



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 8, 2016**

**LOCATION:** Swift River Elementary School Library

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**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; Shawn Fortin, Director of Teaching & Learning; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager

**BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:** Benjamin Stone, Maddie Hamparian

**VISITORS:** Ellen Finelli, Food Service Director, Mr. & Mrs. David Gibson, Ms. Hailley Boutin

**AGENDA**

Pledge of Allegiance

- I. Call to order
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- III. Special awards and presentations
  - A. Ms. Hailley Boutin – Project 351, “Day of Service” - Boston
- IV. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- V. Approval of minutes (A.I.)
  - A. February 23, 2016, Regular Session
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
  - A. Food Service Update/Request for Price Increase – Ellen Finelli (A.I.)
- VII. Personnel update
- VIII. Unfinished business
  - A. 2016 – 2017 School Calendar (A.I.)
- IX. New business
  - A. Kindergarten Policy Waiver Request – Mr. & Mrs. David Gibson
  - B. BHS Music Dept. Field Trip Request – All State Music Festival/Boston, MA (A.I.)

- C. Approval of Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article (A.I.)
  - D. Policy GBEB – Staff Conduct: Drugs, Alcohol and Weapons (A.I.)
  - E. Accept Donation – Belchertown Band Boosters (A.I.)
- X. Reports of subcommittees/representatives
- A. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Knapp/Dr. Laughner)
  - B. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Bogdanovich/Ms. French)
  - C. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Ms. French)
  - D. Finance & Budget Subcommittee (Dr. Laughner/Dr. Knapp)
  - E. Collaborative for Educational Services (Dr. Knapp)
  - F. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch/Ms. Bogdanovich)
  - G. Technology Advisory Committee
- XI. Correspondence
- A. Agenda, March 8, 2016
  - B. Minutes, February 23, 2016, Regular Session
  - C. Food Service Dept. information
  - D. 2016-2017 School Calendar
  - E. Kindergarten entrance age waiver request
  - F. Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article
  - G. BHS Field Trip Request – All State Music Festival/Boston, MA
  - H. Policy GBEB- Staff Conduct: Drugs, Alcohol and Weapons
  - I. Band Booster’s donation
- XII. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., 30A, §21, Part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation as conducting said business in open session would have a detrimental effect on the School Committee’s bargaining or litigation position. The Committee will return to not return open session.

*Belchertown students, both individually and collaboratively, will be innovative thinkers, problem solvers and unique, creative contributors to their community and the world.*

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](#)).