



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE
Merrimack School District
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Minutes
May 23, 2011

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

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M. He introduced G. Markwell as the new School Board liaison to the Committee. G. Markwell told the Committee that he wanted the Committee to look at parking and traffic conditions at the Masticola complex.

Approval of Prior Minutes

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of May 2, 2011. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED with D. Powell abstaining.

By consensus, members agreed to change the regular meeting date in August from August 22nd to August 29th.

Athletic Fields Update

R. Hendricks reported that he had attended a School Board meeting at which Jim Taylor and Tim Tenhave had given a report on town-wide athletic fields. He said they had reported that due to intensity of use, there was a predicted need for five new athletic fields. Member discussed the cost of installation and upkeep (TCO: Total Cost of Ownership) as well as possible health risks between sod and artificial turf. L. Rothhaus reported that most Class L schools have artificial turf, and many different sports teams can use a given field during the same season by having different colored line markers to each different sport that uses the field. R. Hendricks asked G. Markwell to find out whether the School Board was interested in including Athletic Fields in the Capital Improvement Plan. G. Markwell stated he wanted Administration to pursue corporate sponsorships to reduce the cost of installing and maintaining athletic fields.

Reeds Ferry School Parking and Traffic Needs

R. Hendricks shared photographs for the traffic and parking situation at Reeds Ferry School during arrival time at school. He said there are several problems: two drop-off points for both buses and parents, parents parking along the circle or along Lyons Road and walking their children to either playground or to the school front door as well as a separate “van” drop-off area behind the main office, and the need to keep buses and cars separate. Members discussed possible options for changing the traffic patterns. Questions about the traffic problems at dismissal, the location of faculty and visitor parking, and the number of busses that serviced Reeds Ferry School. It was suggested that possibly the Reeds Ferry Principal and/or representatives from the bus company might attend the next Committee meeting.

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G. Perry made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: D. Powell

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich