



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 14, 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

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

**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. December 10, 2013
  - B. December 23, 2013
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
  - A. Out-of-state field trip: BHS Varsity Hockey Team to Sheehan High School, Wallingford, CT on January 29, 2014
  - B. Donation of flat-screen television to Belchertown High School
  - C. Contracted School Business Manager: mid-year transfers
  - D. Partnership with Behavioral Health Network
  - E. FY2015 budget schedule
  - F. Update on Emergency Operations Plan draft
  - G. Superintendent's transition plan

- VII. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
  - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)
    - 1. Report from January 8, 2014 meeting
  - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Tsoumas/Dr. Knapp)
    - 1. Need to meet regarding District-Determined Measures pilot, pilot of Edwin Teaching and Learning System curriculum units, honors mathematics plan for grades 6-11
  - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich)
    - 1. Report from December 11, 2013 meeting: draft revisions to the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan and Policy
  - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Dr. Tsoumas)
    - 1. Update: CPA grant application
  - 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)
    - 1. Next meeting: February 5, 2014
- VIII. New business
  - A. Second January meeting
  - B. Change of first March meeting date
- IX. Unfinished business
- X. Correspondence
  - A. Agenda: January 14, 2014
  - B. Minutes: December 10, 2013 and December 23, 2013
  - C. Out-of-State Field Trip Request: BHS Varsity Hockey Team to Sheehan High School, Wallingford, CT on January 29, 2014
  - D. Memorandum regarding donation of flat screen television to Belchertown High School
  - E. Budget transfers list
  - F. Memorandum regarding the schedule of meetings for the FY2015 budget
  - G. Agreement for partnership between Behavioral Health Network and Belchertown Public Schools
  - H. Draft Emergency Operations Plan
  - I. Memorandum regarding the Superintendent's transition plan
  - J. Draft Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan and Policy
  - K. Conflict of Interest Document
- XI. Adjourn

*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](#)).