



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2013**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library
TIME: 7:00 pm

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Dr. Linda Tsoumas, Chair; Mr. Eric Weiss, Vice Chair; Ms. Clare Popowich, Secretary; Ms. Beverly Phaneuf, Member; Mr. Richard Fritsch, Member

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools

BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

VISITORS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations
 - A. Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Academic Excellence Award: Devyn Hébert, Class of 2013
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
 - A. January 8, 2013
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Graduation date: Class of 2013
 - B. Proposed budget schedule for FY 2014 budget
 - C. Recommendation: Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
 - D. School safety measures review
 - E. Community engagement
 - 1. CSSR and Chestnut Hill Community Schools session on school safety
 - 2. Conversation with community leaders regarding services for students in need
- VII. Unfinished business
- VIII. New business
- IX. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
 - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Phaneuf)
 - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Ms. Phaneuf/Ms. Popowich)

- C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Phaneuf)
 - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Mr. Weiss)
 - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Dr. Tsoumas)
 - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Weiss/Mr. Fritsch)
 - G. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
- X. Correspondence
- A. Agenda: January 22, 2013
 - B. Minutes: January 8, 2013
 - C. Memorandum regarding graduation date: Class of 2013
 - D. Proposed budget schedule for FY 2014 budget memorandum
 - E. Memorandum: recommendation, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
 - F. Memorandum regarding school safety measures review
 - G. Letter from Lt. Thrasher regarding JBMS incident
 - H. Response to Lt. Thrasher from Dr. Houle
 - I. Flyer: Emergency Procedure Information for Parents/Guardians of Cold Spring, Swift River, and Chestnut Hill Community Schools
 - J. Summary of conversation with community leaders regarding services for students in need
- XI. Adjourn

The mission of the Belchertown Public Schools is to ensure that every student meets with success every day. To that end, we pledge to ensure that we have rigorous, standards-based curriculum; instruction designed to meet the needs of diverse learners in every classroom; and access to the global learning community via state-of-the-art technology in schools that are communities of respect and civility for all.

2011-2015 Strategic Plan Goals (adopted by the Belchertown School Committee, 3/1/11):

- Goal #1: To have guaranteed (standards-based and implemented by all), viable (doable and accessible to every student), seamless K-12 curriculum in every content area.
- Goal #2: To have rigorous (standards-based), relevant (grounded in 21st Century skills), differentiated instructional practices with the ability to access the global learning community via technology available to every learner.
- Goal #3: To implement a plan to ensure that our students understand the importance of acceptance, tolerance, and respect supported by all adults in the community.

The Belchertown School Committee conducts its business in open session pursuant to Chapter 30A, Section 21 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The public is welcome to comment only on items on the agenda for this meeting as noted above. If you wish to address the School Committee regarding an item not on the agenda for this meeting, please contact Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools, at 413.323.0423 or via email at jhoule@belchertown.org to determine the best way to address your concerns.