



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
November 12, 2013**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library

TIME: 7:00 pm

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

VISITORS:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Special awards and presentations
 - A. Joseph Brozek: All National Concert Band participation
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- V. Approval of minutes
 - A. October 22, 2013
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Out-of-state and Overnight field trip requests
 1. BHS Latin trip to Providence, RI: December 9, 2013
 2. BHS Spanish trip to New York City: March 20-21, 2014
 - B. Updates related to evaluation goals
 1. Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent – fall meetings
 2. Focus on instruction: update on work with Leadership Team
 3. District-Determined Measures pilot
 - C. Payroll Warrants for signatures
- VII. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services
 - A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)

1. Report from the September 25, 2013 meeting and October meeting
 - B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Tsoumas/Dr. Knapp)
 1. Report from the November 12, 2013 meeting: Virtual High School spring pilot at BHS
 2. Update on Professional Development in reading instruction for elementary/middle school teachers
 - C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Popowich)
 1. Report from the October 23, 2013 meeting
 - D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Dr. Tsoumas)
 1. Report from the October 30, 2013 meeting
 - E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)
 - F. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Dr. Knapp)
 1. Report from the October 22, 2013 meeting
 - G. School Safety Task Force (Mr. Fritsch)
 1. Report from October 7, 2013 meeting of selected workgroups
 - H. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)
 1. Report from October 2, 2013 meeting
 2. Next meeting scheduled for December 4, 2013, 5:00 pm
- IX. New business
- A. Sign Unit A contract
 - B. Foley Field/Lake Wallace Committee: School Committee representative
- X. Unfinished business
- A. Update on the FY 2014 budget
- XI. Correspondence
- A. Agenda: November 12, 2013
 - B. Minutes: October 22, 2013
 - C. Out-of-state and Overnight field trip requests
 1. BHS Latin trip to Providence, RI: December 9, 2013
 2. BHS Spanish trip to New York City: March 20-21, 2014
 - D. Summary of fall quarter Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent meetings
 - E. Copy of section from John Hattie's book, *Visible Learning for Teachers: Maximizing Impact on Learning*, on Targeted Learning, Learning Intentions, and Success Criteria
 - F. Copy of District-Determined Measures Pilot Chart
 - G. Unit A Contract – to be hand-carried in
 - H. Payroll Warrants – to be hand-carried in
- XII. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., c. 30A, §21, Parts (2) and (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Unit A, Teachers; as conducting said business in open session would have a detrimental effect on the School Committee's negotiating position. The Committee will 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](#)).