

**May 30 2017**  
**Special Town Meeting Minutes**

Town Moderator, Stephen Doherty, called the session of 2017 Special Town Meeting to order on May 30, 2017 at 7:32p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA with 46 members, plus the moderator present. A quorum is met.

Joyce Rodenhiser from Precinct 1 and Peter Rossetti, Jr. from Precinct 2 were appointed and sworn in as tellers at 7:32 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance at 7:33 p.m.

Town Clerk, Ellen Schena, called the roll.

Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Pct	Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Pct	Town Meeting Member name	Present/ Absent	Pct
ALLEN, P	A	3	ATTUBATO, J	P	6	BARTOLO, J.	P	6
BRAZIS, K	A	5	BROWN, W.	P	6	CANTERBURY, M.	P	6
CHRISTOPHER, R	P	6	CICOLINI, J.	P	8	COBURN, J.	P	10
CONNORS, A.	P	3	COSTELLO, M.	P	10	COSTIN, J.B.	P	7
COTTAM, J.	P	9	DECAREAU, E.	P	8	DEVLIN, F.A.	P	1
DINARDO, A.	P	4	DIVIRGILIO, A.	P	10	DOHERTY, S.	P	4
FALASCA, T.	P	2	FINN, C.	P	9	FOWLER, J	P	8
GOODWIN, P.	P	5	GROARK, L.	P	5	HORLICK, S.	P	8
JONES, C.	P	1	KELLY, D.	P	9	LEUCI, W.	P	4
LOPRESTI, A.	P	8	MCCABE, K.	P	2	MCCARTHY, S.	P	7
MCLAUGHLIN, P.	P	4	MCTAGUE, J.	P	9	MORESCHI, C.	P	2
MURPHY, S.	P	3	PAOLINI, M.	P	7	POLITANO, K.	P	7
PRIZIO, P	P	7	RAFTERY, S.	P	1	RING, D.	A	10
RODENHISER, J.	P	1	ROSSETTI, P.	P	2	SERINO, M.	P	10
SPENCER, B.	P	5	STEWART, W.	P	3	SULLIVAN, P.	P	9
SWEEZEY, S.	P	2	THOMPSON, R.	P	3	WALLACE, R.	P	5
WHITCOMB, M.	P	4	WITTEN, R.	P	1			

47 Members present, a quorum is met.

Accepting of the Minutes from the last Special Meeting. Hearing no objections the minutes are accepted and posted.

At 7:37 p.m. Ken DePatto, Chairman of the Finance Committee speaks with regards to the Articles in the Special Town Meeting and his hopes is that Town Meeting will support the recommendations of the Finance Committee and the due process with the voters.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Martin Costello Precinct 10 moves Article 2 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 7:38 p.m.

**Article as written:**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expensed under the direction of the Town Manager to design, engineer, construct, and equip the New Saugus Middle/High School and athletic facilities located at Pearce Memorial Drive in Saugus, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Middle/High School Project”). The Middle/High School Project school facilities shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”) for such Middle/High School Project. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Middle/High School Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-three and thirty two one hundredths percent (53.32%) of eligible approved costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; or take any other action relative thereto.

Seconded at 7:42 p.m.

At 7:42 p.m. Town Manager Scott Crabtree speaks in support of Article 2. He explains the process from the MSBA and Bond Counsel to get this process rolling. He explains the needs of the community with the new school buildings (condition of the current high school and other school buildings). As officials of the town we should demand change and better facilities. The cornerstone of the values of a community should be education. This will not get any cheaper but more expensive as time

goes on.

At 7:55 p.m., Debra Panetta Chairman of the Board of Selectmen speaks in favor of the article. The town needs to invest in our children. This is a comprehensive education plan.

At 7:57 p.m., Jeannie Meredith, Chairman of the School Committee speaks in favor of both Articles.

