



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING AND  
 JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE AND  
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
 APRIL 23, 2013**

**LOCATION:** Swift River Elementary School, C-Side Commons  
**TIME:** 7:00 pm

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

**ADMINISTRATION:**  
 Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Ms. Kristi Guzzo, Director of Student Support Services; Mr. Ben Admussen, Data Administrator; Mr. Scott Karen, Director of Technology; Mr. Robert Lachance, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Ms. Sandra Bremer, Cold Spring School Principal; Mr. Robert Kuhn, Swift River Elementary School Principal; Dr. Jose Irizarry, Chestnut Hill Community School Interim Principal; Mr. Thomas Ruscio, Jabish Brook Middle School Principal; Ms. Christine Vigneux, Belchertown High School Principal; Ms. Phyllis Ducomb, School Nurse Leader

**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN OFFICIALS:** Mr. Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ms. Jill Panto, Town Accountant; Ms. Lisa Banner, Town Treasurer/Collector

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Paul Silva, Chair; Steven Rose; Kyle Vincent; Mary Olberding; Kate DeCou

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEMBERS:** George Archible, Chair; William Barnett, Vice-Chair; Brenda Aldrich, Clerk and Education Liaison; Ronald Aponte; Kenneth Elstein

**BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:**

**VISITORS:**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representative
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
  - A. April 9, 2013
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
  - A. Class of 2013 trip to Funway Park, Litchfield, NH
  - B. FY 2014 Budget
  - C. Recommendation for Preschool program changes and fees

- VII. Unfinished business
- VIII. New business
- IX. Correspondence
  - A. Agenda: April 23, 2013
  - B. Minutes: April 9, 2013
  - C. Out-of-State Field Trip Request: BHS Class of 2013
  - D. FY 2014 Proposed Budget documents
  - E. Proposal for Preschool program changes and fees
  - F. Thank you letter to CSSR PTO for Family Fun Run/Walk event
- X. 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, Unit E, Paraprofessionals, and with nonunion school administrators 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.*

**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 Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools, at 413.323.0423 or via email at [jhoule@belchertown.org](mailto:jhoule@belchertown.org) to determine the best way to address your concerns.