



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
October 28, 2014**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School
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 7:00 pm
- II. Special awards and presentations
Ms. Fitzgerald of CHCS introduced Ms. Judd and Mr. Moyer-Wilkes. Ms. Judd and Mr. Moyer-Wilkes shared their CHCS Peacebuilder presentation with the School Committee.
- 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.
Ms. Aldrich noted that Ms. Karol Coffin was invited to the Belchertown Special Town Meeting in December.
- V. Approval of minutes
 - A. October 14, 2014, Regular Session
Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to accept the October 14, 2014 minutes as presented
Second: Ms. Bogdanovich
Vote: 5,0,0
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. Acceptance of Donations
 - 1) ISO New England-Computer Equipment
Motion: Ms. Popowich moved to accept the donation of computer equipment from ISO

New England for use in the district.

Second: MS. Bogdanovich

Vote: 5,0,0

Discussion: Dr. Gazda noted that ISO New England has 3 computer monitors to donate to the district. Mr. Karen recommended acceptance as they are needed.

B. Approve Budget Line Item Transfers

Motion: Ms. Popowich moved to approve the line item transfers in the amount of \$553,351.42

Second: Ms. Bogdanovich

Vote: 5,0,0

Discussion: Mr. Dunn noted these are budget transfers to keep accounts balanced. They account for personnel changes, DESI policy, copy rental for example.

C. Appoint School Physician for 2014-15 school year

Motion: Ms. Popowich moved to accept Dr. Leopold as the school physician for the 2014/2015 school year.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 5,0,0

D. BHS Field Trip – Hockey Team

Motion: MS. Popowich moved to approve the out-of-state field trip by the BHS Hockey team on December 27, 2014.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 5,0,0

Dr. Gazda recommended approval of the out-of-state field trip, all paperwork was in order.

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

A. Collaborative for Educational Services (Ms. Bogdanovich)

Ms. Bogdanovich noted there will be a meeting in November.

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

Dr. Knapp noted Curriculum & Instruction has not met.

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

Mr. Cameron noted there will be a meeting November 12, 2014.

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

Ms. Popowich noted the surface will be poured this week and there will be a meeting next week.

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

Ms. Popowich noted there was nothing at this time.

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

Dr. Knapp spoke to the 5 year capital improvement plan. There are limited funds to support capital improvements. There will be a presentation of the 5 year plan at the next School Committee meeting.

G. Technology Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch)

Mr. Fritsch noted the next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2014.

VIII. New business

There was no new business.

IX. Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business.

X. Correspondence

A. October 28, 2014 Regular Session Agenda

B. October 14, 2014, Minutes

C. ISO New England Donation Form

D. Budget Line Item Transfers

E. School Physician Appointment Letter

F. BHS Hockey Team Field Trip Form

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.

XII. Mr. Fritsch – yes

XIII. Ms. Bogdanovich – yes

XIV. Dr. Knapp – yes

XV. Ms. Popowich – yes

XVI. Ms. French – yes

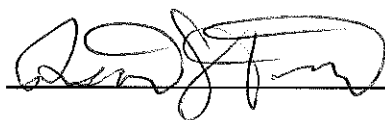
The School Committee entered into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

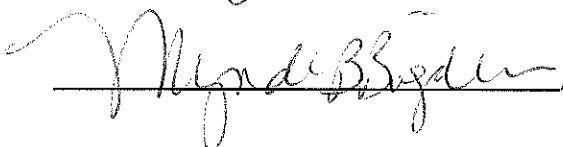
Ramona Griffin

Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

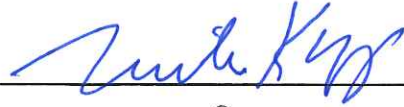
School Committee members' signatures:



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 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](#)).