



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
March 18, 2014**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library

TIME: 7:00 pm

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Dr. Linda Tsoumas, Chair; Ms. Clare Popowich, Vice-Chair; Mr. Richard Fritsch, Secretary; Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Member; Dr. Michael Knapp, Member

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager; Mr. Ben Admussen, Data Administrator; Mr. Scott Karen, Director of Technology; Ms. Kristi Guzzo, Director of Student Support Services; Mr. Robert Lachance, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Ms. Sandra Bremer, CSS Principal; Mr. Robert Kuhn, SRE Principal; Ms. Paula Fitzgerald, CHCS Principal; Mr. Thomas Ruscio, JBMS Principal; Ms. Christine Vigneux, BHS Principal; Ms. Phyllis Ducomb, School Nurse Leader

BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Michael DeBarge, Benjamin Stone, and Sienna Nielsen

VISITORS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations
Belchertown Teachers of Excellence
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
 - A. February 25, 2014
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Out-of-Country Field Trip: BHS art students to Spain, April 17-25, 2015
 - B. Bid for bus transportation services: 2014-2017
 - C. FY 2015 budget presentation
 - D. School choice seats for the 2014-2015 school year
 - E. JBMS After-School Program
- VII. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
 - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)

- B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Tsoumas/Dr. Knapp)
 - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich)
 - 1. Next meeting: March 19, 2014
 - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Dr. Tsoumas)
 - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)
 - 1. File IJL-R.1 and IJL-E: Belchertown Public Schools Library Media Procedures and Exhibits
 - 2. Policy JEBA: Preschool Peer Student Eligibility
 - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Dr. Knapp)
 - G. School Safety Task Force (Mr. Fritsch)
 - H. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
 - 1. Next meeting: April 2, 2014
- VIII. New business
- IX. Unfinished business
- X. Correspondence
- A. Agenda: March 18, 2014
 - B. Minutes: February 25, 2014
 - C. Out-of-Country field trip request: BHS art students to Spain, April 17-25, 2015
 - D. Bus transportation bid recommendation
 - E. FY 2015 draft budget
 - F. Memorandum regarding school choice seats for the 2014-2015 school year
 - G. Memorandum regarding JBMS After-School Program proposal
 - H. File IJL-R.1 and IJL-E: Belchertown Public Schools Library Media Procedures and Exhibits
 - I. Policy JEBA: Preschool Peer Student Eligibility
 - J. Sample thank-you letter: School Safety Task Force
- XI. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., c. 30A, §21, Parts (2) and (3), to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Unit A, Teachers, as conducting said business in open session would have a detrimental effect on the School Committee's negotiating position. The Committee will return to open session.

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 the Superintendent of Schools at 413.323.0423 or via email at superintendent@belchertown.org to determine the best way to address your concerns (see [School Committee Policy BEDH](#)).