



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE  
Merrimack School District  
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Minutes  
June 11, 2012

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

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve minutes of May 21, 2012. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED 4 – 0 – 1 with G. Perry abstaining.

F. Rothhaus offered to follow-up and try to get copies of the Track and Field study done a few years ago by a town committee that Tim Tenhave chaired.

**High School Issues**

R. Hendricks told the Committee that several members had raised concerns regarding the removal of plaques from the high school walls, specifically the Hall of Fame outside the gymnasium and the first Building Dedication in the foyer outside the Main Office. He said he had contacted Superintendent Chiafery about these plaques and had not heard back.

After discussion, G. Markwell offered to follow up with Superintendent Chiafery about the Building Dedication plaque. By consensus, members agreed that the people who were involved with the development of the Hall of Fame should contact Superintendent Chiafery or MHS Principal Johnson.

**Central Office Update**

R. Hendricks reported that he had spoken with School Board chair, Chris Ortega, about putting construction of a new Central Office on the April 2013 ballot. R. Hendricks said he is hoping for an urgent designation in the Capital Improvement Plan for this project and he plans to provide updated construction cost information at the School Board meeting on October 1, 2012. Members felt the Committee needs to verify and/or update the cost figures in the Sullivan proposal.

**Track and Field Update**

R. Hendricks said the School Board has requested that the Committee look into maintenance and installation costs for turf fields.

Discussion included the following:

- Need to have Maintenance Director Tousseau provide current maintenance costs for high school fields only.
- Cost figures for installation of a track seem to average between \$90,000 - \$130,000.
- Cost figures for installation of a turf field seem to average about \$1,000,000.
- Replacement cost of a field seems to average about 40% of the original cost.
- Doing the two projects together may be beneficial.
- The current track will need to be replaced within three years.
- R. Hendricks will call the Athletic Director of Salem High School for information about their track and fields.
- G. Perry will contact the Athletic Director in Laconia for information about their track and fields.
- S. Sheridan shared an in-depth report about the fields and track in Natick, Massachusetts that covered the same issues the Committee was discussing. She will email it to R. Hendricks.
- Members felt they needed to talk directly with a track and field “expert” to get more detailed information specifically about Merrimack’s track and field. R. Hendricks will work on facilitating this for a fall meeting.

#### **Other Business**

R. Hendricks shared a diagram of the Reeds Ferry parking lot and Lyons Road paving project that is slated to being shortly after school closes for the summer.

Members discussed working with Business Administrator Shevenell to update and revise the Space Utilization document so that school principals can be asked to provide 2012-2013 enrollment figures with the “first Monday” figures in the fall.

By consensus, members agreed not to meet during the summer unless something comes up. The next meeting was scheduled for August 27, 2012.

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

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich