



## PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District  
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Minutes  
November 22, 2004

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

Also Participating: Superintendent M. Chiafery and from NESDEC: Ray Raudonis and D.  
Kennedy

W. Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

### **Demographic Study**

W. Morrison turned the meeting over to M. Chiafery who introduced R. Raudonis and D. Kennedy. She indicated their purpose was to show the Committee the presentation that would be given to the School Board at its December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

D. Kennedy and R. Raudonis gave the Committee draft copies of their report, showed the Power Point presentation, and answered Committee questions. Committee members offered some suggestions to clarify several issues raised by the report: include Kindergarten in enrollment projections, list some educational trends, define some terms, and provide additional specific information on each elementary school.

D. Kennedy noted that birth rates should not drive the Merrimack School population projections as there has been a 50% turnover in housing in Merrimack in the last 10 years. He indicated that their future projections included predictions based on the current rate of building.

R. Raudonis did, however, note that currently housing prices in Merrimack require people to have a "six figure" income in order to afford a house.

The study concludes that the total school enrollment will gradually go down and then level off. In addition, both R. Raudonis and D. Kennedy suggested that fluid boundaries rather than total re-districting might be a better solution to school overcrowding issues.

The Committee took a short recess at 9:30 PM. The meeting resumed at 9:35 PM.

### **Transportation Report**

J. Vaillancourt made a MOTION to approve the Two Run Transportation Report. Second: S. Heinrich. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Members discussed procedures for presentation of the report to the School Board at their December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. S. Heinrich made a MOTION to submit the report in writing only. Second: C. Morrison. After discussion, the MOTION and the second were WITHDRAWN.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION that those members who wish to attend and discuss the report with the School Board should present the report to the School Board. Second: F. Rothhaus. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

### **Other**

W. Morrison reported that he had discussed the lower field access road with M. Shevenell. The Administration wants to re-construct the road. There is a possibility of a warrant article for \$50,000 for this work. There is also a possibility that the Committee will be asked to review the situation and make a recommendation. After discussion, the Committee consensus was to suggest the District hire an engineer to review the situation and that the Committee not be involved.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>. Members noted that this is the only scheduled Committee meeting in December and that a quorum is problematic because the Budget Committee is also scheduled to meet on that date. Members suggested that no meeting be held in December. W. Morrison will determine if a meeting is needed and if so, schedule one on an alternate date.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: C. Morrison. The MOTION PASSED on a unanimous vote. W. Morrison adjourned the meeting at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich