



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District
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Minutes
September 10, 2007

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

S. Heinrich called the meeting to order at 7:40PM.

SAU/SpEd Space Survey

J. Vaillancourt delivered the survey answers from the SpEd office staff. Members were asked to review these reports in conjunction with the reports from the SAU staff for discussion at a later meeting when Superintendent Chiafery has completed the Senior Staff Administrative report.

Meeting with Honeywell/Air Quality – Ventilation

Superintendent Chiafery has requested that the Committee consider meeting with representatives from Honeywell to discuss air quality/ventilation issues and proposed projects on September 24th. Members agreed.

C.I.P Update

J. Vaillancourt told the Committee that the C.I.P., recommended by the Committee, had been presented to the School Board.

1. **Combined SAU/SpEd Offices** J. Vaillancourt said it is likely the School Board will move the SAU/SpEd office to 2009-2010. She said the Board recognized the need, but felt that time was necessary to develop a complete plan for presentation. S. Barnes suggested the possibility of leasing some office space or finding alternative space within the District as a short-term solution. In addition, J. Vaillancourt told the Committee that the Town Council had “gifted” the land that has been suggested as a possible location for the combined SAU/SpEd building to the School District.

2. **Artificial Turf/Athletic Fields** J. Vaillancourt said the suggestion of laying artificial turf at the high school raised several concerns. L. Rothhaus and S. Barnes suggested the Committee (or the Board) needs to research data, which could quantify long-term benefits and savings. Items that could be included in such research could include current costs to maintain (mow, water, replace sod, paint lines plus staff time and equipment costs) as well as how many groups that want to use the field are turned away due to potential damage concerns. It was noted that MYA no longer pays rental fees for use of District fields and facilities. The possibility of reinstituting such fees and saving them for artificial turf was suggested.

3. Roofing J. Vaillancourt said that the roofing plan appeared to be agreeable to the Board. G. Perry suggested that the District talk with a roofing consultant about types of roofing and the costs or savings of each type.
4. Air Quality/Ventilation Renovations J. Vaillancourt said there were questions about the need for a study about ventilation/air quality issues. Members wanted to know what an additional study would accomplish that the report from Honeywell had not.

Committee members requested copies of the C.I.P. as approved by the School Board. J. Vaillancourt said she would facilitate this request.

S. Barnes made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich