



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL SESSION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
September 28, 2015**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library

TIME: 5:00 pm

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mr. Richard Fritsch, Chair (present); Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Vice-Chair (present); Ms. Dawn French, Secretary (present); Dr. Michael Knapp, Member(present); Dr. Thomas Laughner, Member(present)

ADMINISTRATION: Mrs. Karol Coffin, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services

BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Benjamin Stone, Maddie Hamparian

VISITORS: Ms. Dorothy Presser

Minutes

- I. Call to order
Mr. Fritsch called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
- II. Acceptance of Minutes
 - A. August 10, 2015
None at this time.
- III. M.A.S.S. Governance Training Session – Ms. Dorothy Presser
Ms. Presser started the session. This is the 5th session. She asked the Committee to reflect on the program, what still needs to be worked on and how to sustain.
The Committee discussed:
 - Operating protocols
 - School Committee mission
 - Dr. Laughner presented the Committee with a mission statement. After revising the Committee agreed on the following; The Belchertown School Committee represents the town's citizens in the governance of the school system. It does this through administrative and fiscal oversight, policy setting, and establishing and evaluating the district's goals and objectives.
 - School Committee vision; the Committee discussed how to incorporate the Vision Committee into the vision statement.
 - School Committee goals;
 - Review all policies related to CPR (Personnel & Policy Committee)
 - Ensure all policies that need to be modified due to legislative policy are updated (Personnel & Policy Committee)

- With the Superintendent, provide regular feedback and approval of the strategic plan (SC & Vision Committee)
- Approve a budget that aligns with the draft of the strategic plan (Finance & Budget Committee)
- Complete successful negotiations with the unions (all members)
- Develop a plan for measuring student success (Curriculum & Instruction)
- Year long agenda

V Correspondence

A. Agenda, September 28, 2015

B. Minutes of August 10, 2015

VI. Adjourn

Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

Second: Ms. French

Vote 5,0,0

Respectfully submitted by,

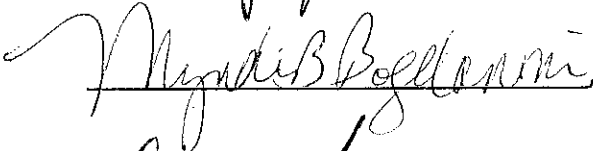
Ramona Griffin

Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee members' signatures:



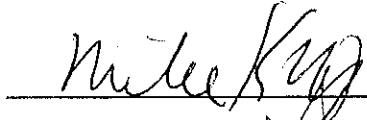
Richard Fritsch, Chair



Myndi Bogdanovich, Vice Chair



Dawn French, Secretary



Michael Knapp, Member



Thomas Laughner, 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](#)).