

**Portland Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Laurel Steinhauser, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

BOE Members Present: Laurel Steinhauser, Meg Scata, Tim Lavoy, Kim Nagy-Maruschock, Sarah Spear, Stacy Benham

Members Absent: Dave Murphy

Administration Present: Superintendent Dr. Charles Britton, Eric Martin Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology

Student Representative: none

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

T. Lavoy moved to approve the agenda, seconded by S. Benham. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of May 2, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

K. Nagy-Maruschock moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by S. Spear. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

5. Audience of Citizens – Debbie Law, 18 Bell Court – corrected her statements from last meeting’s citizens comments; she was not ‘dissatisfied’ about moving the meeting location to PHS, rather she was ‘afraid’ for her safety of leaving that location at night. Corrected her statement regarding the Commissioners Network that it was not property values she was referring to but that it would affect the ability to finance the school district for years to come.

6. Portland Public Schools Spotlight - none

7. Student Representative Report – no report

8. Communications and Updates

A. Superintendent’s Report – Received one resignation for the end of the school year from Math Interventionist A. Sundt. Read letter from constituent Debbie Law. There is not a firm grasp on the deficit amount as of yet. Mitigation strategies will be deployed, he is confident we can pay bills for the remainder of the year. ESSER funding discussed. He will have an update at the June meeting. The budget referendum passed. Scheduling a joint meeting for the BOE and BOS to present the school facilities report. Ribbon cutting at Brownstone for the solar

array was on 5/12/23. Dylan Bernard gave an update on the meeting venue move to PHS. Equipment has been installed, test completed for live stream on zoom and YouTube. Room will be ready for the June meeting. Will be celebrating teaching excellence by participating in the Educator of the Year. Dr. Britton gave details on how the program will work. Nominations are open May 17th and run through June 1st. Winner will be announced at Convocation.

- B. Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Report – report submitted. It's standardized testing season. End of year survey on family school relations will be going out. Discussion on getting results from the survey and the distribution channel. Receiving \$23K in each of the next two years towards purchase and implementation of K3 Literacy. The 2014 Education Evaluation model has been in an updating process. Eric discussed the details of the model.

9. New Business (Discussion/Possible Action)

- A. Superintendent of Schools Contract 2023-2026 (*discussed under Executive Session*)

10. Old Business (Discussion/Possible Action)

- A. Superintendent of Schools Evaluation (*discussed under Executive Session*)
- B. Board of Education Self-Evaluation (*discussed under Executive Session*)

11. Committee Reports

- A. Curriculum – L. Steinhauser – meeting on 5/17/23
- B. Policy – M. Scata – ongoing discussion on policies, next meeting 7/12/23
- C. Personnel – L. Steinhauser – met last week regarding health benefits for non-union employees.
- D. Buildings and Grounds – M. Scata – no report
- E. Liaison
 - 1. CREC – M. Scata – annual meeting 5/17/23, asking support for HB 5003
 - 2. Selectmen – D. Murphy – no report
 - 3. Committee on Solidarity – T. Lavoy – met on 5/9/23, working on Juneteenth
 - 4. Equity and Inclusion Coalition – S. Spear– discussed need for voices and stories
 - 5. School Facilities Study Committee – M. Scata – report approved

- 12. Audience of Citizens** – Debbie Law, 18 Bell Court – spoke regarding including native languages on survey, food security issues, and child reading.

13. Board of Education Member Comments

- S. Spear expressed appreciation to citizens for participating in meetings.
- T. Lavoy commented on start times for schools may be something worth investigating.
- K. Nagy-Maruschock stated we learn much about school goings on through their newsletters. Complimented Dr. Britton on his ice cream scooping at the schools for staff appreciation and that it sends a good message to the community.

- 14. Executive Session** – for the purpose of Superintendent of Schools Evaluation, Superintendent 2023-2026 Contract, and Board of Education Self-Evaluation

M. Scata moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of Superintendent of Schools Evaluation, Superintendent 2023-2026 Contract, and Board of Education Self-Evaluation and invite Superintendent Dr. Britton, seconded by S. Spear. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered Executive Session: 7:57 pm
Exited Executive Session: 9:22 pm

- 15. Executive Session Action**

M. Scata moved to extend the superintendents contract for three years, 7/1/2023 through 6/31/2026 with a 2.5% increase, seconded by S. Benham. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

- 16. Adjournment**

T. Lavoy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m., seconded by K. Nagy-Maruschock. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk