

Portland Board of Education
December 20, 2023

Board of Education Retreat

The Board of Education met for a Board retreat at Valley View Elementary School. Attending were: Chairperson: Laurel Steinhauser, Kim Nagy-Marushuck, Dave Murphy, Tim Lavoy, Sarah Spear, Meg Scata. Absent Board member: Stacy Benham. Invited Guests: Dr. Charles Britton, Superintendent, Eric Martin, Director of Curriculum and Technology, Bob Shea, Director of Facilities, Mike Sorano, principle of FriarArchitects, and Bryce Sens-Friar Architects

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steinhauser at 3:07PM

Agenda is approved with no changes.

Facilities Study and Ed Specs Discussion

Dr. Britton recapped the history of the facilities study by the Board of Education and the Town of Portland Facilities Study Committee. Friar Architects, Mike Sorano then presented the ed Specs as developed by Dr. Britton for the recommendation to close Gildersleeve and reuse Brownstone Elementary and Valley View. The time line was also shared with emphasis on application to the state for the project, funding, referendum, formation of a building committee. Discussion followed with Q & A about the plans, the ed specs and the impact of the recent town survey.

There will be a joint meeting on January 17, 2024 to review the results of the survey.

The Board took no actions at this time.

Following dinner the Board heard a presentation of the CSDE EdSite webpages an in-depth presentation of the 2023 student data. Eric Martin presented the various data and subgroups of the results of the Smarter Balance testing done in Spring of 2023.

Discussion followed with Q & A. The board is aware that the district uses many assessments in determining student achievement and student progress. Eric Martin recommended that the Board consider what assessment data is relevant to board decisions in budgeting and allocating resources for future presentations to the board and community.

Board took no action at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM

Moved by Tim Lavoy, seconded by Meg Scata. Unanimously passed

Submitted by

Meg Scata

Secretary of the Portland Board of Education