



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 20, 2013**

**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

**BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:**

**VISITORS:**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
  - A. July 23, 2013
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
  - A. Acceptance of donation from the Higgins family Coach's Challenge Golf Tournament
  - B. Acceptance of donation from Country Bank for the JBMS after-school program
  - C. Quote for Athletic Trainer services for the 2013-2014 school year
  - D. Update on EEE status and athletic schedule revisions
  - E. Notification of intent to hire a Special Education Department Chair at Belchertown High School per M.G.L. c. 71, §67
  - F. Crossing guard hourly rates for the 2013-2014 school year
  - G. Payroll Warrant Signatures
- VII. Unfinished business
  - A. Update on FY 2014 budget
  - B. District Strategic Plan revisions
  - C. Superintendent's goals for 2013-2014
  - D. Superintendent's contract

- VIII. New business
  - A. Request to allow for a freshman girls' volleyball team
  - B. Timelines for agendas and correspondence items for School Committee meetings
  
- IX. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
  - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)
  - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Tsoumas/Dr. Knapp)
    - 1. Field Geology textbook: second reading and vote
  - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich)
  - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Dr. Tsoumas)
  - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)
  - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Dr. Knapp)
  - G. School Safety Task Force (Mr. Fritsch)
  - H. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
  
- X. Correspondence
  - A. Agenda: August 20, 2013
  - B. Minutes: July 23, 2013
  - C. Memorandum regarding donation from the Higgins family Coach's Challenge Golf Tournament
  - D. Memorandum from Mr. Ruscio regarding donation from Country Bank for JBMS after-school program
  - E. EEE status documents
    - 1. Department of Public Health Advisory document
    - 2. Revised athletic schedule
  - F. Memorandum regarding crossing guards' hourly rate
  - G. Athletic trainer quote items
    - 1. Procurement form
    - 2. Letters and quotes from Attain Therapy + Fitness, NovaCare Rehabilitation, and Precision Athletic Training,
  - H. FY 2014 budget items
    - 1. Updated Cherry Sheet from final budget
    - 2. Email correspondence from Roger Hatch, School Finance Administrator, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
  - I. Proposed revisions to the District Strategic Plan
  - J. Proposed revisions to the Superintendent's Goals for 2013-2014
  - K. Legal advisory regarding Freshmen Girls' Volleyball
  - L. Field Geology textbook Instructional Resource Form
  
- XI. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., c. 30A, §21, Part (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Unit A, Teachers; Unit B, Secretaries; Unit C, Custodians; Unit D, Food Service Workers; and Unit E, Paraprofessionals; 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](#)).