



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Minutes

March 22, 2010

Present: D. Powell, S. Heinrich, R. Hendricks, G. Perry, F. Rothhaus and L. Rothhaus

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

Approval of Prior Minutes

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of March 23, 2009 as corrected. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 – 1 with D. Powell abstaining.

D. Powell made a MOTION to approve the minutes of January 11, 2010 as corrected. Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED 5 – 0 – 1 with S. Heinrich abstaining.

G. Perry made a MOTION to approve the minutes of January 25, 2010. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED 4 – 0 – 2 with L. Rothhaus and F. Rothhaus abstaining.

G. Perry made a MOTION to approve the minutes of March 8, 2010 with a clarification. Second: D. Powell. MOTION PASSED 4 – 0 – 2 with S. Heinrich and L. Rothhaus abstaining.

School Building Aid Update

R. Hendricks told the members that the Legislative Committee on School Building Aid has made a recommendation that School Building Aid be suspended for one year, starting in June. However, the recommendation does include a waiver for projects that proposed as the result of health and safety issues. R. Hendricks said the recommendation now goes to the Senate Fiscal Committee.

Members noted that conditions like mold, oil odor and poor emergency egress might be considered as health and safety issues which could qualify the project for a waiver, if building aid is suspended. R. Hendricks will contact Ed Murtough at the Department of Education to find out what types of issues would be considered as health and safety issues.

Combined SAU/SpEd Building

R. Hendricks asked the members to think about a timetable for presentation of a final report to the School Board as well as what format they wanted the report to be in.

By consensus, members agreed that they had to “put pen to paper” on all aspects of the original charge. In addition, members felt that the report needed to include pros and cons as well as costs of all the various suggestions, but that the Committee should make no actual recommendation.

Members noted that the Committee is more or less at a standstill until after the School District

elections. After that time, the Administration should be able to contract with someone for an architectural and engineering study. In addition, it will be known whether there will be four additional classrooms available for the Committee to consider when reviewing available space within existing facilities.

D. Powell offered to contact Business Administrator M. Shevenell to suggest

- Meeting as soon as possible with whomever the District hires with the A & E funds,
- Having an energy audit performed on the current SAU and SpEd buildings
- Looking into causes and solutions for the oil odor in the SpEd Building.

G. Perry reported he is still working on getting an estimate of office building construction costs.

R. Hendricks suggested that the Committee try to finish its report for September.

Other

R. Hendricks noted that all members, whose seats were up this spring, are running unopposed for re-election.

R. Hendricks asked members what the Committee's next project should be. Most members felt that parking at the high school still needs to be addressed, but agreed to wait until it is known if, and how, new SAU/SpEd offices would impact the high school campus before doing any work on this issue.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on April 12, 2010.

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

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.