



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE
Merrimack School District
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Minutes
March 14, 2011

Present: R. Hendricks, G. Perry, S. Heinrich, D. Powell

Excused: F. Rothhaus, L. Rothhaus

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Report on Deliberative Session

R. Hendricks told the Committee he thought the presentation at Deliberative Session went well. However, he felt the Board should present more information on why renovating space on the upper elementary school is not a recommended option.

Possible Correction to Report on SAU/SpEd Consolidation

R. Hendricks told the Committee he had been asked to clarify a possible discrepancy in the Board's Consolidation Report. He said that the Architect states the cost of renovations at JMUES would be \$509,000 and yet the Committee has publicly stated the cost would be over \$700,000. He suggested that the Committee might want to write a letter or addenda to its report clarifying this issue. He noted that Board minutes indicate that the energy upgrade would cost \$300,000 and that the report states the cost of renovations was \$509,000 plus "potential additional costs, an energy upgrade and installation of one way soundproofed windows, could bring the cost to over \$700,000." By consensus, members decided no letter or addenda was needed, but that future presentations should explain the cost estimates more clearly.

In addition, members noted that someone asked a question on the floor of Deliberative Session that was actually answered in the Committee's Report. "Building A New Facility: Combination Build – The Committee also considered the possibility of renovating space at JMUES to locate the Special Education Department there and building a new, but smaller SAU building. Mr. Farkus estimated the cost to include the Special Education Department in the new SAU building would be slightly less than the cost to renovate space at JMUES for it."

Cost Estimates for Steel Building

G. Perry told the Committee he is still working on getting price estimates and specifications for a steel building.

Cable Program on Warrant Article 5

R. Hendricks told the Committee he had been working on a plan for a brief video to be put on Channel 21 further explaining the need for a new SAU/SpEd office and spending more time explaining the Committee's research and recommendations as well as the rationale for establishing a Capital Reserve Fund to keep the final bond cost at or below \$1.8 million.

Members discussed the need for talking points, including additional slides in the power point presentation, and having School Board member Jennifer Thornton (who moved Article 5 at Deliberative Session) participate with some Committee members in a brief on camera discussion about the warrant article.

R. Hendricks will contact the cable office to schedule a definite filming time and notify members. Members hoped the program could be filmed the week of March 21st and start running the week of March 28th.

Next Meeting

R. Hendricks told the Committee that the last scheduled meetings are on March 28th and April 11th. He said that Committee membership would not be changing since both L. Rothhaus and F. Rothhaus were running for re-election unopposed. He told the Committee that the next thing the Committee will be working on is parking at Reeds Ferry School. Members suggested that the Principal of Reeds Ferry School be invited to discuss the current parking situation at the next Committee meeting. R. Hendricks will contact Superintendent Chiafery to facilitate such a meeting, offering either March 28th or April 11th as a meeting date and then he will notify members what date the next meeting would be held.

D. Powell made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: S. Heinrich. MOTION PASSED.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich