

Portland Board of Education

Building and Grounds

January 28, 2025

Attending:

Board members: Dave Murphy, Kim Nagy-Marushock, Meg Scata

Administration:

Superintendent, Charles Britton,

Facilities Director: Robert Shea

Business Manager: Stephanie Fragola

Meeting began at 9:17 AM

Bob Shea explained that the courts are 21 years old and are deteriorating from the same conditions as the track. He detailed the damage to the courts through this winter including:

Item	Description
Membrane is lifting, unsecured and reveals cracking and damage to the surfaces	Pulled up by wind and temperature changes
Taping of the Pickle Ball courts	Taping also loose from weather conditions
Area of significant deterioration includes a 2-inch-wide crack in the playing area	Including a two in wide crack in the playing area
Damage to the entire structure due to the geo physical nature of the land it is built on	Same issue as the track

In 2024 we spent \$14,000 to make temporary repairs and added taping of pickle ball courts.

The repairs worked and it is a well-used facility with School Tennis Team, public use, and Summer Quest Camp Program. This spring and summer will have high use again. We need to get the calendar now for the repairs to be done in early spring for the tennis team practices to start in late March. The alternative of not repairing the courts will be expensive transportation costs to other schools or courts.

The quote for repairs is \$19,000 and an additional \$1,800 for the permanent painting of the pickle ball courts.

The Committee agreed that the courts need to be repaired. This is necessary emergency repair, and funding will be made available. There are several options TBD.

This committee discussed the need to replace the existing court and that it should be included in a future bond issue. The most cost-effective way would be to use post tension construction. The same system is used for the new track.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Scata Building and Grounds