



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE
Merrimack School District
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Minutes
June 13, 2011

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

Excused: D. Powell

Also Present: Reeds Ferry Principal K. Yarlott and School Business Administrator M. Shevenell

At 7 PM, R. Hendricks indicated a work session would be held until L. Rothhaus and F. Rothhaus arrived/ He told the Committee that Reeds Ferry Principal K. Yarlott was present traffic and parking conditions at Reeds Ferry School at arrival and dismissal times.

Members viewed a power point presentation of pictures showing current conditions at the school and discussed several options to improve the conditions:

1. Route car traffic around the school with student drop off in the area near the gymnasium either at the back or front of the building. A concern was raised about the height and location of some basketball hoops.
2. Have only one drop off point for the 8 busses: at the school main office entrance.
3. Have only one drop off point for parents – using either the parking lot near the main office or the lot near the gymnasium. Members discussed issues of crossing traffic patterns, and busses having the right of way.
4. Have buses only enter/exit from the Church driveway.

K. Yarlott told the Committee that there are 85 parking spaces and she has 100 staff members. In addition, handicapped parking is not located near the front entrance and there is no visitor parking.

Members discussed options for additional parking spaces, noting the possible need for a wetlands abatement. The following were suggested:

- *Allow limited staff parking behind the school.
- *Reduce the paved play area between the All purpose room and the gymnasium by 1/3 and add additional parking there.
- *Add handicap and visitor parking in the circle, just outside the main office entrance.
- *Ban cars from the circle and from parking along the circle during drop-off and pick up times.

At 9 PM, L. Rothhaus and F. Rothhaus arrived and were given an overview of what had been discussed.

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Members also discussed the need for signs, consistent enforcement and possibly a police presence at the beginning of the school year. It was suggested that communication with, and cooperation from, the parents was essential.

M. Shevenell stated that the Lyons Road repaving project was currently on hold, but if the project was given the 'go-ahead,' he thought that some of additional parking spaces could be added at Reeds Ferry for a minimal cost. G. Markwell said if the cost was minimal he thought the School Board would see the necessity and approve the cost.

Members agreed to meet again on June 27th at a location to be announced.

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

R. Hendricks adjourned the work session at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich