



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE
Merrimack School District
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Minutes
July 26, 2010

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

Also Present: Business Administrator M. Shevenell and Architect Tybor Farcus

Members took an informal tour of the SpEd Building and the parking lot area starting at 7 PM.

At 8:02 PM, R. Hendricks called the meeting to order.

Report on feasibility of renovating space at JMUES for SpEd use

R. Hendricks told the Committee that he had toured JMUES with M. Shevenell and T. Farcus to review and discuss the feasibility of renovating the first floor wing, which faces Baboosic Lake Road, into space for the SpEd offices.

T. Farcus told the Committee he had developed a floor plan using a diagram that R. Hendricks shared with the Committee as a starting point. He noted concerns regarding building code issues, HVAC and water accessibility, general building and specific SpEd department access and security, suitability of the location and effect of the plan on the internal JMUES traffic patterns with regard to his proposed plan. His suggested cost for renovations was \$494,000. It was his opinion that while sufficient space was available in JMUES to accommodate the SpEd department, there were significant limitations to the plan.

Several members made suggestions such as relocating testing space to be on the “courtyard” side of the office space, relocating the entrance to the offices to allow JMUES access to the play area, putting a handicapped accessible bathroom in the SpEd space and installing sound-proofing and/or darker glass to the windows on the playground side of the building. In addition, members want to know how much it would cost to build an SAU/SpEd building as opposed to an SAU building but have SpEd in this renovated space.

Review space/office needs for SAU/SpEd building

T. Farcus shared a schematic for the SAU 29 office building plan. The cost of this 9,800 square foot space, which had a partial basement, was \$1,900,000 - which was high because of many amenities that the building contained and the cost included \$150,000 for site work – which he indicated was low due to other new building prep work that was being done in the area.

Though members liked the general layout and concept, they discussed the need for any construction proposal to be both frugal and utilitarian.

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T. Farcus went over the square footage chart for the Merrimack SAU/SpEd offices and the Committee made several revisions.

T. Farcus will re-do the floor plan proposal for JMUES and draft a floor plan for a combined SAU/SpEd office space based on the revised square foot usage chart for presentation at the next meeting. He said that things adjacencies (who or what needs to be next to who or what) would be discussed at the next meeting. He also said he would have building costs for the Committee to use for comparison and determining the best plan to propose.

R. Swonger reported that it is his understanding that, unless a school building is in danger of imminent collapse, there will be no new state aid available for any type of school construction.

The next meeting will be held on August 9th at 7:00PM.

G. Perry made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: D. Powell. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Heinrich