



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE  
Merrimack School District  
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Minutes  
September 26, 2011

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

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

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of August 23, 2011 as corrected. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED: 4 – 0 – 2 with D. Powell and F. Rothhaus abstaining.

**Athletics Fields**

R. Hendricks told the Committee that the School Board would be presenting it with a formal charge related to athletic fields, including the track. He said that only work on the track had been included in the Capital Improvement Plan by the School Board.

Discussion included the following points:

- Identify and define “terms” such as astro-turf, field turf
- Include cost of installation, maintenance, as well as projected usage and life- expectancy in comparison of options.
- Possible usage fees to recover costs
- Mechanism to save for future needs.

**New SAU Offices**

R. Hendricks said that he has been given information that Sullivan Construction is interested in meeting with the Committee to discuss “green” construction of the new SAU offices. Members noted that the initial cost could be greater but want information about the benefits and payback period. R. Hendricks will suggest the Committee’s next meeting, October 24<sup>th</sup> for this meeting.

R. Hendricks said that the School Board has moved the new SAU building to 2013-14. He also suggested that the project to be called Central Office since many people do not understand the term “SAU.”

Several members suggested that the Committee consider a field trip to actually view both examples of steel buildings and other district’s superintendent’s offices. Members also had questions about how to get cost estimates on building options. R. Hendricks and G. Perry will contact Business Administrator Shevenell to work on getting more information.

F. Rothhaus brought up the possibility of using the current library for a Central Office building. Members explained to him the various issues that had been discussed at prior meetings which had resulted in the Committee vote that using the current library for this project was not a viable option at this time.

**Other**

Members discussed whether to request cable coverage of meetings. Discussion included the following points:

- The Committee is more of an “R & D”/advisory committee, rather than a “money”/decision committee.
- Meetings tend toward a casual working format, rather than a formal meeting structure.
- The public needs to learn more about the Committee.
- There is a difference between reading minutes and seeing a video of a meeting.
- Meeting location would have to be changed to accommodate taping.

D. Powell requested this issue be discussed at a future meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on October 24, 2010.

L. Rothhaus made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich