



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District
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Minutes
July 26, 2004

Present: T. Koenig, C. Morrison, W. Morrison, J. Vaillancourt, F. Rothhaus and School Board liaison E. Coburn

Excused: S. Heinrich:

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

Report on Meeting with School Board

1. MES Parking - W. Morrison reported that discussion on this issue had included a possibility that the School Board will ask for paving bids for just MES back parking lot and for MES plus the additional high school parking lots. E. Coburn stated this will be discussed again at the August 2nd School Board, but the projects will not be put forward until next year.
2. MUES Playground – W. Morrison reported that the School Board had concerns about the closeness of the proposed playground to the street and to the parking lot. They had discussed the cost and height of chain link fence that would be needed. In addition, they had wondered about the area near the Smith Gym. This will also be discussed at the August 2nd meeting.
3. C.I.P. – W. Morrison reported that M. Shevenell had made the changes suggested by the Committee. E. Coburn reported that some School Board members felt that consolidation of the SAU offices could not wait until the MUES renovations were complete. E. Coburn also reported that a long-term study on demographics would be proposed to determine whether re-districting was necessary.

Proposed Changes to Administrative Rules on School Construction

Members reviewed the changes proposed by the Department of Education of their Administrative Rules on School Construction. They noted changes in

- ❖ Amount of parking required,
- ❖ “Maximums” allowed regarding
 - Size of projects
 - Land acquisition
 - Building aid requests
 - Class size
- ❖ Definitions of
 - Educational capacity
 - Educational space
 - Special Education space requirements

❖ School egress requirements

Members agreed to review and discuss the proposed rules at the August 9th meeting, possibly sending written comments to the Department of Education.

Transportation

J. Vaillancourt asked if the Committee could review the bussing plans for the upcoming year. A sub-committee of C. Morrison, E. Coburn and J. Vaillancourt was suggested. J. Vaillancourt asked if School Board permission was needed to do this review. C. Morrison told her the Committee does not need School Board permission to do anything; but the Committee does “charges” at School Board request. J. Vaillancourt stated she wanted to know how much it would cost to return to two bus runs and she wanted to offer that information to the School Board.

T. Koenig made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: J. Vaillancourt. MOTION PASSED. W. Morrison adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich