



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 25, 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  
Lawrence O'Brien, BHS Social Studies Teacher, William Spratt Award for Excellence in Teaching Secondary Social Studies
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
  - A. March 18, 2014
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
  - A. Out-of-State Field Trips: JBMS Students to Washington, DC and CT Science Museum
  - B. Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting
- 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. Report from March 25, 2014 meeting
  - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich)
    1. Report from March 20, 2014 meeting
  - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Dr. Tsoumas)
  - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)

- F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Dr. Knapp)
- G. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
  - 1. Next meeting: April 2, 2014

VIII. New business

IX. Unfinished business

- A. FY 2015 budget
- B. Superintendent search

X. Correspondence

- A. Agenda: March 25, 2014
- B. Minutes: March 18, 2014
- C. Out-of-State field trip requests: JBMS students to Washington, DC and CT Science Museum
- D. Proposed Warrant Articles for Town Meeting
  - 1. Transportation
  - 2. Capital requests

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](#)).