



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
May 14, 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; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager; Ms. Kristi Guzzo, Director of Student Support Services

BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

VISITORS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
 - A. April 30, 2013
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Field trip request: CHCS Grade 6 to the Connecticut Science Center
 - B. Contract: eSped – Student Support Services management system
 - C. June School Committee meetings
- VII. Unfinished business
- 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)
 1. Notification of school books change: Mathematics, K-8, pursuant to c. 71, §50
 - 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. Superintendent's summative evaluation: process and timeline

- F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Weiss/Mr. Fritsch)
 - G. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
- X. Correspondence
- A. Agenda: May 14, 2013
 - B. Minutes: April 30, 2013
 - D. Out-of-State Field Trip form and backup: CHCS Grade 6 trip to the Connecticut Science Center
 - E. Contract: eSped
 - F. Mathematics textbook proposal
 - 1. Instructional Resource Form
 - 2. Quote from McGraw-Hill
 - 3. M.G.L. c. 71, §50
 - G. End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation Report: Superintendent (MA DESE)
- 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, 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 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.