At 7:59 p.m., Bill Brown Precinct 6 informs Town Meeting that he graduated from Saugus High School in 1967. He has a disagreement with the schools being a Level 3. He agree with cramming 2 schools into one area especially with traffic issues. He believes we need to build a new high school but not a combination. He doesn't like the idea of neighborhood elementary schools closing. It is nice to have new schools but this plan creates more problems. He wants the kids in Saugus to have a better education than he had but he doesn't think this school plan is the way. He thinks Saugus can get what the town wants with just the high school and not over spend.

At 8:08 p.m., Peter Manoogian speaks on the condition of the High School and he is in favor of the articles and new school education plans.

At 8:12 p.m., Eugene Decareau Precinct 8 asks do we need a new School? Yes. Do we need a contingency tonight? No we don't. He came here tonight to vote in favor for the people. However, he decided this is wrong because we are sending the wrong message to the voters. He thinks we are biting too much of the apple at one time. He is against the article.

At 8:20 p.m., Martin Costello Precinct 10, has seen, heard and read everything on the project and he is in favor of the Articles.

At 8:26 p.m., Patricia Prizio Precinct 7 reminds Town Meeting that back in 2003 when the School Plans were defeated. She is in support of these articles and to give the voters in the Community the right to vote.

At 8:28 p.m., Brian Costin Precinct 7 states he attended the sponsored sessions on information and he is in favor of the articles.

At 8:33 p.m., Al DiNardo Precinct 4 speaks in support of the School project to save the community of Saugus.

At 8:38 p.m., Ann Devlin Precinct 1 speaks in favor of the articles but has some questions from her constituents:

1. How will the new building increase the level 3 District?
2. Getting to and from school (busing)?
3. Any visions of the schools that will be abandoned?

At 8:40 p.m., Town Manager Scott Crabtree answers the Questions.

At 8:43 p.m., Jonathan McTague Precinct 9 speaks as a graduate of Saugus High School class of 2014 and the students. He is in favor of the Articles.

Move the question.

Seconded at 8:46 p.m.,

**Article as voted:** That the Town appropriates the amount of One Hundred Sixty Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Three (\$160,720,553) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs to design, engineer, construct and equip the New Saugus Middle / High School and athletic facilities located at Pearce Memorial Drive in Saugus, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto in the amount of \$160,720,553 (the "Middle / High School Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Middle / High School Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-three and thirty-two one hundredths percent (53.32%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.  
Call for the Question on Article 6.

Roll Call vote to move the questions to the floor.

Town Clerk, Ellen Schena, called the roll call Vote at 8:47 p.m.:

Town Meeting Member name	Vote	Pct	Town Meeting Member name	Vote	Pct	Town Meeting Member name	Vote	Pct
ALLEN, P	A	3	ATTUBATO, J	Y	6	BARTOLO, J.	Y	6
BRAZIS, K	A	5	BROWN, W.	Y	6	CANTERBURY, M.	Y	6
CHRISTOPHER, R	Y	6	CICOLINI, J.	Y	8	COBURN, J.	Y	10
CONNORS, A.	Y	3	COSTELLO, M.	Y	10	COSTIN, J.B.	Y	7
COTTAM, J.	Y	9	DECAREAU, E.	Y	8	DEVLIN, F.A.	Y	1
DINARDO, A.	Y	4	DIVIRGILIO, A.	Y	10	DOHERTY, S.		4
FALASCA, T.	Y	2	FINN, C.	Y	9	FOWLER, J	Y	8
GOODWIN, P.	Y	5	GROARK, L.	Y	5	HORLICK, S.	Y	8
JONES, C.	Y	1	KELLY, D.	Y	9	LEUCI, W.	Y	4
LOPRESTI, A.	Y	8	MCCABE, K.	Y	2	MCCARTHY, S.	Y	7
MCLAUGHLIN, P.	Y	4	MCTAGUE, J.	Y	9	MORESCHI, C.	Y	2
MURPHY, S.	Y	3	PAOLINI, M.	Y	7	POLITANO, K.	Y	7
PRIZIO, P	Y	7	RAFTERY, S.	Y	1	RING, D.	A	10
RODENHISER, J.	Y	1	ROSSETTI, P.	Y	2	SERINO, M.	Y	10
SPENCER, B.	Y	5	STEWART, W.	Y	3	SULLIVAN, P.	Y	9
SWEEZEY, S.	Y	2	THOMPSON, R.	Y	3	WALLACE, R.	Y	5
WHITCOMB, M.	Y	4	WITTEN, R.	Y	1			

Yea: 46  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 3

Unanimous roll call vote to call the question at 8:49 p.m.

