



## PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Minutes  
April 12, 2010

Present: D. Powell, S. Heinrich, R. Hendricks, G. Perry, and School Board Liaison R. Swonger  
Excused: F. Rothhaus and L. Rothhaus

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

### **Announcements**

R. Hendricks announced that he had spoken with Town Planning Board chair, Nelson Disco about the letter the Committee had sent to him. He said the letter had been shared with the Planning Board, that the Committee will likely not get any response from the Planning Board and that Mr. Disco would love to help the Committee with the building project.

### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of September 14, 2009 as corrected.

Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED: 4 – 0 – 0.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of November 23, 2009 as corrected.

Second: R. Hendricks. MOTION PASSED 3 – 0 – 1 with D. Powell abstaining..

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of March 22, 2010 as corrected. Second:

D. Powell. MOTION PASSED 4 – 0 – 0.

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

D. Powell told the Committee that he had heard back from Business Administrator M. Shevenell about an energy audit of the SAU and SpEd buildings. M. Shevenell said that some energy upgrades were implemented in both buildings as part of the Honeywell project. While neither building has modern HVAC systems which provide “proper” air exchange and ventilation, currently the energy costs of the SAU office are about \$1.89 per square foot as compared to the middle school cost of \$1.70 per square foot. M. Shevenell felt that though a new building would cost less per square foot, it would be bigger and thus have more square feet.

G. Perry told the Committee he had received a really rough estimate for construction of a “steel” building (like the Care Plus building off DW Highway): \$8.50 - \$9.50 per square foot or under \$1 million dollars for 10,000 square feet.

R. Hendricks asked the Committee what other department/department heads that were planned for the new SAU office might be located in another facility. The only department the Committee could think of was I.T. – but concerns for air conditioning, security, and initial costs to relocate had members agreeing that, while possible, this was not really a good idea.

Members want cost estimates on the following:

- Renovations to JMUES should SpEd more there
  - Including relocating the current main office
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- New Building w/out SpEd offices
  - Where current SpEd office building is
  - Next to the Baseball field
- New Building w/ SpEd offices
  - Where current SpEd office building is
  - Next to the Baseball field
- Cost of site prep
  - Where current SpEd office building is
  - Next to the Baseball field

Discussion of the final report included:

- Finish by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Address all things requested in original charge plus
  - Other options raised by the Committee
  - Any additional empty classrooms in the District
- Include sections that are already completed and may be part of prior minutes
- Continue with the draft document that was presented to the Committee on October 26, 2009 and using guidelines agreed upon on September 28, 2009.
- Include a unanimous recommendation from the Committee as to which option the Committee believes is best.

R. Hendricks will contact M. Shevenell to see how soon after the election the Committee will have contact with an architectural and engineering firm to complete the work needed for this report.

### **Meeting Schedule**

By consensus, members agreed to a schedule of regular meetings, during the school year, on the second Monday of the month, with the fourth Monday as an alternate/as needed date. Summer meeting dates and locations will be determined after the election.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Participation**

There was none.

R. Hendricks reminded everyone to vote the next day and adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM.