



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
August 26, 2014**

LOCATION: Belchertown High School Cafeteria
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: Dr. Robert Gazda, Interim 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:

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. July 22, 2014
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Review/Approval of 2014-2015 Employee Handbook Drafts and Revision
 - B. Review of New Hires and Openings for 2014-2015 School Year
- 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. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
- VIII. New business

- IX. Unfinished business
- X. Correspondence
 - A. August 26, 2014 Regular Session Agenda
 - B. July 22, 2014 Minutes
 - C. Employee Handbook Draft
 - D. New Hires
 - E. CSS- Important Beginning of the Year Dates (Informational only)
 - F. 2014-2015 School Year Calendar Update to Include (K) No School Days (Informational only)
 - G. Staff Opening Day School-Site Schedules (informational only)
- XI. Vote To Go Into Executive Session Under M.G.L., c. 30A , §21, Part (1) to discuss a specific employee. 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](#)).