

Portland Facilities Steering Committee Meeting

3/10/21

Minutes

Attendees

Board of Education: Charles Britton, Carl Johnson, Stephanie Fragola, Ryan Walstrom, Eileen Moynihan, Liz Paternostro

Board of Selectmen: Lou Pear, Mike Hernandez

Board of Education Members: Meg Scata

Parent Representatives: Peter Filanda, Scott Nicol

Community Representative: Donna Finkelstein, Mike Agogliati

Guests: Chuck Warrington, Scott Pellman & Mark Sklenka from Colliers International

Call to Order

Charles Britton called the meeting to order at 4:35pm

Colliers Presentation

Charles introduced Chuck Warrington, Scott Pellman & Mark Sklenka from Colliers International. Colliers International is a diversified professional services and investment management company. Charles explained that he, Stephanie Fragola and Carl Johnson had already seen this presentation and expressed that this committee would benefit from seeing it. Question and answer session was held after the presentation.

Discussion of Process Used by Other School Districts

In the Colliers' presentation they explained that South Windsor Schools was a successful partnership in their construction of four of their schools. Colliers was used in the South Windsor district as the Owner's Project Manager (OPM). An OPM is helpful to coordinate what the needs are and gather data to help in the decision making. The OPM can also manage the school modernization program, develop a marketing plan and address vacated buildings. A lengthy discussion was held after the presentation about whether this would be beneficial for the Portland District, the cost and possible other solutions to using an OPM.

Next Steps

Charles would like to invite either Dr. Kate Carter, South Windsor Superintendent, Kosta Diamantis, Deputy Secretary of Office of Policy Management or an architectural firm (possibly Kaestle Boos) to our next meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm by Charles Britton

The next meetings will be 4/21, 5/12, & 6/9 via Google Meet @ 4:30pm