



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 9, 2013**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library
TIME: 6:30 pm

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Dr. Linda Tsoumas, Chair; Mr. Eric Weiss, Vice Chair; Ms. Clare Popowich, Secretary; Ms. Beverly Phaneuf, Member; Mr. Richard Fritsch, 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:

VISITORS: Louise Levy, BHS Science Teacher; Katelyn Clark, BHS, and Matthew Davidsohn, JBMS, New England Outdoor Writers Association Youth Writing Contest Winners; Tom Fuller, New England Outdoor Writers Association

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., c. 30A, §21, Part (4), to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto. The Committee will return to open session. (Approximately 7:00 pm)
- III. Special awards and presentations
 - A. New England Outdoor Writers' Association Youth Writers Contest Winners: Katelyn Clark for First Place in the Senior Division, and Matthew Davidsohn for First Place in Massachusetts in the Junior Division
- IV. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- V. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- VI. Approval of minutes
 - A. March 26, 2013
- VII. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Accounts payables warrant signatures
 - B. Field trip request: JBMS music department trip to New York City, May 1, 2013
 - C. Field trip request: BHS band trip to the University of New Hampshire, April 29, 2013
 - D. Proposal for end of the year activities for preschool and Kindergarten
 - E. School choice seats for the 2013-2014 school year
- VIII. Unfinished business
 - A. FY 2014 budget
- IX. New business

- X. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
 - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Phaneuf)
 - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Ms. Phaneuf/Ms. Popowich)
 - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Phaneuf)
 - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Mr. Weiss)
 - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Dr. Tsoumas)
 - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Weiss/Mr. Fritsch)
 - G. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)

- XI. Correspondence
 - A. Agenda: April 9, 2013
 - B. Minutes: March 26, 2013
 - C. Accounts Payable warrant
 - D. Out-of-State Field Trip form and backup: JBMS trip to New York City
 - E. Out-of-State Field Trip form and backup: BHS band trip to the University of New Hampshire
 - F. Memorandum regarding end of the year schedule for preschool and Kindergarten from Ms. Bremer and Ms. Guzzo
 - G. Memorandum regarding school choice seats for the 2013-2014 school year
 - H. FY 2014 budget update: cuts at the \$100,000, \$200,000, and \$296,000 levels

- XII. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., c. 30A, §21, Part (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Unit A, Teachers, Unit B, Secretaries, Unit C, Custodians, Unit D, Food Service Workers, and Unit E, Paraprofessionals as conducting said business in open session would have a 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 Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools, at 413.323.0423 or via email at jhoule@belchertown.org to determine the best way to address your concerns.