



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Minutes

November 23, 2009

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

Excused: D. Powell

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Approval of Prior Minutes

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of October 20, 2009. Second: F. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Announcements

R. Hendricks announced that he had attended a very nice ceremony dedicating the Hot Top Area behind Mastricola Elementary School to Bob Kohler on November 20th.

R. Swonger announced that the Legislature is considering changing eliminating or reducing school construction aid. He indicated that they might delay implementation of whatever change is approved until after 2010 School District Meetings due to projects that are being proposed at those meetings.

Combined SAU/SpEd Building

Members asked R. Hendricks to get clarification on whether building a building and renovating another would be considered as one total project or two separate projects.

4Member reports:

- R. Swonger has not yet received information on the cost of adding air conditioning just to the section of JMUES that the Committee is looking at as possible SpEd office space. He suggested that Frank Marinace might be able to give the Committee some “ballpark” figures for the rest of the renovations that would be needed at JMUES.
- G. Perry reported that the Committee had met with a realtor and discussed sites that might be available for purchase. He said the Committee had used the following as minimum criteria: lot size (big enough for 10,000 sq foot single story building and at least 63 parking spaces), proximity to schools, site development costs, proximity to utilities, on-going site maintenance, and location. He indicated that all sites reviewed did not meet one or more of the criteria and further, purchasing property would add to the cost of a building project.
- F. Rothhaus reported that the new Court house will have minimal, if any, impact traffic in the Town Hall/Mastricola complex.

- S. Heinrich reported that the District own five pieces of property that the Committee scored on the criteria that G. Perry had mentioned. The five pieces were land on Continental Boulevard across from TFS, the one acre site adjacent to the high school, the back of the middle school site, the Timmins site and the PTA Kindergarten. He stated the site with the best score was the one acre site adjacent to the high school.
- L. Rothhaus reported that a review of populations projections show that the population at JMUES remain static for the next few years before rising again.

G. Perry suggested that the Committee should also consider renovating the current SpEd building or possibly constructing an entire new building in that space. HE suggested the new building could house both SAU and SpEd offices and the SpEd offices could be relocated to JMUES either temporarily during the building or permanently if the new building housed only SAU offices. He indicated the current SAU building could be razed and that space could used to replace the current visitor/handicapped lot. Further, he suggested that the one acre lot adjacent to the high school could be used for parking.

R. Hendricks stated he would request a floor plan of JMUES to get an idea of what spaces might be available for SpEd offices, how the space might be utilized for SpEd offices and what renovations and other changes might be needed to accommodate them.

Next Meeting

R. Hendricks said he was putting the Facilities Naming Request for the Butterfly Garden at RFS on the agenda for the next meeting which is scheduled for December 14, 2009.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: G. Perry and L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.