



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Minutes
August 24, 2015

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

Excused: S. Sheridan

Also present: Superintendent M. Chiafery, Business Administrator M. Shevenell and P. Heinrich

Rich Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Committee Reorganization

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to table reorganization until September. Second: L. Rothhaus.
MOTION PASSED.

Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P)

M. Chiafery and M. Shevenell presented a proposed C.I.P. to the Committee.

M. Shevenell told the Committee that new to the plan, placed in 2016-17 and rated as urgent is replacement of the roof at the Middle School. Also new to the plan and in 2016-17 are window replacement at the high school and bleacher upgrade at the track, replacement of which is also in 2016-17. M. Shevenell said the Air ventilation system project at the high school replaces the 30 year old system and brings the system up to code. He indicated that the final asbestos removal project was moved to 2017-18 and the new SAU building was moved to 2020-21. He said the big project in 2017-18 was the MHS field upgrade. He indicated another new project in the plan was new bleachers at the Smith Gym in JMUES. He said there were roofing and technology projects in each year of the plan and paving projects spread over three years of the plan.

Discussion included the following:

- Will bonding multiple projects to be done in the same year save money?
- Will the projects be put in the operating budget as proposed in warrant articles?
- What is the School District bonded debt schedule?
- What projects might be slightly delayed?
- What projects “make sense” to be done together/in the same year?
- What are the benefits of the projected increased field utilization?
- Should Committee recommend what is “right for the District” rather than “politically correct?”
- With proper maintenance, district roofs usually last 5 – 15 years past the warranty period.
- If SAU and Special Services buildings truly are unsafe, how can they be put off for 5 years?

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to recommend moving the new SAU to 2017-18. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION To recommend moving the athletic field upgrade to 2018-19. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED: 4 – 1 – 0. (F. Rothhaus against.)

R. Hendricks made a MOTION to recommend the C.I.P. with the changes as discussed. Second: S. Heinrich. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Next Meeting

After discussion, by consensus, members agreed that the next Committee meeting would be September 14th at 7 PM.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: R. Hendricks. MOTION PASSED.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich