



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Minutes

March 23, 2009

Present: G. Perry, R. Hendricks, F. Rothhaus, L. Rothhaus, S Heinrich (by speaker phone)

Excused: J. Vliet

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM. He said the meeting of March 9, 2009 was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

R. Hendricks announced that S. Heinrich would be participating by speakerphone. He told the Committee that per RSA 91, once S. Heinrich was on the phone, roll-call votes were required for all votes taken. R Hendricks phoned S. Heinrich who told the Committee that he was on a bus in Boston, Massachusetts and that there were two other people on the bus with him.

Facilities Naming Requests

R. Hendricks announced that the sponsors and supporters of the two Facilities Naming Requests were present. He stated he would allow them to speak before the Committee voted on each request.

R. Hendricks explained to those present that the Committee had spent a lot of time developing the Facilities Naming Request naming application and the criteria by which it would approve such applications. He stated that the Committee had voted, to receive a recommendation, each application must receive a combined Committee average for each criteria in the matrix of 3 or better and a total of 17 or better. In addition, he said that the Committee's job was to make recommendations to the School Board, who would then have the final decision on each request.

Request to name "the Hot Top Area behind the Gym" at the James Mastricola Elementary School for Robert Kohler.

John Fabrizio, Principal of James Mastricola Elementary School (JMES) presented this request. He indicated the Parent Teacher group had raised funds that would be used to pay the costs of whatever type of memorial plaque was put up.

R. Hendricks stated that rules and regulations regarding what type of plaque were not something over which the Committee had authority.

Cheryl Jameson-White, a Special Education teacher at JMES and Marsha Kelly, a parent at JMES spoke in favor of this request.

R. Hendricks called for each member to announce their scores on the application rating matrix for this request.

	S. Heinrich	R. Hendricks	G. Perry	F. Rothhaus	L. Rothhaus	Total	Average
Service/Commitment/ Leadership	5	5	5	5	5	25	5
Impact on Furtherance of Education	4	4	4	5	5	22	4.5
Uniqueness of Request/"Over and Above"	4	4	5	5	5	23	4.6
Overall Record in MSD/Community	4	5	4	5	5	23	4.6
TOTALS	17	18	18	20	20	93	18.6

R. Hendricks announced that the this request had received sufficient scores to be recommended.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to recommend that the Hot-top area behind MES be named for Robert Kohler. Second: F. Rothhaus. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Request to name the Weight Room at Merrimack High School for Coach Walter Houseman.

Steven Krasinski, former Merrimack High School (MHS) student, presented this request. He indicated that he and a lot of others had been working on this request for over 2 years.

Lee Richards, former MHS coach; Paul Drone, current MHS Physical Education teacher; State Representative James O'Neil, former Superintendent of School, State Representative Tony Pellegrino all spoke in support of this request. They also indicated that a letter of support had been provided by MHS Principal K. Johnson.

L. Rothhaus told the Committee about her personal experiences working with Coach Houseman when she was an MHS teacher and coach.

R. Hendricks called for each member to announce their scores on the application rating matrix for this request.

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	S. Heinrich	R. Hendricks	G. Perry	F. Rothhaus	L. Rothhaus	Total	Average
Service/Commitment/ Leadership	4	5	5	5	5	24	4.8
Impact on Furtherance of Education	3	5	5	5	5	23	4.6
Uniqueness of Request/"Over and Above"	3	4	5	5	5	22	4.5
Overall Record in MSD/Community	3	5	5	5	5	23	4.6
TOTALS	13	19	20	20	20	92	18.4

R. Hendricks announced that the this request had received sufficient scores to be recommended.

L. Rothhaus made a MOTION to recommend that the MHS Weight Room be named for Coach Walter Houseman. Second: F. Rothhaus. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Mr. Krasinski thanked the Committee for their support and expressed extreme frustration at the length of time it took to implement a naming request policy and the amount of confusion surrounding making a naming request. However, he indicated that the formality of the process now in place makes the resulting approval even more special.

Members of the Committee told Mr. Krasinski that they appreciated his frustration but the Committee had taken the task of developing a Facilities Naming Request application and approval criteria seriously and wanted to ensure that only well-qualified candidates received the honor of having a facility or some portion of a facility named for them.

At this time, S. Heinrich hung up the telephone and left the meeting.

Annual Report

F. Rothhaus made a MOTION to approve the Annual Report for 2009 as proposed. Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Approval of Prior Minutes

G. Perry made a MOTION to approve the Minutes of February 9, 2009 as corrected. Second: R. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

School Board Charge re: Consolidation of SAU and SpEd Offices

R. Hendricks reported he had met with Superintendent Chiafery to request a Space Utilization

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Inventory for the upper elementary school and the Administrator's Questionnaire from her. In addition, he had learned that the basement of the SAU office had received considerable damage due to flooding. He said he felt that this new problem made doing something about the SAU office sooner rather than later even more important.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2009.

G. Perry made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich