



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
March 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
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
 - A. February 26, 2015, Special Session Minutes
 - B. March 10, 2015, Regular Session Minutes
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Recognition of 2015 Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients and Nominees
 - B. Chestnut Hill Community School Highlight – Music Arts Dept.
 - C. Recommendation for School Business Management Services
- 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. Approval of Proposed Warrant Article for Town Meeting, May 11, 2015
 - B. BHS Out of Country Field Trip Request – Latin Trip, April 2016
- IX. Unfinished business
- X. Correspondence
- A. Agenda, March 24, 2015 Regular Session
 - B. Minutes of March 10, 2015, Regular Session
 - C. Recommendation for School Business Management Services
 - D. Proposed Warrant Article
 - E. BHS Out of Country Latin Field Trip Request
- XI. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., c. 30A, §21, Part (2), to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel as conducting said business in open session would have detrimental effect on the School Committee's negotiating position. The Committee will not 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](#)).