



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
September 22, 2015**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library

TIME: 7:00 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; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager, Ms. Christine Vigneux, Principal BHS, Mr. Robert Lachance, Director of Building & Grounds

BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Benjamin Stone

VISITORS:

Minutes

- I. Call to order
Mr. Fritsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.
- III. Special awards and presentations
There were no special awards or presentations.
- IV. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
CSS: Annual walk-a-thon October 1, sponsored by the PTO

SRE: Grades 2 & 3 will be offered enrichment activities at recess, 30 minutes of non-academic activities October 13-18.

CHCS: Fire prevention & safety month. Fire fighters will be coming in for presentations.

JBMS: Running club starts this week.

BHS: Non-perishable food drive going on. Vision meeting took place on Monday. Band will be going to the Big E to perform. Belchertown Fair was a successful fundraiser. Freshmen and sophomores had the parking lots, junior booth raised about \$4,400 and the senior booth raised about \$3,000.

- V. Approval of minutes
 - A. September 8, 2015, Regular Session Minutes (A.I.)

Motion: Ms. French moved to approve the September 8, 2015 minutes as amended.

Second: Ms. Bogdanovich

Vote: 4,0,0

Discussion: Dr. Laughner added "This will be an annual discussion on who will hear grievances." to Section IX part C.

VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent

A. Superintendent Goals (pending Subcommittee discussion)

Superintendent Coffin introduced Pat Martin, her coach in the new superintendent induction program. Superintendent Coffin presented her goals to the Committee. The goals consist of:

- Student learning
- Professional practice
- District improvement = 2 goals

The Committee discussed the set up and wording of goals. Superintendent Coffin will update and bring back to next meeting.

Dr. Knapp arrived during this discussion.

B. School Choice and District Enrollment Update

Superintendent Coffin updated the Committee on the school choice seats. The total new seats filled were 40, total school choice students in district is 123. Superintendent Coffin updated the Committee on student enrollment, 2,395 students in district. It was noted that BHS was designed for 1,000 students.

VII. Personnel Update

Superintendent Coffin updated the Committee on the new hires in the district, including CHCS-food service, BHS-long term PE sub, JBMS-Gr. 8 SPED teacher, and a District-speech/language path assist.

VIII. Unfinished business

A. MASC Policy Contract (A.I.)

Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to approve the MASC policy contract pending technology language change.

Second: Ms. French

Vote: 5,0,0

Discussion: Superintendent Coffin presented the revised contract. Dr. Laughner noted the technology language about browsers was not amended. The Committee requested the browser language be removed from the contract.

IX. New Business

A. Snow Plowing Bid (A.I.)

Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to approve the GTC Landscaping bid for snow plowing.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 5,0,0

Mr. Lachance presented the recommendations for snow plowing. Six packets were sent out and the district received 3 bids. GTC was the lowest bid. Mr. Lachance recommends approval of GTC. Ms. French asked for clarification of the charges and what happens if

the plowing conflict with the company's other obligations? Mr. Lachance explained the school would take precedence. This is a 1 year bid with 2 one year extensions; there would be no more than a 5% increase.

B. Healthy Hampshire survey request (A.I.)

Motion: Ms. French moved to take no action

Second: Ms. Bogdanovich

Vote: 5,0,0

Discussion: Mr. Fritsch presented a request from Sarah Bankert to use the district survey system for a survey of the RT 202/State Street. Dr. Knapp spoke to the request. Ms. Bogdanovich noted there are 2 other surveys going out soon for the district. The Committee discussed the use of the school survey system to an outside organization. It was suggested that the request be sent to the Property & Transportation Subcommittee to look at. The survey would discuss the State School property and access to Rte 202 by the school entrances.

X. Reports of subcommittees/representatives

A. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Knapp/Dr. Laughner)

Dr. Knapp noted nothing at this time.

B. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Bogdanovich/Ms. French)

Ms. Bogdanovich noted the committee met earlier tonight to go over the Superintendent goals, policy for scholarships, inclement weather policy, and the dress code survey.

C. Property & Transportation (Mr. Fritsch/Ms. French)

Mr. Fritsch noted the next meeting the committee will discuss the EDIC plan.

D. Finance & Budget Subcommittee (Dr. Knapp/Dr. Laughner)

Dr. Laughner noted there will be a meeting on Monday.

E. Collaborative for Educational Services (Dr. Knapp)

Dr. Knapp noted nothing at this time.

F. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Mr. Fritsch/Ms. Bogdanovich)

Mr. Fritsch noted nothing at this time.

G. Jessica's Boundless Playground Committee (Ms. French)

Ms. French noted nothing at this time.

H. Technology Advisory Committee

Dr. Laughner noted nothing at this time.

I. Vision Advisory Committee

Dr. Knapp noted the committee met with public at BHS Monday. There were 4 people in attendance. Next meeting is at JBMS October 5th. The Committee noted that they would

post on their Facebook pages to encourage participation.

XI. Correspondence

- A. Agenda, September 25, 2015
- B. Minutes, September 8, 2015, Regular Session
- C. Superintendent Goals
- D. School Choice/District enrollment updates
- E. Personnel Update
- F. MASC policy contract information
- G. Snow Plowing Bid
- H. MASC Save the Date – Informational Only
- I. Board & Administrator Newsletter – Informational Only

XII. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L., 30A, §21, Part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation as conducting business in open session would have a detrimental effect on the School Committee's bargaining or litigation position. The Committee will return to open session

Mr. Fritsch: yes

Ms. Bogdanovich: yes

Ms. French: yes

Dr. Knapp: yes

Dr. Laughner: yes

The Committee entered into Executive Session at 8:45 pm.

The Committee reconvened to Open Session at 9:30 pm.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to adjourn at 9:30 pm

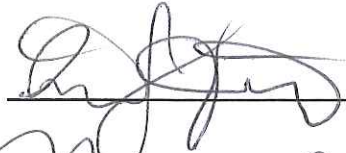
Second: Ms. French

Vote: 4,0,1 (Dr. Knapp abstained)

VIII. 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.

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](#)).