



**BELCHERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPERTY & TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
October 28, 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, Mr. Edward Dunn, School Business Manager
- 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. October 14, 2014, Property & Transportation Subcommittee  
Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to accept minutes from October 14, 2014 meeting as presented.  
Second: Dr. Knapp  
Vote: 2-0-0
- IV. Items for discussion and/or action
  - A. E-Mail regarding capital projects  
Discussion: Dr. Knapp referenced state funding for projects. Mr. Lachance noted that Belchertown is not eligible for many of the state funding for the current projects. Suggested sitting with Finance Committee and Selectmen to discuss alternatives. Mr. Dunn noted that MSBA services are more involved with severe repairs which Belchertown does not qualify for.
  - B. Approval of 5-year capital plan  
Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to pass the 5 year capital improvement plan on to the School Committee with the recommendation to accept the plan.  
Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 2,0,0

Discussion: Mr. Lachance noted that the quotes were based on contractor's estimates. Mr. Lachance presented the 5 year capital improvement plan noting that the JBMS roof replacement is a priority within a 12-24 month period. Dr. Gazda noted that a level funded school budget will not fund capital improvements. The 2015 capital improvements for the school district wide would total \$1,253,500.00.

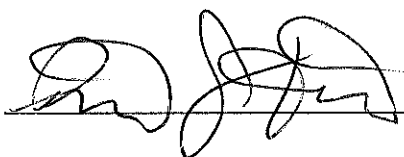
- V. Subcommittee correspondence
  - A. Agenda, October 28, 2014
  - B. Minutes, October 14, 2014
  - C. Capital projects e-mail

- VI. Adjourn
  - Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to adjourn at 6:56 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 the Superintendent of Schools, at 413.323.0423 or via email at [superintendent@belchertown.org](mailto:superintendent@belchertown.org) to determine the best way to address your concerns.