



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
December 23, 2013**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library
TIME: 5:00 pm

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Dr. Linda Tsoumas, Chair (present); Ms. Clare Popowich, Vice-Chair (present); Mr. Richard Fritsch, Secretary (present-*arrived late, not present for first vote*); Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Member (not present); Dr. Michael Knapp, Member (present)

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning (present)

VISITORS: Ms. Pat Correira, M.A.S.C. Consultant (present)

MINUTES

I. Call to order

Dr. Tsoumas called the School Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Superintendent Search - Discussion with Pat Correira

A. Review of advertising materials-brochure and print ad

1. Ms. Correira presented a draft of information for the Education Weekly advertisement, followed by a discussion of its content with present School Committee members.

MOTION: Dr. Knapp moved to approve the content of the Education Weekly advertisement, as presented. Ms. Popowich seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3-0-0, approved unanimously

2. Ms. Correira presented the publicity brochure to be used for mailings, followed by a discussion with School Committee members, and revisions were noted. It was decided that a vote on the "key responsibilities" section in the brochure will follow the discussion of the survey and focus group results.

MOTION: Mr. Fritsch moved to approve the publicity brochure for mailings, as amended with revisions noted. Ms. Popowich seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0-0, approved unanimously

B. Review of survey and focus group results

Ms. Correira provided a handout detailing the results received from the survey and focus groups, and a discussion ensued regarding these results. 181 respondents participated in the online survey, and characteristics of the next superintendent were highlighted from the responses. Points that were reinforced in those responses included the following: communication, successful educational experience, curriculum and instruction experience, and knowledge of school safety. Based on these results, there were no additional points added to the "key responsibilities" section in the brochure.

MOTION: Mr. Fritsch moved to approve the Key Responsibilities section in the publicity brochure for mailings, as presented. Dr. Knapp seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0-0, approved unanimously

C. Appointment of Superintendent Screening Committee

A worksheet was provided to record the Superintendent Screening Committee as it was selected. Ms. Correira announced the segments of the committee that were determined by the minimum number of volunteer applicants: administration, community, and the elected town official. For all other member groups, Ms. Correira drew names from the volunteers for each category to identify the membership of the committee. Members selected for the Superintendent Screening Committee were as follows:

Parents:

Mr. Jon Endelos
Mr. Andy DiNapoli
Ms. Mona Griffin

Teachers:

Ms. Christine Niquette
Mr. Ron McClure
Ms. Cheryl Relihan

Administrators:

Mr. Brian Cameron
Ms. Christine Vigneux

School Committee:

Mr. Richard Fritsch
Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich

Non-Teaching Staff:

Ms. Joanne Gosselin
Ms. Christina Aponte

Community:

Ms. Paula Moran
Mr. Hans Mentzen

Elected Town Official:

Ms. Brenda Aldrich

MOTION: Ms. Popowich moved to appoint the Superintendent Screening Committee, as selected. Dr. Knapp seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-0-0, approved unanimously


Ms. Correira will notify all members of the Superintendent Screening Committee, and the volunteers that were not selected, of the selection of the committee.

III. Motion to Adjourn

The School Committee moved to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0-0, approved unanimously

Respectfully prepared by,

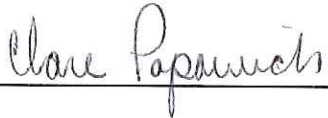


Kathryn A. Petersen

Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee members' signatures:

 Linda Tsoumas, Chair

 Clare Popowich, Vice Chair

_____, Richard Fritsch, Secretary

 Michael Knapp, 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](#)).