



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 26, 2013**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library
TIME: 7:00 pm

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Dr. Linda Tsoumas, Chair; Mr. Eric Weiss, Vice Chair; Ms. Clare Popowich, Secretary; Ms. Beverly Phaneuf, Member; Mr. Richard Fritsch, Member

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

VISITORS: Belchertown Teachers of Excellence: Brendan McCarthy, Kindergarten Teacher at Cold Spring School; Karl Quist, Physical Education Teacher, Swift River Elementary School; Ryan Butler, Music Teacher, Swift River Elementary School; Stephanie Davies, Grade 7 Math Teacher at Jabish Brook Middle School; and Christine Holesovky, Spanish Teacher, Belchertown High School; and Louise Levy, Science Teacher, Belchertown High School

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations
 - A. Belchertown Teachers of Excellence awards
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
 - A. March 5, 2013
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Accounts payables warrant signatures
 - B. Field trip request: BHS trip to France, April 19-27, 2014
 - C. Field trip request: JBMS trip to Washington, DC, April 25-27, 2013
 - D. Proposed school calendar: 2013-2014
 - E. Cost share agreement with Recreation Department for CHCS Pool, FY 2014
 - F. Report on March 15, 2013 Edcamp B-town Professional Development Day
- VII. Unfinished business
 - A. FY 2014 budget
- VIII. New business

- IX. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
 - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Phaneuf)
 - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Ms. Phaneuf/Ms. Popowich)
 - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Phaneuf)
 - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Mr. Weiss)
 - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Dr. Tsoumas)
 - 1. Revised job description: Network Support Specialist
 - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Weiss/Mr. Fritsch)
 - 1. Belchertown High School Lighting Improvement Project 2013
 - a. Proposal from Energy Management Consultants, Inc.
 - b. Municipal Program Application form
 - 2. Update on savings from Performance Contracting efforts
 - G. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
- X. Correspondence
 - A. Agenda: March 26, 2013
 - B. Minutes: March 5, 2013
 - C. Out-of-State Field Trip form and backup: BHS trip to France
 - D. Out-of-State Field Trip form and backup: JBMS trip to Washington, DC
 - E. Memorandum from Robert Opalenik regarding cost share agreement for CHCS pool
 - F. Draft school calendar: 2013-2014
 - G. Edcamp B-town documents
 - 1. Final schedule
 - 2. Brochure
 - 3. Edcamp2013 backchannel feed
 - 4. Thank you letters: CSSR PTO, CHCS PTO, JBMS PTO
 - H. FY 2014 budget
 - 1. Reallocation list
 - 2. Memorandum to Finance Committee
 - 3. Additional information requested by the Finance Committee
 - I. Job description: Network Support Specialist
 - H. Belchertown High School Lighting Improvement Project 2013
 - 1. Proposal from Energy Management Consultants, Inc.
 - 2. Municipal Program Application 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 not 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.

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 to determine the best way to address your concerns.