



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
February 24, 2015**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School

TIME: 7:00 pm

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mr. Richard Fritsch, Chair; Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Vice-Chair; Dr. Michael Knapp, Secretary; Ms. Clare Popowich, Member; Ms. Dawn French, 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: Michael DeBarge, Sienna Nielsen, Benjamin Stone

VISITORS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations
 - A. Wiencke Award for Excellence in Teaching – Thomas J. Howell
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
 - A. February 10, 2015, Minutes
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Cold Spring School Highlight – Infusion of Technology Into the Classroom
 - B. Snow Date Make-Up – March 13, 2015
- VII. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
 - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)
 - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Knapp/Ms. French)
 - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Bogdanovich)
 - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Ms. Popowich)
 - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)
 - F. Property & Transportation (Dr. Knapp/Mr. Fritsch)
 - G. Finance & Budget Subcommittee (Dr. Knapp/Ms. French)

- H. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)

- VIII. New business
 - A. 2015 – 2016 School Year Calendar Drafts
 - B. BHS Out of State Field Trip Request
 - C. Discussion of the Superintendent Evaluation

- IX. Unfinished business
 - A. WMELC Position Paper Discussion and Vote

- X. Correspondence
 - A. Agenda, February 24, 2015 Regular Session
 - B. Minutes of February 10, 2015, Regular Session
 - C. 2015 – 2016 School Year Calendar Drafts
 - D. BHS Out-of-State Field Trip Request
 - E. WMELC Position Paper

- XI. Adjourn

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](#)).