



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OPEN SESSION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
April 2, 2014**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Dr. Linda Tsoumas, Chair (present); Ms. Clare Popowich, Vice-Chair (present); Mr. Richard Fritsch, Secretary (present); Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Member (present); Dr. Michael Knapp, Member (present)

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning (present); Mr. Ben Admussen, Data Administrator (present); Mr. Thomas Ruscio, JBMS Principal (present); Ms. Paula Fitzgerald, CHCS Principal (present)

VISITORS: Ms. Patricia Correira, M.A.S. C. Consultant; Ms. Lynn Ann Clark, Superintendent candidate; Ms. Brenda Aldrich, Selectmen Liaison to School Committee; Officer Jason Krol, School Resource Officer; Ms. Christina Aponte; Ms. Sally Shattuck; Ms. Ramona Griffin; Mr. Robert Griffin; Mr. John Benoit; Ms. Liz Montgomery; Ms. Rebecca Bolton; Ms. Dawn French; Ms. Diane Presnal

MINUTES

I. Call to order

Dr. Tsoumas called the School Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Finalist Interview for position of Superintendent of Schools – Ms. Lynn Ann Clark, M.Ed.

Ms. Correira introduced the Superintendent candidate, Ms. Lynn Ann Clark, who was present to be interviewed by the School Committee. She then turned the meeting back over to Dr. Tsoumas, who welcomed Ms. Clark and read an opening statement as to how the interview would proceed. The format of the interview consists of three parts: opening remarks by the candidate; seven prepared questions from the Committee members; closing questions and/or comments by the candidate.

Ms. Clark began with a discussion of her site visit today throughout the district, and the reasons for her continued strong interest in the position of Superintendent. The School Committee members then asked questions in turn with regard to resolving issues, curriculum development, management style, past experience with Student Support Services, community relations, learning from mistakes, and budget issues. Ms. Clark responded thoroughly and thoughtfully to all questions, often providing specific examples of her own experiences in these areas. She then asked the School Committee members to discuss their reasons for sitting on this board and to elaborate on their goals for the district. Ms. Clark closed her remarks by thanking the School Committee for the opportunity to interview for this position and gave several reasons for her desire to serve as Superintendent.

III. Motion To Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Fritsch moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Ms. Bogdanovich seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0, approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by,




Kathryn A. Petersen

Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee members' signatures:

 Linda Tsoumas, Chair

 Clare Popowich, Vice Chair

 Richard Fritsch, Secretary

 Myndi Bogdanovich, Member

 Michael Knapp, Member

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).

BELCHERTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR SESSION
SIGN IN SHEET

DATE: 4-2-14

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