



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 23, 2016**

**LOCATION:** Swift River Elementary School Library

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Ms. Dawn French, Chair; Dr. Thomas Laughner, Vice-Chair; Dr. Michael Knapp, Secretary, Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Member; Jeff Charron, Member

**ADMINISTRATION:** Mrs. Karol Coffin, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services; Shawn Fortin, Director of Teaching & Learning; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager

**BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:** Parker Mas

**VISITORS:**

**AGENDA**

Pledge of Allegiance

- I. Call to order
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- III. Special awards and presentations
  - A. Newsweek Article – 500 Best High Schools in America
- IV. Approval of minutes (A.I.)
  - A. July 23, 2016 Regular Session
- V. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
  - A. Strategic Plan Report (A.I.)
  - B. Budget & Allocation Resource Pilot
- VI. Personnel update
  - A. Personnel update as of August 23, 2016
- VII. Unfinished business
  - A. Proud of WMass Public Schools Campaign
- VIII. New business
  - A. Foreign Exchange Policy – Waiver Request (A.I.)
  - B. Approve Policy GBEB, Staff Code of Conduct (A.I.)

- C. Approve Policy GBEC Drug-Free Work Place (A.I.)
  - D. Regulation GBEC-R Drug Free Work Place
  - E. Approve Policy JICFB, Bullying Prevention Policy (A.I.)
  - F. Approve Policy JICH, Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use and eliminate JICHA Drug Policy (A.I.)
  - G. Approve Policy JLD Guidance Program (A.I.)
  - H. Absences and Excuses new language
  - I. Approval of 2016 – 2016-2017 Student-Parent Handbooks (A.I.)
  - J. Approval of 2016 – 2016 BHS Athletics Handbook (A.I.)
  - K. Approval of 2016-2017 Employee Handbook (A.I.)
  - L. New member – subcommittee roles (A.I.)
  - M. Substitute Pay – Increase \$5/day (A.I.)
  - N. Return money to town discussion
- IX. Reports of subcommittees
- A. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Knapp/Dr. Laughner)
  - B. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Bogdanovich/Dr. Laughner)
  - C. Property & Transportation (Ms. Bogdanovich/Ms. French)
  - D. Finance & Budget Subcommittee (Dr. Laughner/Dr. Knapp)
- X. Reports of school department liaisons
- A. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee (Ms. French)
  - B. Technology Working Group (Dr. Laughner)
  - C. Collaborative for Educational Services (Dr. Knapp)
- XI. Correspondence
- A. Agenda, August 23, 2016
  - B. Newsweek Article
  - C. July 26, 2016, Regular Session Minutes
  - D. Strategic Plan Report
  - E. Personnel Update
  - F. Proud of WMass Public Schools Campaign
  - G. Foreign Exchange Waiver Request
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  - O. 2016-2017 Student-Parent Handbooks
  - P. 2016-2017 Athletics Handbook
  - Q. 2016-2017 Employee Handbook
  - R. Substitute Pays
  - S. Returning money to town memo

- XII. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. 30A, §21, Part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and individual contracts or litigation as conducting said business in open session would have a detrimental effect on the School Committee's bargaining or litigation position. The committee will not return to open session.

*Belchertown students, both individually and collaboratively, will be innovative thinkers, problem solvers and unique, creative contributors to their community and the world.*

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](mailto:superintendent@belchertown.org) to determine the best way to address your concerns (see [School Committee Policy BEDH](#)).