



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
October 22, 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

VISITORS: Members of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee; Ms. Pat Correira, MASC Field Representative

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations
 - A. Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Excellence Award
- III. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- IV. Approval of minutes
 - A. October 8, 2013
- V. Reports and Recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Accounts payable warrant
 - B. Unit E contract for signatures
- VI. New business
 - A. FY 2014 budget: joint conversation with Finance Committee, Selectmen, and town officials
- VII. Unfinished business
 - A. Superintendent search process (scheduled for 8:00 pm)
- VIII. Correspondence
 - B. Agenda: October 22, 2013
 - C. Minutes: October 8, 2013
 - D. Copy of email from Jill Panto regarding School Choice and response
 - E. Contracts for signatures: to be hand-carried in

F. Accounts payable warrant: 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](#)).