

Meeting Minutes

Brockton HS - SBC Meeting

Date and Time: 06/26/2025, 2:00pm

Location: Zoom (Virtual)

Attendance:

SBC Present: Robert F. Sullivan, Tony Rodrigues, James Plouffe, Kenneth Thompson, Troy Clarkson, Dr. Priya Tahiliani, Jeff Thompson

SBC Absent: Michael Morris, Kevin McCaskill, Ossie Jordan, Kim Gibson, Kavin Karo, Thomas Burke, Dr. Linda Cahill

City of Brockton: Sydne Marrow, Matt Stanton

Leftfield: Kevin Sullivan, Alyssa Chatani, Brian Dakin, Francois Exilhomme, Dave Hurley

KBA: Paul Dominov, Greg Joynt, Joe Milani, Craig Olsen, Larry Trim

Quick recap

The Brockton School Building Committee held a meeting to discuss the replacement of Dan Vigeant, the former IT director who passed away unexpectedly, and to introduce the full consultant team including KBA architects. The committee reviewed the project timeline and process for evaluating Brockton High School's existing building conditions, with plans to assess the building over the summer and review findings in the fall followed by visioning sessions. The conversation ended with discussions about the comprehensive building assessment, educational vision development, and next steps for the feasibility study and MSBA submission process, with emphasis on community involvement and transparent outreach.

Next steps

- [Kenneth to provide the AHERA report for the school to Kevin.](#)
- [Kevin to email the meeting presentation to the group afterwards.](#)
- [Kevin to notify MSBA when Dan Vigeant's replacement on the committee is determined.](#)

- [KBA team to schedule and conduct building assessments over the summer.](#)
- [KBA team to organize and conduct visioning sessions with school staff, students, and other stakeholders in the fall.](#)
- [Leftfield and KBA to work closely with the city on timeline planning for the debt exclusion vote.](#)
- [Leftfield to finalize and launch the project website at Brocktonhproject.com.](#)
- [Kevin to send out a schedule of summer working group meetings to the entire committee.](#)

Summary

Committee Director Replacement Discussion

The meeting began with a moment of silence to honor the passing of Dan Vigeant, who served as a committee director. Mayor announced that a replacement would be needed and that he would work with Ken and Priya to address this. Kenneth agreed to provide the Ahara report for the school, which Kevin requested. The meeting was recorded and minutes would be taken. Several participants joined late, including Sydne who experienced technical difficulties. The meeting was set to begin with a presentation, but Joe was experiencing Zoom issues and may not be able to participate. Kevin mentioned that the meeting discussion would be emailed to all participants afterward for those who couldn't attend.

Brockton IT Director Replacement Meeting

The Brockton School Building Committee held a meeting to discuss the replacement of Dan Vigeant, the former IT director who passed away unexpectedly. Mayor Robert F. Sullivan led the meeting, which included introductions of team members and a review of the agenda. The committee noted that no votes would be taken during this session, and they discussed a previous productive meeting with MSBA representatives at the Green Library. The conversation ended with a pledge of allegiance and a plan to notify MSBA about Vigeant's replacement.

School Building Committee Kickoff Meeting

The first official school building committee meeting was held with Kevin Sullivan, product director and project manager, introducing the full consultant team including KBA architects. Paul Dominov from KBA presented their firm's experience with high school projects, particularly highlighting their work on Attleboro High School. Joe Milani, KBA's project manager, explained the

upcoming project phases, emphasizing that the district's main focus would be on producing the educational plan, while the rest of the documentation would be handled by the consulting team.

Building Assessment and Educational Planning

Joe explained the process of evaluating an existing building, which involves determining a baseline cost for necessary code-related fixes and comparing it to renovation, addition, and new building options. He emphasized that the process is informative and can lead to unexpected outcomes, such as a planned new building becoming a renovation. Joe outlined plans to assess the building's existing conditions over the summer and review the findings with the committee in the fall, followed by visioning sessions involving school staff, students, and external personnel to develop an educational plan. Craig discussed the focus on Module 3A and 3B, emphasizing the need for concurrent pathways of existing conditions assessment and educational vision development to merge into a preliminary design phase (PDP).

Brockton High School Assessment Plan

Craig explained the comprehensive building assessment for Brockton High School, which will involve evaluating both the site and the building itself. The assessment will include site surveys, historical information, zoning setbacks, and a detailed analysis of building systems, space usage, and security measures. Craig emphasized that the focus is on the educational vision rather than just the building, and the team will work with Ed Davis, who has already been collaborating with the city on the high school project.

Brockton Education Vision Planning

Craig and Gregory discussed the future of education in Brockton, focusing on creating a long-term vision for the city's educational facilities. They emphasized the importance of involving various stakeholders, including district administrators, teachers, staff, and the community, in shaping this vision. The discussion highlighted the need to understand current educational challenges and engage with students to incorporate their perspectives into the planning process. The goal is to design a flexible and forward-thinking educational facility that meets the needs of the community, workforce, and students for the next 50 years.

Brockton High School Feasibility Study

Alyssa explained the next steps for the Brockton High School project, focusing on the feasibility study and MSBA submission process. The team will evaluate existing conditions, develop a space summary, and create a comprehensive educational plan with input from user groups and district leadership. They aim to submit a preliminary design program to the MSBA by the end of

the year, followed by site evaluation and cost estimation. The project will progress through schematic design and budget development before seeking final approval from the MSBA board.

Brockton High School Project Timeline

The meeting focused on the Brockton High School project, with Alyssa outlining a timeline that includes city approval, design, and development over the next 24 months. Troy emphasized the importance of community input and careful planning for the debt exclusion vote, as Brockton has never approved such a vote. Kevin discussed the project's unique nature and the team's commitment to transparent outreach, including a new website and upcoming working groups. The mayor shared insights from a similar project in another municipality and encouraged broad community involvement. The next school building committee meeting is scheduled for August 14th.