

**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 19, 2014**

**LOCATION:** Chestnut Hill School Library

**TIME:** 6:00 pm

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Richard Fritsch, Chair (present), Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Vice-Chair (present), Dr. Michael Knapp, Secretary (not present), Ms. Clare Popowich, Member (present), Ms. Dawn French, Member (present).

**ADMINISTRATION:** Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Mr. Thomas K. Ruscio, Principal, Jill Pelletier, Assistant Principal, Christina Aponte, Secretary.

**VISITORS:** Ms. Pat Correira, M.A.S.C. Consultant, Brenda Q. Aldrich, Chair of Selectmen, Eric Goldscheider reporter Gazette.

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to order: Mr. Fritsch called the School Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Mr. Fritsch gave thanks to the search committee for all of their time and efforts put forth this summer. Many gave up vacations to be a part of this important process and Mr. Fritsch is very appreciative. The 11 members of the search committee are: Myndi Bogdanovich, Brenda Aldrich, Christina Aponte, Brian Cameron, Jon Endelos, Richard Fritsch, Mona Griffin, Ronald McClure, Jill Pelletier, Cheryl Relihan and Christine Vigneux.
  - 1.) Superintendent Search Discussion with Pat Correira representing the search committee announced the following information
    - a. There were 15 applicants in total
    - b. 6 of those went through the initial interview process
    - c. 3 names were voted on by the search committee. However, one of those three finalists called Pat on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> to withdraw.
    - d. The two finalists brought forward to the SC for approval were
      - i. Karol Coffin – Attleboro Public Schools
      - ii. Karen Zaleski – Spencer/E.Brookfield

2.) : The committee discussed timeline, attendees for the site visits, and who would escort the candidates at our in district site visits.

3.) Motion made by Myndi Bogdanovich to accept the proposed time line as well as extending an invite to Christine Vigneux and Mona Griffin to attend the site visits along with Richard Fritsch, Myndi Bogdanovich, Mike Knapp and Dawn French.

Motion seconded by Dawn French.

VOTE: 4-0-0

4.) Motion made by Myndi Bogdanovich to appoint Brian Cameron as the escort for the two candidates during their in district site visits on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Seconded: Dawn French

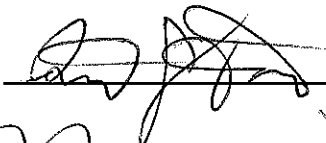
VOTE: 4-0-0

Motion to adjourn – 6:40 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0-0

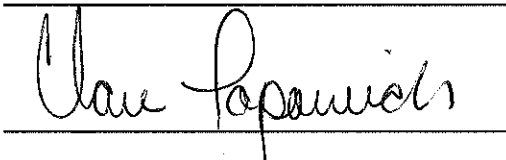
Minutes submitted by Dawn French, School Committee member


School Committee members' signatures:

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Richard Fritsch, Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Myndi Bogdanovich, Vice Chair

\_\_\_\_\_, Michael Knapp, Secretary

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clare Popowich, Member

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Dawn French, Member

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](mailto:jhoule@belchertown.org) to determine the best way to address your concerns.