



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 11, 2013**

**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; Mr. Eric Weiss, Member; Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Member;

**ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager

**BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:**

**VISITORS:**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations
  - A. Recognition of service to the School Committee: Eric Weiss
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
  - A. May 28, 2013
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
  - A. Field trip requests
    - 1. JBMS to Lake Compounce: June 12, 2013
    - 2. BHS Latin students to Italy
    - 3. BHS Cheerleading trip to Westfield State University UCA camp: August 7-10, 2013
  - B. Request for change to Athletic Handbook for 2013-14
  - C. Audit report: Scanlon & Associates End-of-Year Pupil and Financial Report for FY 2012
  - D. FY 2013 budget transfers
  - E. Request for change in Preschool start date for the 2013-2014 school year
- VII. Unfinished business
  - A. Update on FY 2014 budget
- VIII. New business
  - A. Superintendent's summative evaluation

- IX. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
  - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)
  - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Tsoumas/Mr. Fritsch)
    - 1. History & Social Science Curriculum
    - 2. Music Curriculum
    - 3. Visual Arts Curriculum
    - 4. Textbook requests: BHS Science Department
      - a. Field Geology
      - b. Advanced Placement Biology
  - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich)
  - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Mr. Weiss)
  - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)
  - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Mr. Weiss)
  - G. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
  
- X. Correspondence
  - A. Agenda: June 11, 2013
  - B. Minutes: May 28, 2013
  - D. Out-of-State/Country/Overnight Field Trip forms and backup:
    - 1. JBMS to Lake Compounce: June 12, 2013
    - 2. BHS Latin students trip to Italy
    - 3. BHS Cheerleading trip to Westfield State University UCA camp: August 7-10, 2013
  - E. Memorandum regarding change to Athletic Handbook
  - F. Audit report from Scanlon & Associates
  - G. List of FY 2013 budget transfers
  - H. Memorandum from Ms. Bremer requesting change in start date for Preschool
  - I. FY 2014 Cherry Sheet update and analysis
  - J. Superintendent's Summative Evaluation Documents
    - 1. Agreed-upon goals
    - 2. Formative assessment
    - 3. Summative evaluation form
  - K. Curriculum documents and review forms
    - 1. History & Social Science
    - 2. Music
    - 3. Visual Arts
  - L. Instructional Resource Forms: BHS Science Department
    - 1. Field Geology
    - 2. Advanced Placement Biology
  - M. Memorandum to Selectmen and Town Clerk regarding School Committee vacancy
  
- 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 nonunion personnel 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.