



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
October 14, 2014**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School
TIME: 7:00 pm

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mr. Richard Fritsch, Chair; Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Vice-Chair; Dr. Michael Knapp, Secretary; Ms. Clare Popowich, Member; Ms. Dawn French, Member

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Robert Gazda, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager; Mr. Ben Admussen, Data Administrator; Mrs. Christine Vigneux, BHS Principal; Mr. Thomas Ruscio, JBMS Principal; Mrs. Paula Fitzgerald, CHCS Principal; Mr. Robert Kuhn, SRE Principal; Ms. Sandra Bremer, CSS Principal

BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

VISITORS:

Minutes

- I. Call to order
Mr. Fritsch call the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
- II. Special awards and presentations
There were no special awards or presentations.
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
There was no update from the BHS Student Advisory.
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.
- V. Approval of minutes
 - A. September 23, 2014, Regular Session
Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2014 meeting, as amended.
Second: Ms. Popowich
Vote: 5,0,0
Amend minutes; section II to read "there were no special awards or presentations."
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Acceptance of Donation – Kiducation
Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to accept the donation from Kiducation and any future

donation during the current school year.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 5,0,0

Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to accept the donation of a used refrigerator from the CHCS PTO for the Chestnut Hill Teacher's lunch room.

Second: Ms. French

Vote: 5,0,0

Discussion: Dr. Gazda recommended acceptance of the donation from Kiducation and noted that there may be an additional 3 donations during the school year. Ms. Fitzgerald introduced Kelly McLaughlin and Beth Knodler of the CHCS PTO to speak to the PTO donation. Ms. Knodler requested the School Committee accept the donation of a used refrigerator for the Chestnut Hill Teacher's lunch room. The current refrigerator is in extremely poor shape.

B. MCAS Presentation

Presentations were given by;

Mr. Admussen – data analysis

Mr. Kuhn – Swift River Elementary

Ms. Fitzgerald – Chestnut Hill Community School

Mr. Ruscio – Jabish Brook Middle School

Ms. Vigneux – Belchertown High School

VII. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services

A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)

Ms. Bogdanovich noted at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Collaborative they;

- Voted on officers
- Voted on Committee Chairs
- Voted on members
- Spoke about the 5 year plan
- Spoke about the article of agreement

B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Knapp/Ms. French)

Dr. Knapp noted that the committee has not met.

C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Bogdanovich)

Mr. Cameron noted that the committee will meet in November.

D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Ms. Popowich)

Ms. Popowich updated the committee on the progress of the playground. There was another build over the last weekend. More ramps were added. The concrete is scheduled for this week and the rubber is scheduled to be laid next week.

E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)

Ms. Popowich noted there is no meeting currently scheduled.

F. Property & Transportation (Dr. Knapp/Mr. Fritsch)

Dr. Knapp updated the School Committee on the options available for use of the Tadgell School building. No action was taken at this time.

G. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)

Mr. Admussen stated that the committee met October 1, 2014. They discussed the summer projects, switches that were updated, addition of 100 mega band width, new firewall, new STEM lab at JBMS, a teacher tech survey, and that the committee will need to update the District Technology plan for 2015-2017.

VIII. New business

Dr. Knapp mentioned the Community Development Block Grant.

IX. Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business.

X. Correspondence

- A. October 14, 2014 Regular Session Agenda
- B. September 23, 2014, Minutes
- C. Kiducation Donation Letter

XI. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., c. 30A, §21, Part (2), to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel. The Committee will not return to open session.

Mr. Fritsch – yes

Ms. Bogdanovich – yes

Dr. Knapp – yes

Ms. Popowich – yes

Ms. French – yes

The School Committee entered into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

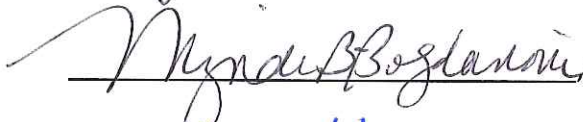
Respectfully submitted by,

Ramona Griffin
Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee members' signatures:



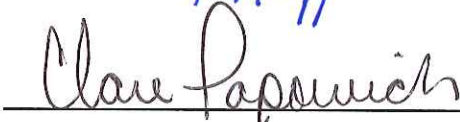
Richard Fritsch, Chair



Myndi Bogdanovich, Vice Chair



Michael Knapp, Secretary



Clare Popowich, Member



Dawn French, 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.