Town Clerk, Ellen Schena, called the roll call Vote on Article 2 at 8:49 p.m.:

Town Meeting Member name	Vote	Pct	Town Meeting Member name	Vote	Pct	Town Meeting Member name	Vote	Pct
ALLEN, P	A	3	ATTUBATO, J	Y	6	BARTOLO, J.	Y	6
BRAZIS, K	A	5	BROWN, W.	N	6	CANTERBURY, M.	Y	6
CHRISTOPHER, R	Y	6	CICOLINI, J.	Y	8	COBURN, J.	Y	10
CONNORS, A.	Y	3	COSTELLO, M.	Y	10	COSTIN, J.B.	Y	7
COTTAM, J.	Y	9	DECAREAU, E.	N	8	DEVLIN, F.A.	Y	1
DINARDO, A.	Y	4	DIVIRGILIO, A.	Y	10	DOHERTY, S.		4
FALASCA, T.	Y	2	FINN, C.	Y	9	FOWLER, J	Y	8
GOODWIN, P.	Y	5	GROARK, L.	Y	5	HORLICK, S.	Y	8
JONES, C.	Y	1	KELLY, D.	Y	9	LEUCI, W.	Y	4
LOPRESTI, A.	Y	8	MCCABE, K.	Y	2	MCCARTHY, S.	Y	7
MCLAUGHLIN, P.	Y	4	MCTAGUE, J.	Y	9	MORESCHI, C.	Y	2
MURPHY, S.	Y	3	PAOLINI, M.	Y	7	POLITANO, K.	Y	7
PRIZIO, P	Y	7	RAFTERY, S.	Y	1	RING, D.	A	10
RODENHISER, J.	Y	1	ROSSETTI, P.	Y	2	SERINO, M.	Y	10
SPENCER, B.	Y	5	STEWART, W.	Y	3	SULLIVAN, P.	Y	9
SWEEZEY, S.	Y	2	THOMPSON, R.	Y	3	WALLACE, R.	Y	5
WHITCOMB, M.	Y	4	WITTEN, R.	Y	1			

Yea: 44  
Nay: 2  
Absent: 3

Article 2 passes my majority roll call vote at 8:53 p.m.

As a courtesy to Town Meeting, Mr. Martin Costello Precinct 10 moves Article 3 for consideration to the floor.

Seconded at 8:54 p.m.

Article as written:

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager to (1) design, engineer, renovate and add to, and equip the Saugus

Veterans Memorial School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and (2) design, renovate and equip the Belmonte Middle School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; or to take any action relative thereto.

Seconded at 8:54 p.m.

At 8:55 p.m., Town Manager Scott Crabtree speaks how this article is part of the Master Plan that goes along with Article 2 and he is favor of the article.

Call for the Question.

**Article as voted:** That the Town appropriates the amount of Twenty-Five Million Four Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seven (\$25,408,907) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs to (i) design, engineer, renovate and add to, and equip the Saugus Veterans Memorial School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and (ii) design, renovate and equip the Belmonte Middle School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½). Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

**Hand count vote:**

<b><u>Yea:</u></b>	<b><u>No:</u></b>
Left: 21	Left: 0
<u>Right: 22</u>	<u>Right: 2</u>
Total: 43	Total: 2

**Articles 3 passes at 8:58 p.m.**

Move to adjourn the May 30, 2017 Special Town Meeting sine die.

Seconded at 8:58 p.m.

Unanimous voice vote adjourn sine die.

Seconded at 8:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Joyce Schena  
Town Clerk