

Saugus School Building Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes
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Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2004

Location: Town Hall Conference Room, 298 Central St., Saugus, MA

Meeting convened: 7:33 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 9:02 p.m.

All nine members of the SSBAC, Chairman Roger Sacilotto, Steve Agganis, William Bean, Edward Carlson, Wendy Carpenito, Christopher Luongo, Brian Mirasolo, Kevin Nigro, and Louis Rossi, were present for the meeting.

- Chairman Sacilotto started the meeting by passing out a copy of the “Updated Feasibility Study for the Saugus Public Schools” to each member.
- Chairman Sacilotto then began discussing the objectives of the SSBAC and read from Article 26 of the Saugus Annual Town Meeting of 2004. Article 26 is responsible for the creation of the SSBAC. “The committee’s charge will be to evaluate school building conditions, predict building life expectancies and develop options for responding to deficiencies. These options will be analyzed in the course of developing a range of estimated costs, leading to the determination of financial needs. Finally the committee will develop a strategic plan to finance building projects...The final report will be approved by a majority vote of the committee and presented to the Town Meeting in 2005 (Article 26).”
- Members of the SSBAC engaged in open discussion for the remainder of the meeting. Issues discussed included prioritizing which schools need help the most, whether renovating or rebuilding schools, or a combination of both would be in the town’s best interest, the committee’s necessity to craft a number of plans and explore and exhaust every option available, how other towns have gone about solving their school building problems, the current and potential future financial conditions in Saugus, possible finance options, and the new SBA legislation recently passed in the Massachusetts legislature.
- Before adjourning the SSBAC agreed to next meet on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.