

March 21, 2014

Belchertown School Committee Minutes



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OPEN SESSION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
March 21, 2014**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

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

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning (present)

VISITORS: Ms. Patricia Correia, M.A.S.C. Consultant; Ms. Brenda Aldrich, Selectmen Liaison to School Committee; Ms. Jill Pelletier, CHCS Guidance Counselor; Mr. Jon Endelos; Ms. Mona Griffin; Ms. Christina Aponte

MINUTES

I. Call to order

Dr. Tsoumas called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. To discuss possible schedule change to Superintendent candidates' interviews and timeline for Superintendent search process.

We have two finalists who are in the final stages of other superintendent searches. Handouts with alternate timelines were distributed by Ms. Correia, followed by discussion on revising ours. Final interviews begin at 6:30 p.m. on each of the rescheduled visit dates (April 1st, 2nd, 3rd), with the School Committee continuing its meeting on April 3rd to complete the process with a selection.

MOTION: Mr. Fritsch moved to approve the Revised 3/21/14 Plan B Timeline, as presented. Ms. Bogdanovich seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0, approved unanimously

III. Discussion regarding site visits

Site visit questions and candidate questions were discussed, and samples were distributed. A meeting of the School Committee was scheduled for Monday, March 31, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in SRE Library, to discuss the site visits and finalize interview questions.

IV. Motion To adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Fritsch moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Ms. Bogdanovich seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0, approved unanimously

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Minutes prepared by Ms. Clare Popowich, School Committee Vice-Chair.

School Committee members' signatures:

Linda Tsoumas, Linda Tsoumas, Chair

Clare Popowich, Clare Popowich, Vice Chair

Richard Fritsch, Richard Fritsch, Secretary

Myndi Bogdanovich, Myndi Bogdanovich, Member

Michael Knapp, Michael Knapp, 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.

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