



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 23, 2014**

**LOCATION:** Chestnut Hill Community School Library  
**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 call the meeting to order at 7:10 pm
- II. Special awards and presentations  
There were special awards or presentations.
- III. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives  
There was no update from the BHS Student Advisory.
- IV. Public comment regarding items on the agenda  
There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.
- V. Approval of minutes
  - A. August 26, 2014, Regular Session  
Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2014 meeting, as presented.  
Second: Ms. Bogdanovich  
Vote: 5,0,0
  - B. September 9, 2014, Site Visit  
Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2014 meeting, as presented.  
Second: Ms. Bogdanovich  
Vote: 4,0,1 (abstention; Ms. Popowich)
  - C. September 10, 2014, Site Visit

Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2014 meeting, as presented.

Second: Ms. Bogdanovich

Vote: 4,0,1 (abstention; Ms. Popowich)

D. September 15, 2014, Regular Session

Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2014 meeting, as presented.

Second: Ms. Bogdanovich

Vote: 5,0,0

E. September 16, 2014, Regular Session

Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2014 meeting, as presented.

Second: Ms. Bogdanovich

Vote: 5,0,0

VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent

A. Acceptance of Donations

Motion: D. Knapp moved to accept the donation from Dr. Meade.

Second: Ms. French

Vote: 5,0,0

Discussion: Dr. Gazda recommended approval of the donation from Dr. Meade in the amount of \$1,200, to be used for technology at Belchertown High School.

B. Recommendation to accept Public Access Defibrillation Program Procedure

Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to accept the Public Access Defibrillation Procedure.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 5,0,0

Discussion: Dr. Gazda spoke to this recommendation. Ms. Bogdanovich questioned who in the buildings were trained. Mr. Cameron will check with the schools. Ms. Bogdanovich also asked who does the daily check. Dr. Gazda responded that the nurse leaders would do the check.

VII. Reports of subcommittees/representative to Collaborative for Educational Services

A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)

Ms. Bogdanovich noted that the next meeting scheduled is for September 24, 2014.

B. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Knapp/Ms. French)

No meeting is currently scheduled.

C. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. Bogdanovich)

No meeting is currently scheduled.

D. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Ms. Popowich)

Ms. Popowich noted that there is a meeting scheduled for September 24, 2014 to discuss changes needed.

E. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Popowich/Ms. Bogdanovich)

Ms. Popowich noted there is no meeting currently scheduled.

F. Property & Transportation (Dr. Knapp/Mr. Fritsch)

1. Valley Winds Facility Use Request

Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to approve the request for facility use for rehearsals as presented.

Second: Ms. French

Vote: 5,0,0

Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to approve the request for facility use for concerts as presented.

Second: Ms. French

Vote: 5,0,0

Discussion: Dr. Knapp noted the Valley Winds request was discussed at meeting of the Property & Transportation earlier in the evening. Most of the School Committee was in attendance at that time to hear the request and discussion. Ms. Bogdanovich asked if there was a plan in place to acquire funds to offset the costs of using the High School. Dr. Messier noted they had options available they would be pursuing.

2. Update on BHS boiler replacement

Dr. Knapp updated the School Committee on the boiler replacement at Belchertown High School.

3. Summary of school facilities walk-through

Dr. Knapp supplied the School Committee with a memo detailing the facilities walk through performed by himself and Mr. Fritsch. Dr. Knapp noted that Tadgell will be the next big issue for the school district. This could potentially be a capital improvement project by the town.

4. SRE dismissal procedures and traffic flow

Dr. Knapp updated the School Committee on the new procedures for SRE dismissal. Ms. Bogdanovich and Ms. French noted that it may be advisable to have someone directing traffic flow at the beginning of the implementation to avoid problems.

G. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)

Mr. Fritsch noted that the next meeting will be scheduled for October.

VIII. New business

Ms. Popowich requested that the School Committee vote on a location for future meetings. Members noted that they would like a regularly scheduled location for future meetings.

Motion: Ms. Popowich moved to have regularly scheduled School Committee meetings resume at SRE with budget meetings to be announced.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 5,0,0

Dr. Knapp noted that donation could be accepted without the attendance of the donator.

- IX. Unfinished business  
Mr. Fritsch noted there was no unfinished business.
- X. Correspondence
- A. September 23, 2014 Regular Session Agenda
  - B. August 26, 2014, Minutes
  - C. September 9, 2014 Minutes
  - D. September 10, 2014 Minutes
  - E. Public Access Defibrillation Program Procedures
  - F. Donations Information
  - G. Traffic Study letter
  - H. SRE Dismissal Procedures Info
  - I. Hampshire County Opioid Prevention Collaborative Effort letter of support – FYI only
- XI. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., c. 30A, §21, Part (2), to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel. The Committee will not return to open session.

Mr. Fritsch – yes

Ms. Bogdanovich – yes

Dr. Knapp – yes

Ms. Popowich – yes

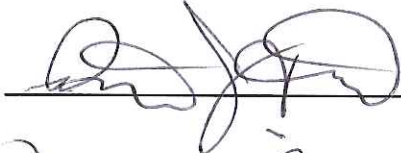
Ms. French – yes

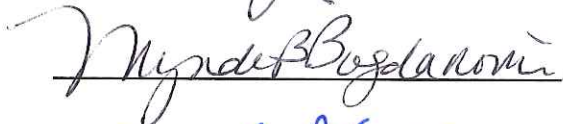
The School Committee entered into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

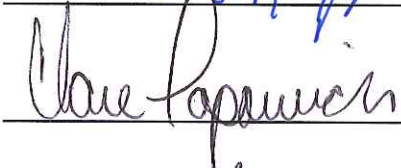
Ramona Griffin  
Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

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 Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee of the School Committee conducts its business in open session pursuant to Chapter 39, Section 23B 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 Subcommittee 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.