



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL SESSION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
August 10, 2015**

LOCATION: Belchertown Public Schools Central Office
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:

VISITORS:

Minutes

- I. Call to order
Mr. Fritsch called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm.

- II. Continue to review School Committee operations documents
Superintendent Coffin noted that all changes requested by the committee have been added. Discussion with regard to School Committee Powers and Duties, Ms. Bogdanovich discussed the changes to the document. The Committee agreed with the changes noted and asked that number 9 under duties be clarified. The Committee noted there were no changes to the Superintendent Relationship. The Committee noted that they would like the School Committee Statement to change to School Committee Mission or School Committee Mission Statement. Dr. Laughner is working on the mission statement. The Committee noted the school website will need to be updated with the revised documents once approved.

- III. School Committee vision and goals
Dr. Laughner is working on the vision. The Committee discussed the SMART goals and what the SMART goals should be. Goals recommended by the Committee were; public relations, policy review, budget review, strategic plan, building project, negotiations, student achievement. The Committee agreed to start with a focus on;
 1. Policy review – 1/3 of policy book per year
 2. Budget review – with an alignment to goals
 3. Strategic plan – in place for July 1, 2016
 4. Negotiations – to be done by May
 The remaining goals,
 - Public relations - the Committee discussed the goal of implementing a plan to

increase public engagement.

- Building project – development of a building plan
- Student achievement – discussed how, what, and whether assessments could determine success of the district.

IV Correspondence

V. Adjourn

Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to adjourn at 6:30 pm.

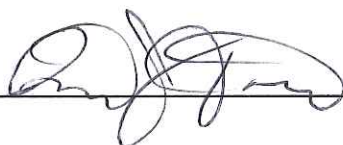
Second: Ms. Bogdanovich

Vote: 2,0,0

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.

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