



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 11, 2014**

**LOCATION:** Swift River Elementary School Library

**TIME:** 7:00 pm

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Dr. Linda Tsoumas, Chair; Ms. Clare Popowich, Vice-Chair; Mr. Richard Fritsch, Secretary; Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Member; Dr. Michael Knapp, Member

**ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager

**BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:** Michael DeBarge, Benjamin Stone, and Sienna Nielsen

**VISITORS:**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations  
CHCS Summer 2013 Poetic Achievement Honor Schools: Ms. Suzanne Dudley and published writers
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
  - A. January 14, 2013
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
  - A. Graduation date, Class of 2014
  - B. Update on Community Partners meeting, January 28, 2014
- VII. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
  - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)
    1. Report from January 22, 2014 meeting
  - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Tsoumas/Dr. Knapp)
    1. Report from February 11, 2014 meeting
  - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich)
    1. Report from December 11, 2013 meeting: recommendation regarding the revised Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan and Policy

- D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Dr. Tsoumas)
    - 1. Report from January 22, 2014 meeting and meeting with the Community Preservation Committee on February 4, 2014
  - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)
    - 1. Need to meet regarding preschool policies and library procedures
  - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Dr. Knapp)
  - G. School Safety Task Force (Mr. Fritsch)
  - H. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
    - 1. Report from February 5, 2014 meeting
- VIII. New business
- IX. Unfinished business
- X. Correspondence
- A. Agenda: February 11, 2014
  - B. Minutes: January 14, 2014
  - C. Excerpts from *A Celebration of Poets*, featuring the works of CHCS students
  - D. Memorandum regarding graduation date for the Class of 2014
  - E. Community Partners Network Directory of Services and Supports
  - F. Revised Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan
  - G. Thank you letter to Mr. William Kirk for the donation of a television to BHS
- XI. Adjournment

*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 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](mailto:superintendent@belchertown.org) to determine the best way to address your concerns (see [School Committee Policy BEDH](#)).