



## PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Minutes

March 8, 2010

Present: D. Powell, R. Hendricks, G. Perry, and F. Rothhaus

Excused: S. Heinrich , L. Rothhaus

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 8:45 PM. He announced that the February 8, 2010 meeting had been cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

### **Combined SAU/SpEd Building**

R. Hendricks told the members that the Legislature is considering reducing or eliminating building aid to School Districts. He said he had left a message for our state senator and was hoping to hear from her to get more information. He wanted members to consider if or how this would impact this building project.

R. Hendricks told the members about his recent tour of the current SpEd building, after which he met with D. St. Jean to discuss additional issues in that building. He noted there is a noticeable oil odor in the basement which may be the result of a small leak in the oil tank. He also indicated that there is no heat in the “conference/meeting” room off the kitchen and that the “waiting” area for parents and children is more or less blocking the building entrance.

D. Powell suggested that possibly the School District should have PSNH or some similar entity do a free energy audit to find areas in this building, such as the roof, windows, foundation seals, etc. that are not holding heat or air conditioning in the building.

Members discussed whether the oil odor in combination with the poor conditions in the SAU office could result in the project being considered an emergency and thus possibly still eligible for state funding. Members also wondered if the project could or would need to be bonded and what the percentage of votes a bond article has to receive in order to pass.

### **Other**

G. Perry suggested that the Committee might want to look at condition of and possible upgrades for the athletic field behind the high school. In addition, he brought up the need to look at parking at the high school.

R. Hendricks asked F. Rothhaus to research the status of the Town’s Committee on Fields.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on March 23, 2010.

R. Hendricks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.