



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
April 15, 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

VISITORS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- III. Approval of minutes
 - A. April 8, 2014
- IV. Discussion/Action Items
 - A. School year calendar, 2014-2015
 - B. Belchertown Public Schools/Ware Public Schools Bus Transportation Contract with First Student, 2015-2017
 - C. FY 2015 budget update
- V. Correspondence
 - B. Agenda: April 15, 2014
 - C. Minutes: April 8, 2014
 - D. School year calendar, 2014-2015
 - E. Belchertown Public Schools/Ware Public Schools Bus Transportation Contract with First Student, 2015-2017
- XI. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., c. 30A, §21, Parts (2) and (3), to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Unit A, Teachers, 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 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 the Superintendent of Schools at 413.323.0423 or via email at superintendent@belchertown.org to determine the best way to address your concerns (see [School Committee Policy BEDH](#)).