



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PROPERTY & TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
July 22, 2014**

LOCATION: Chestnut Hill Community School Library
TIME: 6:45 p.m.
SUBCOMMITTEE: Dr. Michael Knapp, Chair, Richard Fritsch, Member
ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Robert Gazda, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Brian Cameron, Asst. Supt. Dir. of Student Support Services, Robert Lachance, Dir. of Buildings and Grounds
VISITORS:

MINUTES

- I. Call Subcommittee meeting to order
Dr. Knapp called meeting to order at 7:04 pm
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
None
- III. Subcommittee meeting minutes for approval
A. October 22, 2013
Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to accept minutes from October 22, 2013 meeting as presented.
Second: Dr. Knapp
Vote: 2-0-0
- IV. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
None
- V. Unfinished business
None
- VI. New business
A. Safety – Door Issue
Mr. LaChance reported that currently all the school district entryways have safety or wired glass. He is looking into window film and interior door closures. Window film could cost \$8-\$20 per square foot. Mr. LaChance would like to consult with Officer Krohl with regard to interior closures which lock the doors from the inside. Mr. Fritsch expressed concern that the JBMS cafeteria does not have safety glass. Mr. LaChance stated that some of the glass has been replaced in the past and safety glass was used.

B. CHCS/SRE Traffic Patterns

Dr. Knapp requested that this be put on the next meeting's agenda. Mr. LaChance noted that this should involve the Bus Company, Administration, and Officer Krohl. He recommends a traffic study which would cost approximately \$5,000. Dr. Knapp and Mr. Fritsch suggested getting in touch with UMass with regard to a study. Mr. Fritsch suggested stripes in the road, speed bumps, and potential signage "This is not a Thruway" to alleviate issues. Mr. LaChance noted that speed bumps cause issues with snow plows and the buses.

C. Three –Year Trash Bid (Informational Only)

Mr. LaChance reported that entering into a bid with Ludlow and Ware would save the district \$1,900 while we expected to pay a 5% increase.

D. Update on Maintenance Projects

1) BHS Boiler Replacement

Mr. LaChance reported we are in the design phase. It was recommended we remove old boiler in the fall and we will follow that recommendation.

2) BHS High School Chiller Failure

Mr. LaChance noted that the failure occurred in September or October. Water entered the freon lines and froze. He has filed a claim with the insurance company. Estimated cost will run \$70,000-\$80,000 and could go as high as \$100,000. The insurance company has approved repair on the classroom switches.

3) JBMS Room Renovations

Mr. LaChance reported that bids will be open on July 23, 2014 for the renovations. Quotes are to include folding partition, hallway door, and replacement of overhead door. Dr. Knapp questioned if classes will be open. Mr. Ruscio stated that classes will begin at the start of school.

4) Field Renovations

Mr. LaChance reported that 20,000 square feet of sod has been installed in the stadium field.

5) Set Date(s) for Walk-Through of Schools

The School Committee requested a walkthrough of all the schools prior to the start of the school year. Dr. Gazda will coordinate the dates.

Dr. Knapp requested to look at getting an item on the town meeting agenda with regard to a 5 year capital improvement.

Dr. Knapp requested to look at maintenance at Tadgell.

VII. Subcommittee correspondence

- A. Agenda: Personnel & Policy Subcommittee Meeting – July 22, 2014
- B. October 22, 2013 Minutes
- C. Secure Doors Flyer
- D. Three-Year Trash Bid

VIII. Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to adjourn at 7:22 pm

Second: Dr. Knapp

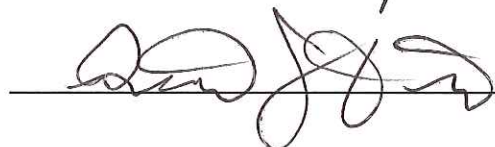
Vote: 2-0-0

Respectfully submitted by,

Ramona Griffin
Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

Property & Transportation Subcommittee members' signatures:

 _____, Michael Knapp, Chair

 _____, Richard Fritsch, 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.