



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Minutes

January 11, 2010

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

Excused: S. Heinrich.

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:53 PM.

Approval of Prior Minutes

D. Powell made a MOTION to approve the minutes of October 26, 2009 with corrections.

Second: R. Hendricks. MOTION PASSED: 4 – 0 – 0.

D. Powell made a MOTION to approve the minutes of December 14, 2009 with corrections.

Second: R. Hendricks. MOTION PASSED 3 – 0 – 1. (D. Powell abstained.)

Annual Report

R. Hendricks suggested that a draft Annual Report be presented for approval at the next Committee meeting. He said the report would be fairly short and would focus mainly on the on-going Committee work on the combined SAU/SpEd building.

Letter to the Planning Board

R. Hendricks shared copies of the Planning Board minutes for the meeting at which the proposed School District Capital Improvement Plan was presented. He noted a concern for some of the either inaccurate or insulting comments and opinions that members of the Planning Board had made regarding the Committee and its work on the Combined SAU/SpEd building.

F. Rothhaus suggested that the Committee write and send a letter to the Planning Board addressing the situation.

R. Hendricks agreed to draft such a letter and send it to members so that it could be approved at the next Committee meeting.

Combined SAU/SpEd Building

R. Swonger reported that he had contacted M. Shevenell for information from Honeywell about addressing ventilation in the 6 classrooms of the old wing. Honeywell has suggested that it will cost \$326,000 for ventilation upgrades only in this area. This would not include any renovations or installation of air conditioning.

In addition, he reported that the Madden's land, which was supposed to become a Starbucks, had been auctioned. He said the new owners had contacted the Administration to see if the School District was interested in the site.

R. Swonger also said that he had gotten an estimate of construction costs for a one story, wood frame, 10,800 square foot building: \$1.3 million dollars or about \$125 per square foot. He also indicated that if one 7th grade cluster is cut at the middle school, there could be 4 classrooms of available space there as well.

G. Perry will follow up on costs on renovation costs versus building costs. He felt the Committee needs to compare the costs of renovating some space plus building, building a whole new space and finding enough space within the District that might be renovated for use by the SpEd and SAU offices.

Facility Naming Request

Members discussed the request to name the Butterfly Garden at Reeds Ferry Elementary School for Barbara Devore.

R. Hendricks asked for each member's scores on the application rating matrix:

	D. Powell	R. Hendricks	G. Perry	F. Rothhaus	L. Rothhaus	Total	Average
Service/Commitment/ Leadership	4	4	4	4	5	21	4.2
Impact on Furtherance of Education	4	4	4	4	5	21	4.2
Uniqueness of Request/"Over and Above"	4	4	3	4	4	19	3.8
Overall Record in MSD/Community	4	4	4	4	5	21	4.2
TOTALS	16	16	15	16	19	82	16.2

L Rothhaus left at this time. G. Perry made a MOTION to recommend to the School Board that the Butterfly Garden at Reeds Ferry be named for Barbara Devore. Second: F. Rothhaus. MOTON PASSED: 4 – 0 – 0.

Public Participation

There was no pubic participation

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on January 25, 2010.

G. Perry made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: D. Powell. MOTION PASSED unanimously. R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 9 PM.