



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District
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Minutes
July 9, 2007

Present: S. Barnes, S. Heinrich, R. Hendricks, G. Perry, F. Rothhaus, L. Rothhaus and School Board liaison J. Vaillancourt

Also Present: Superintendent M. Chiafery, Business Administrator M. Shevenell, SpEd Director D. St. Jean, and JMUES Principal M. McGill

S. Heinrich called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Tour of SAU and SpEd offices

M. Shevenell and D. St. Jean took the members on a tour of the SAU and SpEd offices.

The meeting resumed at 8:30 PM. Members agreed that these areas needed to be addressed sooner rather than later. Major areas of concern mentioned were safety, confidentiality, air quality and adequate space to function efficiently.

S. Barnes suggested that possibly the SpEd offices could move to JMUES and some people from the SAU office could be relocated into the SpEd building. M. McGill and D. St. Jean told the Committee that in order to do this, a large contiguous space that had direct outside access and which the JMUES students would not need to use on a regular basis was necessary. They suggested that there were also ADA considerations, and that doing something like this could be possible but only as a very short-term, temporary solution.

After discussion, members decided that the Committee needs to know more about current and future space needs and uses of the two offices. By consensus, it was decided that a questionnaire should be developed and sent to both departments asking for input on space issues. R. Hendricks offered to draft the questionnaire for approval at the next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

M. Shevenell suggested that architect Frank Marinace be invited to talk to the Committee about building space issues as well. He proposed inviting Mr. Marinace to a Committee meeting in August. M. Chiafery told the Committee that the School Board will be meeting on August 15th, which was scheduled as an "alternate/as needed" meeting date for Committee, so it was decided that the Committee would meet on either August 6th or August 22nd, whichever Mr. Marinace could attend.

In addition, the Committee will meet on July 23rd and on August 27th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Heinrich