



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 30, 2013**

LOCATION: Belchertown High School, Veterans Memorial Auditorium
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; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager; Mr. Ben Admussen, Data Administrator; Mr. Scott Karen, Director of Technology; Ms. Kristi Guzzo, Director of Student Support Services; 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; Mr. Robert Lachance, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Ms. Phyllis Ducomb, School Nurse Leader

BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

VISITORS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
 - A. Public Hearing on the FY 2014 budget
- III. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Approve FY 2014 budget
 1. All funds budget: \$27,919, 328.72
 2. Local budget: \$25,879,863.00
 - B. Approval to post and advertise anticipated openings for the 2013-2014 school year, subject to appropriation
 - C. Appointment of School Committee representatives to a Joint Labor Management Committee to study the feasibility of release time for common planning time
- IV. Approval of minutes
 - A. April 23, 2013
- V. New business
- VI. Unfinished business

- VII. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
- A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Phaneuf)
 - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Ms. Phaneuf/Ms. Popowich)
 - 1. Request from Mr. Cameron for meeting on May 14, 2013 at 6:30 pm to hear recommendation on mathematics textbook series, grades K-8
 - 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)
 - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Weiss/Mr. Fritsch)
 - G. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
- VIII. Communications
- A. Agenda: April 30, 2013
 - B. Minutes: April 23, 2013
 - C. Proposed FY 2014 budget, as amended on April 23, 2013
 - D. Memorandum regarding anticipated vacancies for the 2013-2014 school year
 - E. Memorandum of agreement with the Belchertown Teachers' Association regarding a Joint Labor Management Committee to study the feasibility of release time for common planning time.
- IX. 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, and Part (4), to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto. 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 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.