



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 27, 2014**

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ms. Clare Popowich; Mr. Richard Fritsch; Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich; Dr. Michael Knapp;
Ms. Dawn French

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Dr. Robert Gazda, incoming Interim Superintendent of Schools

BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

VISITORS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Reorganization of the School Committee
 - A. Election of officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
 - B. Appointment of Subcommittee members:
 1. Curriculum & Instruction
 2. Personnel & Policy
 3. Property & Transportation
 - C. Appointment of liaisons to Advisory Committees:
 1. Healthy & Safer Schools Committee
 2. Playground Committee
 3. Technology Advisory Committee
 - D. Appointment of member to the Collaborative for Educational Services Board of Directors
 - E. Appointment of Sick Bank Committee Members
- III. Special awards and presentations
- IV. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- V. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- VI. Approval of minutes
 - A. May 13, 2014
- VII. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Out-of-state field trip: JBMS to Lake Compounce
 - B. Approval of Mathematics textbooks, Math 9
 - C. School Committee meeting calendar: 2014-2015
 - D. Policy regarding background checks
 - E. Increase in school lunch prices

- VIII. Unfinished business
- IX. New business
- A. School Committee member orientation
 - 1. Open meeting law guide
 - 2. Belchertown Policy Manual: Policies BCA and KE
 - 3. Conflict of interest training
 - 4. MASC training
- X. Reports of subcommittees
- A. Collaborative for Educational Services
 - 1. Report from May 14, 2014 meeting
 - B. Curriculum & Instruction
 - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee
 - D. Personnel & Policy
 - E. Playground Committee
 - F. Property & Transportation
 - G. Technology Advisory Committee
 - 1. Next meeting: June 4, 2014
- XI. Correspondence
- A. Agenda: May 27, 2014
 - B. Minutes: May 13, 2014
 - C. Out-of-state field trip documents: JBMS to Lake Compounce
 - D. Instructional Resource Form and quote for Mathematics Textbooks for Math 9
 - E. Memorandum regarding School Committee Calendar for 2013-2014
 - F. School lunch price increase documents
 - 1. Letter from Ann Marie Beaupre, Food Service Director
 - 2. Memorandum from the United States Department of Agriculture
 - G. Open Meeting Law Guide from the Office of the Attorney General
 - H. Belchertown Policies BCA and KE
 - I. Questions? Concerns? A guide for families brochure
 - J. Conflict of interest packet from the Town Clerk
- XII. 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 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.