



**BELCHERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCE & BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
February 10, 2015**

PLACE: Swift River Elementary School Library
TIME: 6:00 pm

SUBCOMMITTEE: Dr. Michael Knapp, Chair; Ms. Dawn French, Member

ADMINISTRATION: Karol G. Coffin, Superintendent of Schools, Edward Dunn, School Business Manager

VISITORS:

Minutes

- I. Call Subcommittee Meeting to order
Dr. Knapp called the Subcommittee to order at 6:10 pm.
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.
- III. Subcommittee meeting minutes for approval
There were no minutes for approval
- IV. Items for discussion and action
 - A. Organization items for discussion: Roles, timelines, dates, etc.
Ms. Coffin advised the committee that Central Office and Admin staff met regarding budget. There were 3 scenarios discussed;
 1. Advocate for things needed in the district
 2. Level service budget
 3. 1% decrease in budgetThere are more meetings scheduled for this week to prioritize items for the coming year. Ms. Coffin stated the intent is to bring forward to committee the three scenarios listed above. Mr. Dunn noted that there is currently a expected increase in the budget of \$738,000. A level service budget would be \$27,336,000. Possible combined Town Finance Committee/School Finance Budget Committee meeting March 10, 2015. There will be Finance & Budget Committee meetings on February 23, 2015, March 2, 2015, and March 9, 2015 at 5:00 pm in the Swift River Library.
- V. Subcommittee correspondence

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- VI. Adjourn -
Motion: Ms. French moved to adjourn meeting.
Second: Dr. Knapp
Vote: 2,0,0
Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ramona Griffin
Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

Personnel & Policy Subcommittee members' signatures:

 _____, Dr. Michael Knapp, Chair

 _____, Ms. 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 Finance & Budget Subcommittee 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.