



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

LOCATION: Swift River Elementary School Library

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE: Dr. Linda Tsoumas, Chair; Dr. Michael Knapp, Member

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Ms. Christine Vigneux, Belchertown High School Principal

VISITORS:

AGENDA

- I. Call Subcommittee meeting to order
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- III. Subcommittee meeting minutes for approval
 - A. July 30, 2013
- IV. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
 - A. Virtual High School pilot: Spring 2013
 - B. Update on professional development in reading instruction for elementary/middle school teachers
- V. Unfinished business
- VI. New business
- VII. Subcommittee correspondence
 - A. Agenda: Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee Meeting, November 12, 2013
 - B. Minutes: Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee Meeting, July 30, 2013
 - C. Virtual High School spring pilot proposal
- VIII. Adjourn

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 Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee of the School Committee conducts its business in open session pursuant to Chapter 39, Section 23B 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 Subcommittee 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.