



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 13, 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

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

**VISITORS:**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations  
Belchertown High School Music Department recognition of achievements at the Heritage Music Festival in Chicago, IL
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
  - A. April 29, 2014
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
  - A. Out-of-State Field Trip
    1. BHS Class of 2014 trip to High Meadows, Granby, CT
  - B. FY 2014 budget transfers
  - C. Audit report: Scanlon & Associates End-of-Year Pupil and Financial Report for FY 2012
  - D. Declassification of Executive Session Minutes
- VII. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
  - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)
  - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Tsoumas/Dr. Knapp)
    1. Honors Math Curriculum: grades 8 and 9

2. Instructional Resource request: Math 9
  - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich)
    1. Next meeting: May 15, 2014
  - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Dr. Tsoumas)
    1. Report from recent meetings
  - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)
  - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Dr. Knapp)
  - G. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
    1. Next meeting: June 4, 2014
- VIII. New business
- IX. Unfinished business
- X. Correspondence
- A. Agenda: May 13, 2014
  - B. Minutes: April 29, 2014
  - C. Out-of-State field trip request
    1. Class of 2014 trip to High Meadow, Granby, CT
  - D. Audit report: Scanlon & Associates: End-of-Year Pupil and Financial report for FY 2013
- 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 (Interim Superintendent) 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:superintendent@belchertown.org) to determine the best way to address your concerns (see [School Committee Policy BEDH](#)).