



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
November 10, 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 (absent)

ADMINISTRATION Mrs. Karol Coffin, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services; Mr. Shawn Fortin, Director of Teaching and Learning; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager; Ms. Christine Vigneux, Principal BHS; Mr. Thomas Ruscio, JBMS Principal; Ms. Paula Fitzgerald, Principal CHCS; Mr. Ben Admussen, Data Administrator; 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 7:03 pm.
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.
- III. Special awards and presentations
Superintendent Coffin attended the Veteran ceremony at BHS, after the ceremony she presented 62 students with John & Abigail Adams scholarships.
- IV. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives
- V. Approval of minutes
 - A. October 27, 2015, Regular Session Minutes (A.I.)
Motion: Ms. French moved to accept the minutes as amended.
Second: Dr. Knapp
Vote: 4,0,0
Discussion: Dr. Knapp noted a change to Section II. Ms. French noted changes in Section VI and IX B.
- VI. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
 - A. PARCC Report – Ben Admussen
Mr. Admussen presented the PARCC report to the Committee. Mr. Fritsch questioned what other districts results were like. Mr. Admussen hasn't spoken with other districts recently and the result just came out. He will get back to the

Committee at a later date. Superintendent Coffin noted that results will depend on the electronic or paper version of PARCC that a district took and described some of the differences. Ms. Bogdanovich noted that at a District 5 meeting it was noted that MCAS does not test on common core and PARCC does. Mr. Admussen noted PARCC also has a different grading system. The DOE is in the process of determining what will be used in the state. Either PARCC or potentially an updated version of MCAS, MCAS 2.0.

B. Professional Development Day Report – Shawn Fortin

Mr. Fortin presented the report to the Committee and the program that was used for the day. Superintendent Coffin noted that they will continue in January with Dr. Ruth Potee for anyone in the community that would like to attend.

Superintendent Coffin noted that CHCS will participate in the Veteran's Day program tomorrow at BHS. Both band and chorus will perform. In addition, SRE had a meaningful Veteran's presentation today.

C. Vision Committee Update (Last open forum 11/16/15 CSS)

Superintendent Coffin updated, she noted there will be childcare available at the final meeting at CSS.

VII. Personnel Update

Superintendent Coffin noted nothing at this time.

VIII. Unfinished business

A. Suspension Policy (A.I.)

Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to approve the JKD policy as amended.

Second: Ms. French

Vote: 4,0,0

Discussion; Mr. Cameron noted the attorney read over and edited the policy. Ms. Bogdanovich and Ms. French noted a change to policy under "Exclusion under M.G.L.,c. 71, 37H" part d. to add "The student has the right to counsel at a hearing before the superintendent, at his or her own expense."

It was noted that once approved and amended the policy needs to be distributed to all schools to be added to the handbooks.

IX. New Business

A. Acceptance of Donations (A.I.)

1. PTO Donation – JBMS refrigerator

Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to approve the PTO donation of a refrigerator to JBMS.

Second: Ms. French

Vote: 4,0,0

Discussion: Mr. Ruscio thanked the JBMS PTO for their donation.

2. Hulmes Transportation – Empty toner cartridges

Mr. Ruscio shared his letter of thanks to Hulmes Transportation for their

donation of printer cartridges. He also noted this is an annual donation from Hulmes Transportation.

B. MASC/MASS Conference Update

Ms. Bogdanovich requested to table this until the next meeting. The Committee agreed to table the discussion. Ms. French noted there is a MASC 2015 app available.

X. Reports of subcommittees/representatives

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

Dr. Knapp noted the committee met earlier in the evening and was updated by Shawn Fortin about the focus of assessments in the district and the use of data.

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

Ms. Bogdanovich noted the committee met earlier this evening and is working on several policies at this time.

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

Mr. Fritsch noted they are meeting next Thursday at central office.

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

Dr. Knapp noted they have not met. They are looking to meet with the town finance committee.

E. Collaborative for Educational Services (Dr. Knapp)

Dr. Knapp noted they are meeting next week.

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

Ms. Bogdanovich noted they will meet in December.

G. Technology Advisory Committee

Mr. Fortin noted they are working on updating the tech survey, Google apps integration, and infrastructure.

H. Vision Advisory Committee

Superintendent Coffin noted nothing at this time.

XI. New Business

Superintendent Coffin wished the BHS soccer and volleyball teams' good luck; they are both participating in the semi-playoffs tonight.

XII. Correspondence

A. Agenda, November 10, 2015

B. Minutes, October 27, 2015, Regular Session

C. Professional Development Day Information

D. Policy JKD: Suspension Policy and Regulations

E. Donation Memos

F. Board & Administrator Newsletter (informational only)

XIII. Adjourn

Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm

Second: Dr. Knapp

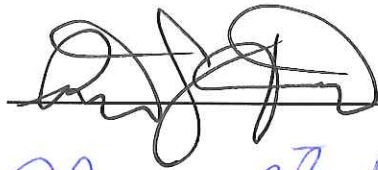
Vote: 4,0,0

Respectfully submitted by,

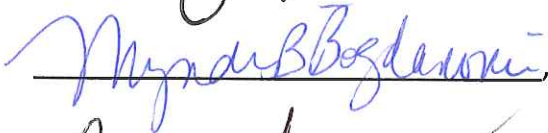
Ramona Griffin

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.

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](#)).