

Saugus Board of Selectmen & Saugus School Committee
June 19, 2012

A joint meeting of the Saugus Board of Selectmen and Saugus School Committee was held on June 19, 2012 at 7:00PM in the School Committee Meeting Room, 23 Main Street and Present: Selectmen Stephen Castinetti, Stephen Horlick, Debra Panetta and the Chairman Michael Serino; and School Committee Members Frederick Doucette, Arthur Grabowski, Joseph Malone, Corinne Riley and the Chairman Wendy Reed.

Also present: Superintendent Richard Langlois, SHS Principal Joseph Diorio and Frank Woods Science Coordinator, Alan Minkus of Strategic Building Solutions and Edward Frenette of Symmes, Maini & McKee Associates. (Mr. Malone arrived at 7:13PM.)

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 7:03PM and said Selectman Mitchell was unable to attend due to another commitment and the Town Manager was attending the Finance Committee Meeting. Ms. Reed explained the Town of Saugus has been invited into MSBA feasibility study for science lab renovation at Saugus High School and this meeting was scheduled due to the time sensitive nature.

Superintendent Richard Langlois said MSBA appointed an Owner's Project Manager and Designer for the project and introduced Alan Minkus of Strategic Building Solutions and Edward Frenette of Symmes, Maini & McKee Associates. The Superintendent explained plan to renovate and relocate 9 science labs.

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Ms. Reed asked time line. Mr. Minkus explained the need for signed contract with OPM and designer and said MSBA has capped cost and estimated feasibility study at \$250,000 and contracts must be submitted by the end of the week and then a three month process. Ms. Reed said only Town Meeting can appropriate money and that can't be done in a week.

Mr. Serino said according to the agreement if approved, we can't touch the building for 10 years. Mr. Minkis explained the Town would still be eligible for other grants for other type projects. Mr. Serino asked reimbursement percentage. The Superintendent said not less than 53%.

Mr. Grabowski said if the Town decided to build a new school we would not be able to. Ms. Panetta said everyone wants a new school and asked if it could be possible. Mr. Minkis said it could be built as an addition to the WD Wing. Mr. Grabowski said MSBA has \$60m and asked if they are looking at \$6m project. Mr. Frenette said between \$4-\$6m. Mr. Grabowski said Saugus is going through a renovation project and have hit some stumbling blocks and asked if the OPM views any of the proposed work as non-reimbursable by MSBA. Mr. Frenette said nothing stands out. Mr. Grabowski asked about asbestos tiles. Mr. Minkis said abatement is not reimbursable, but they will cover windows or roof. Mr. Grabowski asked about lab equipment. Mr. Woods said furniture and fixtures are included and said equipment wise, they are in good shape and would be minimal.

Mr. Serino said he has no problem going to Town Meeting for \$250,000 for feasibility study and said he is not sure if there will be an appetite for funding. Ms. Reed agreed and said it would be a shame to lose this opportunity. Ms. Riley noted the reimbursement rate has changed from 67% for Vets School to 53% now and warned it may drop lower in the future. Ms. Panetta agreed with Chairman Serino that this should go to Town Meeting. Mr. Horlick said he will support submitting an Article and thinks Town Meeting needs a detailed report. Mr. Castinetti agreed. Ms. Panetta said they should do a whole presentation.

Mr. Woods explained the labs were cited in the NEASC accreditation report and said the curriculum was fine, it was the implementation of the curriculum that was a problem and described the conditions. Mr. Castinetti said if it is unsafe asked how they use them now. Mr. Woods said the gas has been shut off and teachers do demonstrations rather than hands on. Mr. Diorio said wiring is also a problem. Mr. Castinetti said Mr. Doucette did a rough calculation and said it would cost an estimated \$7 - \$8 per household each year.

Donna McNeil said this is a great opportunity. Ms. Riley said her daughter will be in the STEM Academy next year and would love to see an updated facility for all the kids.

Mr. Serino said he will put it on the agenda for Tuesday Board Meeting to call a Special. Mr. Serino moved Ms. Reed seconded and it was unanimously
VOTED: to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.