Present: All members. Note: F. Rothhaus left early

W. Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

PBC Annual Report

W. Morrison shared a draft Annual Report and asked for Committee input. Several changes were made. S. Heinrich made a motion to approve the report as revised. Second: C. Morrison. The motion passed unanimously.

Traffic & Parking Recommendations

W. Morrison told the Committee that members of the Administration would not be present at this meeting, but would attend the March 8th meeting. He had made a request for input from them regarding any traffic issues at their individual schools. He also indicated there had been no decision about which bussing option to use as well as what time the individual schools would be opening. He said the administration would be sending a survey to parents for their input; but he felt that the schedule and bussing plan that was option 2 would likely be proposed.

Members further discussed potential bus issues regarding turning lanes, and bus length. Members also suggested that possibly Stacey Keach might provide free consulting services to the Committee to help with traffic issues. (F. Rothhaus left during this discussion.)

It was noted that the PBC charge on traffic and parking asks for “reduction of traffic on Bishop Street.” Members felt that, if the only thing the Committee recommended was having a bus loop at the back of the Masticola Elementary School, this would reduce bus traffic on Bishop Street. While noting traffic bottlenecks at the opening and closing of school, members questioned whether the community would support any expenditures just to reduce traffic on Bishop Street.

Members also talked about recommending making no recommendations to change the current traffic pattern until it is seen how the new upper elementary school fits into the plan. However, one of the Committee goals in the past for traffic at the Masticola Complex was to get all bus traffic out of the circle at the schools’ main entrances.

Members agreed to wait for input from the school principals before proceeding further.

T. Koenig made a motion to adjourn. Second: S. Heinrich. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.