



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE  
Merrimack School District  
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Minutes  
June 27, 2011

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

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

**Athletic Fields & Capital Improvement Plan**

R. Hendricks told the members that the possibility of putting athletic fields in the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.) was mentioned at a recent School Board meeting and that he expected that the Committee would be reviewing the C.I.P. proposal at an upcoming meeting.

**Reeds Ferry Parking & Traffic**

R. Hendricks summarized the various options to reduce and relieve traffic congestion at the school during drop-off and pick-up times and stated a need to reduce traffic back-up along Lyons Road.

G. Perry offered to look into the requirements for a wetlands abatement in order to increase the number of paved parking lots and parking spaces at the school as well as along Lyons Road. He felt additional paved parking might be needed in the long term.

**Current Library as new SAU Offices**

R. Hendricks told the Committee that he had been asked about the possibility of using the current library for the new SAU offices.

Discussion included the following points:

- A new library would need to be approved and then built before the current library was available.
- The current library does have sufficient square footage, parking spaces, and an elevator. However, some funds would be needed to renovate, re-purpose and/or re-configure the library space for SAU offices.
- The current library and land were part of a charitable trust donation and, as a result, the School District would have to buy the building at fair market value.
- In addition, by court ruling, if the building was sold, the proceeds would go to the Library Development Fund and could not be used to offset construction costs of a new library.

D. Powell made a MOTION that the Committee has discussed, and does not consider, using the current library as a viable option for new SAU office at this time. Second: S. Heinrich.  
MOTION PASSED unanimously.

**New SAU Cost Estimates**

G. Perry told the Committee that it would cost approximately \$11, 240 (\$20@ square foot) to build the steel shell for a new SAU building.

Members asked about getting estimates for a total cost to include design, exterior shell, interior structure, equipment and furnishings. G. Perry offered to continue researching the issue.

G. Markwell said he was interested in getting corporate sponsors to help decrease the total cost of the building to the taxpayer.

**Next Meeting**

Members agreed not to meet on July 11<sup>th</sup>. R. Hendricks stated there may be a need for a meeting before August 29<sup>th</sup> and will let members know date, time and location.

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

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich