



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
September 10, 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; Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Member; Dr. Michael Knapp, 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: Paul Scully, President and CEO, and Shelley Regin, First Vice President and Director of Marketing & Public Relations, Country Bank for Savings; Ms. Teresa Parton-Lopes, Belchertown Football Association President

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations
Friend of Education Award: Country Bank for Savings
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
A. August 20, 2013
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Report on the opening days of school
 - B. Donation of equipment by the Belchertown Football Association
 - C. Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Mid-Cycle Review Report
 - D. Plan for engagement of parents/guardians via quarterly meetings
 - E. Pinwheels for Peace project update
- VII. Unfinished business
 - A. Update on FY 2014 budget

- VIII. New business
 - A. Superintendent search process

- IX. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
 - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)
 - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Tsoumas/Dr. Knapp)
 - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich)
 - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Dr. Tsoumas)
 - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)
 - 1. Transition Specialist job description
 - 2. Request for fee increase: custodial fees for non-profit and community groups using school facilities
 - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Dr. Knapp)
 - G. School Safety Task Force (Mr. Fritsch)
 - H. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)

- X. Correspondence
 - A. Agenda: September 10, 2013
 - B. Minutes: August 20, 2013
 - C. Memorandum regarding donation of equipment by the Belchertown Football Association
 - D. Mid-Cycle Review Report
 - 1. Executive summary
 - 2. Full report from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
 - E. Email from Town Accountant regarding the FY 2014 budget and cherry sheet adjustment
 - F. Draft survey of parents/guardians regarding quarterly meetings in each school building
 - G. Pinwheels for Peace project description
 - H. Cherry Sheet adjustment email from Jill Panto, Town Accountant
 - I. Draft RFP: Superintendent search consultant
 - J. Transition Specialist job description
 - K. Facilities Use Fees Schedule: KF-E

- 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 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. The Committee will 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 the Superintendent of Schools at 413.323.0423 or via email at superintendent@belchertown.org to determine the best way to address your concerns (see [School Committee Policy BEDH](#)).