



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

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

Excused: F. Rothhaus and D. Powell

Also Present: Superintendent M. Chiafery and Business Administrator M. Shevenell

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Capital Improvement Plan

M. Chiafery and M. Shevenell presented a draft Capital Improvement Plan to the Committee for Committee comment. Discussion included the following points:

- The high school bond will be paid off during the current fiscal year.
- Roofs
 - The plan as presented completes all upcoming roofing projects by FY 2017-18.
 - Bundling all the roof projects into a bond is not feasible due to time requirements about regarding the use of the funds.
 - A roofing project per year results in almost the same amount as a bond payment.
 - The current roofs being replaced have 10 year warranties. The new roofs will have 25 years warranties with a life expectancy of 30 years.
 - Two roofing projects are planned for FY 2012-13 to keep the total capital budget amount per year somewhat consistent.
 - Could the MHS roofing project proposed for FY2013-14 be switched with the MHS project proposed for FY 2014-14?
- Asbestos Removal
 - The plan as presented completely removes all known asbestos by FY 2016-17.
 - The remaining asbestos removal projects involve asbestos in classrooms.
- Paving
 - There are funds in the current operating budget for repair of Lyons Road. This project has been deferred and the funds can be encumbered. The project will include additional RFS parking as suggested by the Committee.
 - Repaving the “bowl” at the Masticola complex is purposely planned for the same year as the drainage work.
 - The district could/should consider some environmentally conscious options such as grinding and repurposing used pavement and using a more porous paving material.
- Athletic Fields
 - Resurfacing the high school track should be considered separately from athletic field renovations.

- There are different types of artificial turf, for example “field” turf and “astro” turf.
- Cost of installation, maintenance and multi-sport usage ability should be considered when comparing different types of turf.
- Should usage/rental fees be charged and put toward cost recovery?
- Technology
 - The district is part of a Cisco “buy-back” plan.
 - The district needs to update its WiFi infrastructure and wants to move from “Power School” to “X-2,” a more data driven program.
 - The district has started to virtualize and now has off-site data storage as the result of an ARA grant.
- Money to research and develop plans for MUES Entrance, Technology Upgrades and Track repair will be included in next year’s proposed operating budget.

L. Rothhaus made a MOTION to suggest that the Administration propose bonding the new SAU office in FY 2012-13 and doing only one asbestos removal project per year through FY 2017-18. Second: S. Heinrich. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

New SAU Offices

M. Chiafery told the Committee about a presentation about “green” construction given by Sullivan Construction that she had attended. She offered to facilitate having the program presented to the Committee and suggested this might be a corporate sponsorship opportunity. If it can be arranged, members agreed to meet and hear this presentation on September 26th.

G. Perry told the Committee that he had learned that the cost for building a steel building was \$20 per square foot. He said this figure included the exterior frame and insulation, but did not include interior construction and furnishings.

Approval of Prior Minutes

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of May 23, 2011. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of June 13, 2011. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of June 27, 2011. Second: R. Hendricks. MOTION PASSED 3 – 0 – 1 with L. Rothhaus abstaining.

L. Rothhaus made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: G. Perry.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich