



**BELCHERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPERTY & TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
October 14, 2014**

- PLACE:** Swift River Elementary School Library
TIME: 6:30 pm
- SUBCOMMITTEE:** Dr. Michael Knapp, Chair, Mr. Richard Fritsch, Member;
- ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Robert Gazda, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Robert Lachance, Director of Buildings and Grounds
- VISITORS:**

Minutes

- I. Call Subcommittee Meeting to order
Dr. Knapp called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II Public comment regarding items on the agenda
There were no public comments for items on the agenda.
- III. Subcommittee meeting minutes for approval
 - A. September 23, 2014
Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to accept minutes from September 23, 2014 meeting as amended.
Second: Dr. Knapp
Vote: 2-0-0
Amend September 23, 2014 minutes last paragraph, remove Dr. Judith Houle.
- IV. Items for discussion and action
 - A. Tadgell maintenance and use
Mr. Lachance updated the committee on Tadgell School. He noted that the bond payments for Swift River will be finished on February 2015 and Belchertown High School will finish in January 2022. This will not generate a lot of revenue when finished.
Tadgell School has an area of 25,400 square feet of space. Central office is 6,002 square feet, CHCS is 30,715 square feet. Cost of improvement would be approximately \$1,438,529.
Current enrollment for district is 2416 students; predicted for the next school year is 2408. It was noted that the district student enrollment is staying level.
Mr. Lachance referenced the plan submitted by Roy Brown Architects date 2013. Mr. Lachance noted that some areas downstairs are not up to code but that the areas upstairs

are. Mr. Fritsch noted that there is the potential to give the building to the town if the schools are not going to use it. Cost for upkeep is approximately \$25,000 annually. Dr. Knapp noted that if the schools need the building it should stay with the schools. Mr. Cameron stated there is a need for the space that Tadgell has available for Special Education and current mandates that the State requires. Mr. Fritsch requested Mr. Cameron look into what the district would save in out of district costs if Tadgell was utilized. Mr. Fritsch also requested what savings would be realized from Mr. Lachance. Dr. Knapp noted that the most pressing need in district is an Alternative High School setting.

V. Subcommittee correspondence

A. Agenda, October 14, 2014

B. Minutes, September 23, 2014

VI. Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

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 Property and Transportation 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 Superintendent of Schools, at 413.323.0423 or via email at superintendent@belchertown.org to determine the best way to address your concerns.