



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
July 28, 2015**

LOCATION: Chestnut Hill Community School Library

TIME: 7:00 pm

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mr. Richard Fritsch, Chair; Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Vice-Chair; Ms. Dawn French, Secretary; Dr. Michael Knapp, Member; Dr. Thomas Laughner, Member

ADMINISTRATION: Mrs. Karol Coffin, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager;

BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

VISITORS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- III. Approval of minutes
 - A. June 23, 2015, Regular Session
- IV. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. SPED and JBMS Summer School Update
 - B. Vision Committee formation and timeline of work – Chris Mattock
- V. Personnel Update
 - A. School Attendance Officer Job Description (Pending Personnel & Policy Subcommittee recommendation)
 - B. Appointment of School Attendance Officer
- VI. Unfinished business
 - A. 2015-2016 School Calendar Adjustment
(CHCS Open House new date –September 17, 2015)
 - B. Google Docs. – Scott Karen
- VII. New business
 - A. Policy JQ -Student Fees, Rentals, Fines & Charges Policy (Pending Personnel & Policy Subcommittee recommendation)
 - B. Inclusive Language Policy (Pending Personnel & Policy Subcommittee recommendation)

- C. School Attendance Policy revision (Pending Personnel & Policy Subcommittee recommendation)
 - D. Approval of School Handbooks
 - E. Acceptance of Target yearly donations (CSS & SRE)
 - F. BHS Out of Country Field Trip Request – Quebec City
 - G. Acceptable Use Policy
 - H. Surplus instruments
- VIII. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
- A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Dr. Knapp)
 - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Knapp/Dr. Laughner)
 - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch/Ms. Bogdanovich)
 - D. Jessica’s Boundless Playground Committee (Ms. French)
 - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Bogdanovich/Ms. French)
 - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Ms. French)
 - G. Finance & Budget Subcommittee (Dr. Knapp/Dr. Laughner)
- IX. Correspondence
- A. Agenda, July 28, 2015
 - B. Minutes, June 23, 2015
 - C. Attendance Officer Job Description and Recommendation to Appoint
 - D. 2015-2016 School Calendar revision
 - E. Google Docs.
 - F. Policy JQ-Student Fees & Agreement
 - G. Inclusive Language sample
 - H. Policy JH - School Attendance
 - I. 2015-2016 Student-Parent Handbooks and Revisions/Changes
 - J. Target Donations
 - K. BHS Out of Country Field Trip Request
 - L. Acceptable Use Policy
 - M. Surplus Instruments document
 - N. CES – Summary of Board of Governors Meeting
- X. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., c.30A, §21, Part (2) to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, as conducting business in open session would have a detrimental effect on the School Committee’s negotiating position. The Committee will return to open session.

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 (see [School Committee Policy BEDH](#)).