



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District
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Minutes
October 27, 2003

Present: W. Morrison, C. Morrison, F. Rothhaus, S. Heinrich and K. Powell
Absent: T. Koenig

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM by W. Morrison.

Mastricola Renovation Report

The Committee continued discussion on the draft renovation report.

- ❖ C. Morrison felt the School Board needs a document to indicate all the renovations that should be done.
- ❖ W. Morrison stated that, if the School Board proposes renovations piecemeal, the overall cost of the total renovation project will go way up.
- ❖ Shirley Lemay has suggested that the asbestos removal is important. The asbestos in question is mainly in the hallways.
- ❖ F. Rothhaus suggested that the Committee prioritize the list and try to break the list into a few projects over the next few years.
- ❖ S. Heinrich raised the issued of spreading the cost of renovations over a 5 year period as opposed to the annual payments on a 10 year bond.
- ❖ It was suggested that the Committee propose doing both the asbestos removal and installing sprinklers as the number one priority.
 - Members discussed the actual safety hazard of no sprinklers versus the perception of hazard with no sprinklers in the Mastricola complex. Are sprinklers a “need to be done” or a “feel good” issue.
 - The issue of a toxic smoke, rather than actual building burning, was raised.
 - Members also discussed whether sprinklers would be required by the state and/or local fire officials.
 - There was a question whether town ordinances required sprinklers in any building the size of the current middle school.
- ❖ Door swings were discussed as a safety issue and potentially easy one to fix.
- ❖ ADA compliant faucets were discussed.
- ❖ Two exits from each room on the second floor was discussed. The Committee noted that both 242 and 249 do not have any way of adding a second exit. Members suggested that the Committee recommend that these rooms should not be used for classrooms.
- ❖ Members wondered if there were other things that Administrators might feel needed to be done immediately based on the new school organization model.
- ❖ Members also wondered if the projected population at the school will create any other renovation issues.

- ❖ Priorities for each proposed renovation were reviewed and the justification language was clarified.

The Committee planned to finalize the report at their next meeting on November 17th.

S. Heinrich made a motion to adjourn. Second: K. Powell. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,