



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 16, 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:**

**Minutes**

- I. Call to order  
Mr. Fritsch called the Regular School Committee Meeting to order at 7:06 pm
- II. Acceptance of Donations
  - A. Meade Family  
Meade Family not in attendance item was tabled
  - B. Country Bank  
Country Bank not in attendance item was tabled
  - C. Coach's Challenge  
Chris Higgins, in memory of Coach Marilyn Higgins, hosted a golf tournament to fund BHS's Coach's Fund. They were able to add \$7,000 to the fund to be used at the high school for athletic fee subsidies, athletic scholarship, with the remainder to be put toward athletic equipment. The Coach's Fund has raised over \$20,000 in the last three years.
- III. Interview Ms. Karol Coffin for the position of Superintendent of Schools  
School Committee members conducted the interview of Ms. Coffin with the approved questions.
- IV. Report from site visit in Attleboro, MA  
Ms. Bogdanovich, Ms. French, Dr. Knapp, Ms. Vigneux, Ms. Griffin, and Mr. Fritsch shared their reports from the site visit to the Attleboro school district.

VII. Open comments from staff and public  
Comments from staff that met Ms. Coffin during the day.

VIII. Vote to appoint Superintendent of Schools  
Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to take a five minute recess.  
Second: Ms. Popowich  
Vote: 5,0,0

Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved for deliberation by the School Committee to discuss the candidates.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 5,0,0

Discussion: School Committee discussed the candidates. Mr. Fritsch commented either candidate would be good. Ms. French commented both candidates had a great amount of positive qualities. Dr. Knapp commented that the new superintendent will need to build relationships and both candidates exhibit this attribute. Ms. Bogdanovich noted that the comment "compliance is not enough" made by Ms. Coffin stood out to here. Ms. Popowich asked if Ms. Coffin is involved in any other superintendent searches. Ms. Correira noted that she was not.

Motion: Ms. Popowich moved to offer the Belchertown Superintendent position, pending successful negotiations, to Ms. Karol Coffin.

Second: Ms. French

Vote: 5,0,0

Motion: Ms. Popowich moved to disband the Belchertown Superintendent Search Committee

Second: Ms. Bogdanovich

Vote: 5,0,0

IX. Correspondence  
A. September 16, 2014 Regular Session Agenda  
B. Country Bank donation correspondence  
C. Meade family donation correspondence  
D. Coach's Challenge donation correspondence

IX Adjourn  
Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to adjourn  
Second: Ms. French  
Vote: 5,0,0  
Adjourn at 8:34 pm

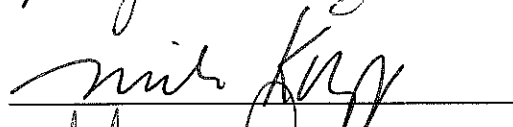
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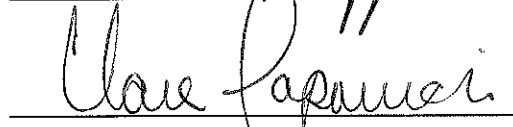
Ramona Griffin  
Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee members' signatures:

 Richard Fritsch, Chair

 Myndi Bogdanovich, Vice Chair

 Michael Knapp, Secretary

 Clare Popowich, Member

 Dawn French, Member

*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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:superintendent@belchertown.org) to

determine the best way to address your concerns (see School Committee Policy BEDH).