



## PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Minutes

December 14, 2009

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

R. Swonger

Excused: D. Powell

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

### **Combined SAU/SpEd Building**

R. Hendricks told the Committee that he and G. Perry had attended the School Board meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> to update it on the Committee's work. He said they were well received.

R. Hendricks and F. Rothhaus told the Committee that the property with the partially constructed store-front (where Maddens was) has been auctioned and may be something the Committee should investigate. Members agreed more information would be appropriate.

R. Hendricks told the Committee that the Planning Board has not been very positive regarding putting the Combined SAU/SpEd office in the Capital Improvement Plan. F. Rothhaus made a MOTION that the Committee write a letter to the Planning Board explaining the work the Committee has done, and is doing, in reference to this project and further explaining the need for the project. Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

R. Hendricks shared a diagram of the "old wing" of the upper elementary school on which he had indicated possible usage of that wing for SpEd offices. He said that, according to the information given to the Committee, SpEd needs approximately 4,500 square feet, its own entrance and 28 parking spaces. He noted that the Committee would still need costs for HVAC and other upgrades.

Members discussed the need to update and review Space Utilization Inventories for each school. They agreed that the Committee needs to address

- why some type of building project is the best solution for a combined SAU/SpEd offices
- whether renovating space at the upper elementary school is more cost effective than including SpEd in a combined SAU office
- why the SpEd offices should be combined with SAU offices.

R. Swonger told the Committee that there is legislation pending to suspend state building aid. However, the legislation, as written, would fund projects approved by School District Meetings in Spring 2010.

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**Facilities Naming Request**

R. Hendricks gave each member a copy of the Facilities Naming Request for the Butterfly Garden at Reeds Ferry School and an Application Grid. He requested that each member review and rate the application so that the Committee could discuss and vote on it at its January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. .

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED unanimously, School Board liaison position: in favor. R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.