



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Minutes

November 13, 2018

Present: R. Hendricks, G. Perry, F. Rothhaus, S. Heinrich, S. Sheridan (arrived late), L. Rothhaus (arrived late), and School Board liaison A. Schneider

Also present: M. Shevenell, Marge Chiafery, and Tom Tousseau

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

Approval of Minutes

F. Rothhaus made a motion, seconded by G. Perry, to approve the minutes of the meeting on June 11, 2018. MOTION passed 3 – 0 – 1. (S. Heinrich abstained.)

Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.)

R. Hendricks told the Committee that M. Shevenell, M. Chiafery and T. Tousseau were in attendance to share and answer questions about the proposed C.I.P.

M. Shevenell told the Committee that there are roofing projects planned yearly until FY 2024-2025 and after that, there should be a period of time when all roofs would be under warranty. He suggested that might be a good time to resume making annual deposits from surplus into the Roof Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.

A. Schneider requested that the Committee and the School Board be provided with a copy of the latest update on the District's bonded debt.

M. Shevenell told the Committee that the District has had good luck partnering with the Town for paving projects. He said the paving project planned for 2019-2020 will include fixing the drainage problem in the Masticola complex. He also indicated that the proposed widening of the Everett Turnpike may impact the high school parking lots near the highway.

M. Chiafery told the Committee that the District has received an engineering report that the Brentwood School cannot be used at this time.

A. Schneider told the Committee that the School Board intends to put a warrant article on the April 2020 ballot dealing with the Brentwood property. He said the School Board will be issuing a charge to the Committee to review, update and get a current price at all options for a new SAU/SpEd building.

T. Tousseau told the Committee that Honeywell has indicated there are no back-ups in place for several school boilers. He said the C.I.P. includes funding in three different years to address this

issue.

T. Tousseau told the Committee that Homeland Security had surveyed all School District buildings. The windows in the high school “E” wing have lost their seals. They are slated for replacement in FY 2021-22.

M. Shevenell told the Committee that an annual amount is proposed for Technology in the C.I.P. but after FY 2021-22, this amount will become part of the operating budget.

M. Chiafery told the Committee that in recent weeks, several parents have approached the School Board regarding School District practice busses and fields for various athletic teams

Brentwood purchase

A. Schneider gave an update of the status of the Brentwood property. He said the warrant article to purchase the property had passed and the District takes ownership of the site on July 17th.

M. Shevenell told the Committee that Team Engineering had completed an assessment of the current state of the building and their report is now available on the District Website. He said they found there are no liens on the building; there is a buried propane tank; there is some asbestos under the basement tiles which is sealed; while the foundation is in good shape, the slabs under some portions of the building need to be replaced; and the potential cost to bring building into current code – doing no renovations – would be \$500,000.

Members discussed use of building as is, potential renovations with and without gutting the building and levelling the building to build anew. Members felt a tour of the site was warranted.

M. Shevenell will try to arrange a tour for members on July 9th at a time between 5 – 7 PM. Members will be contacted with a definite date and time.

F. Rothhaus and L. Rothhaus left the meeting at 9:04 PM.

Before adjourning the meeting, R. Hendricks told the members that he would contract the School Board chair to discuss status of past charges given to the Committee by the School Board.

Sincerely,

Pat Heinrich