



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE  
Merrimack School District  
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Minutes  
September 10, 2012

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

Excused: L. Rothhaus

Also Present: Field Turf representative Eric Hughes, Business Supervisor M. Shevenell and P. Heinrich.

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

**Field Presentation**

R. Hendricks introduced Eric Hughes who gave a presentation to the Committee about turf fields and answered questions from the members.

Discussion included the following points:

- Things to consider when comparing turf fields to natural grass fields include
  - Usage
  - Safety
  - Maintenance
  - Environmental Impact
  - Cost per use
- Many turf fields have a 10+ year life expectancy.
- Installation takes 2 – 3 weeks; replacement can be accomplished in 1 - 2 weeks.
- Field can be installed before or simultaneously with new track.
- Initial cost of new field would be \$7.50 - \$9 per square foot or \$850,000 - \$900,000.
- Cost would include the raking machine used for field maintenance.
- E. Hughes agreed to research how many high schools in New Hampshire have turf fields.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of June 11, 2012. Second: F. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 – 0.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of August 27, 2012 as corrected. Second: R. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED: 4 – 0 – 1 (S. Sheridan abstained.)

**Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.) Recommendations**

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to recommend the timeline and costs for Roofing projects in the proposed C.I.P. Second: R. Hendricks. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 – 0.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to recommend the timeline and costs for Asbestos Removal projects in the proposed C.I.P. Second: R. Hendricks. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 – 0.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to recommend the timeline and costs for Paving projects in the proposed C.I.P. Second: R. Hendricks. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 – 0.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to recommend the timeline and costs for MUES Drainage and Entrance Upgrade projects in the proposed C.I.P. Second: F. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 – 0.

After discussion about whether the Technology Infrastructure Plan was aggressive enough and whether the time schedule proposed should be reworked, S. Heinrich made a MOTION to recommend the Technology Infrastructure costs in the proposed C.I.P. Second: R. Hendricks. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 – 0.

After discussion about the length and costs of bonds, the safety concerns in the current Central Office and the need to replace these offices as opposed to the want to replace the current football field, though members did note the track needs to be replaced within three years, S. Heinrich made a MOTION to move the Central Office Replacement project to FY 2013-14. Second: F. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 – 0.

R. Hendricks made a MOTION to propose a new field and track project in FY 2015-16 with a proposed cost of \$1,000,000. Second: S. Heinrich. MOTION PASSED. Members agreed both projects should be done together or the field should be first.

### **Space Utilization Inventory**

P. Heinrich reported she is working with M. Shevenell to revise the Inventory document. M. Shevenell noted that he might be able to easily extract much of the information needed to update the document with this year's enrollment figures from Power School. In addition, M. Shevenell suggested that the District might ask NESDEC to review space usage and projected student populations at the upper elementary school.

### **Next Meeting**

R. Hendricks said the next meeting of the Committee will be September 24<sup>th</sup>, at which time, the Committee will finalize information on the Central Office project and the Track and Field Study that R. Hendricks will be reporting to the School Board when he meets with them in early October.

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

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich