



## PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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### Minutes October 28, 2019

Present: L. Rothhaus, R. Hendricks, G. Perry, F. Rothhaus, and S. Sheridan

Excused: S. Heinrich

Also present: M. McLaughlin and T. Tousseau

R. Hendricks called the meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

#### **Report on Meeting with School Board**

R. Hendricks told the Committee that he had recently met with the School Board and presented some draft drawings for the high school complex, including a new smaller administration building. He said he was disappointed with the response he had received and that he had reiterated to the Board that the Committee makes recommendations, not decisions.

#### **Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.)**

M. McLaughlin and T. Tousseau presented a draft C.I.P. for Committee review and recommendations.

T. Tousseau told the Committee that roof projects have been moved out and that the District is no longer seeing yearly roof failures. He also told the Committee that window replacement costs have gone up since some of the older outside windows, which the District is gradually replacing, have asbestos caulk.

Discussion included the following

##### Turf field

- Members noted that prior C.I.P.s had included a turf field but it was not part of the current proposal.
- Members suggested it be put in 2022-2023 and that it might be included as part of a master redesign of the high school.
- Members also suggested that the Athletic Director should be part of the discussions about plans for a new field.
- Members felt that the School Board needs to figure out how to accept and use on-going private donations for such a field. It was suggested that the Committee might want to sponsor a warrant article to establish a fund to accept donations.

##### New Administrative Building

Members discussed whether red building demolition should be part of next year's budget,

added to the proposal for a new administrative building or funded with surplus funds from the current budget.

Other Projects

Members discussed leveling the total yearly C.I.P. costs as well as the need to do certain projects together. In addition, grant and donation possibilities were raised.

L. Rothhaus made a MOTION to add a turf field to 2020-2023 and move the Smith Gym bleacher replacement to 2020-2021. Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

M. McLaughlin asked the Committee how he should proceed. Members explained that the Committee makes recommendations: M. McLaughlin could change the C.I.P if he agreed with the Committee recommendations; he could leave the C.I.P. as it and tell the School Board about the Committee recommendations or not.

R. Hendricks thanked M. McLaughlin and T. Tousseau for asking for Committee input on the C.I.P. and participating in Committee discussions.

Next Meeting

R. Hendricks polled members regarding availability and set November 25<sup>th</sup> as the next meeting.

L. Rothhaus made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: S. Sheridan. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich