



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
October 8, 2013**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library

TIME: 6:30 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; Mr. Ben Admussen, Data Administrator; Mr. Scott Karen, Director of Technology; Ms. Kristi Guzzo, Director of Student Support Services; Ms. Sandra Bremer, Principal, Cold Spring School; Mr. Robert Kuhn, Principal, Swift River Elementary School, Ms. Paula Fitzgerald, Principal, Chestnut Hill Community School; Mr. Thomas Ruscio, Principal, Jabish Brook Middle School; Ms. Christine Vigneux, Principal, Belchertown High School

BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Michael DeBarge and Benjamin Stone

VISITORS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., c. 30A, §21, Parts (2) and (3), to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with nonunion personnel, administrators and central office staff, and 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 return to open session (anticipated return to Open Session at 7:00 pm).
- III. Special awards and presentations
 - A. National Principal's Month: Administrators' Recognition
- IV. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- V. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- VI. Approval of minutes
 - A. September 24, 2013
 - B. October 1, 2013

- VII. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Updates on School Improvement Plans
 - B. PeaceBuilders building plans for 2013-2014
 - C. MCAS 2013 results
 - D. Budget transfers
 - E. Title I Handbook
 - F. Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent update
 - G. Contracts for signatures
 - H. Accounts Payable Warrant for signatures

- VIII. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
 - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)
 - 1. Report from the September 25, 2013 meeting
 - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Tsoumas/Dr. Knapp)
 - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich)
 - 1. Next meeting scheduled for October 16, 2013, 2:15 pm, BHS Room 317
 - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Dr. Tsoumas)
 - 1. Next meeting scheduled for October 16, 2013.
 - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)
 - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Dr. Knapp)
 - 1. Next meeting scheduled for October 22, 2013, 6:30 pm, SRE Library
 - G. School Safety Task Force (Mr. Fritsch)
 - 1. Report from October 7, 2013 meeting of selected workgroups
 - H. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
 - 1. Report from October 2, 2013 meeting
 - 2. Next meeting scheduled for December 4, 2013, 5:00 pm

- IX. New business
 - A. Votes from Executive Session related to negotiations with nonunion personnel and Unit A, Teachers

- X. Unfinished business
 - A. Superintendent search process

- XI. Correspondence
 - A. Agenda: October 8, 2013
 - B. Minutes: September 24, 2013; October 1, 2013
 - C. School Improvement Plans
 - 1. Cold Spring School
 - 2. Swift River Elementary School
 - 3. Chestnut Hill Community School
 - 4. Jabish Brook Middle School
 - 5. Belchertown High School
 - D. PeaceBuilders building plans
 - 1. Cold Spring School
 - 2. Swift River Elementary School

3. Chestnut Hill Community School
4. Jabish Brook Middle School
5. Belchertown High School
- E. MCAS 2013 results
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- G. Title I Handbook
- H. Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent
 1. Survey results/Quarter 1 schedule
- I. Contracts for signatures: to be hand-carried in

XII. Adjourn

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](#)).