



**BELCHERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCE & BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
February 23, 2015**

PLACE: Swift River Elementary School Library
TIME: 5:00 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 5:00 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
 - A. Minutes of February 10, 2015
Motion: Ms. French moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015 as presented.
Second: Dr. Knapp
Vote: 2,0,0
- IV. Items for discussion and action
 - A. FY 16 Budget Discussion
Superintendent Coffin presented the District needs budget to the Subcommittee. This budget is what the district needs to move forward. Superintendent Coffin discussed the needs of each school, central office, health department, maintenance, and Special Education. Mr. Karen spoke to the needs of the Technology department. Mr. Lachance spoke to the maintenance needs of the district. He noted that the bonds with the town will be up in 2017. Mr. Cameron spoke to the needs of the Special Education Department. Ms. French asked if the date has been set for a combined meeting with the Town Finance Committee. Superintendent Coffin noted a date has not been set as yet.
- V. Subcommittee correspondence
 - A. Agenda February 23, 2015

VI. Adjourn

Motion: Ms. French moved to adjourn a 6:40 pm.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 2,0,0

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.