



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE  
Merrimack School District  
<http://www.merrimack.k12.nh.us/PBC/>

Minutes  
November 14, 2011

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

Also Present: Superintendent M. Chiafery, Business Administrator M. Shevenell and Thomas  
Sullivan, President of Sullivan Construction

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of October 24, 2011 as corrected. Second:  
R. Hendricks. MOTION PASSED: 3– 0 – 1. (L. Rothhaus abstained.)

**New Central Office**

R. Hendricks told the Committee that T. Sullivan had come to meet with the Committee and  
discuss “green” or “sustainable” building construction ideas and costs.

F. Rothhaus arrived during the discussion, which included the following:

- There are utility rebates for use of certain lights and HVAC systems.
- L.E.E.D. stands for Leadership Energy Environmental Design.
- Current construction costs average \$140-\$150 per square foot. Using LEED increases  
initial costs about \$20 per square foot.
- The payback period on LEED costs for lights and HVAC averages about 2 years.
- If using a pre-fab metal building, type of and how much insulation will be key issues.
- If using a wood frame building, outside maintenance costs will be a key issue.
- There may be grants available for LEED, geo-thermal and other “green” construction  
techniques.

**Next Meeting**

By consensus, members decided that there would be no meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> and the next  
meeting would be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Athletic Facilities**

R. Hendricks noted that getting a quorum for meetings in January has been problematic for the  
past few years, and reminded members that the Committee has a March deadline for the report  
on the Track and Fields.

D. Powell reported on his meeting with high school athletic director. He said that the  
maintenance department does weekly maintenance and lining of all fields; the high school soccer

teams use Reeds Ferry fields and that a different field surface might mean the fields are available earlier in the spring and later in the fall. G. Perry reported that research has shown there is no significant difference in the number of injuries with the various different types of turf. He said that injuries seem to be season dependent.

Members each selected an athletic complex to contact for more information:

Bedford High School – R. Hendricks  
Stellos Stadium/Nashua – G. Perry  
Governor’s Academy in MA – S. Heinrich  
Manchester West High School – D. Powell  
Exeter High School – F. & L. Rothhaus.

**Other**

Due to the lateness of the hour, R. Hendricks requested that discussion on whether to request taping of Committee meetings be tabled until the next meeting. He noted issues that need to be considered included:

- Need to move meeting location.
- The Committee is advisory only.
- Committee meetings are casual, working meetings.
- Committee members are elected.
- Video visibility might
  - Help the public appreciate the work the Committee.
  - Benefit the projects the Committee proposes.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: L Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich