



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 28, 2017**

**LOCATION:** Swift River Elementary School Library

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

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

**ADMINISTRATION:** Ms. Karol Coffin, Superintendent; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services; Dr. Shawn Fortin, Director of Teaching & Learning; Mr. Edward Dunn, Contracted School Business Manager, Ms. Jennifer Champagne, CHCS Principal; Mr. Thomas Ruscio, JBMS Principal

**BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr. 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. BHS Golf Team-Division II Golf Champions
  - B. 2017 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship recipients – Hi Chul Chung, Kodwo Ampiah-Bonney
  - C. Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching winners-verbal announcement
- IV. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representative – Mr. Parker Mas
- V. Approval of minutes (A.I.)
  - A. February 7, 2017, Regular Session
- VI. Approval of Warrants and Budget Transfers (A.I.)
  - A. Accounts payable warrant S/021317, 021317SA
  - B. Payroll warrants W#1732, W#1734
  - C. Approval of FY17 budget transfers
- VII. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
  - A. BHS School Improvement Plan update

- B. FY 18 Budget Presentations
  - 1) PreK tuition (A.I.)
  - 2) BPS funding history
  - 3) Areas to save: Substitute, teachers prep costs
  
- VIII. Personnel
  - A. Update as of February 28, 2017
  
- IX. Unfinished business
  
- X. New business
  - A. BHS Out of State Field Trip Request-NYC (A.I.)
  - B. Approval of 2017-2018 school calendar (A.I.)
  - C. Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School- Letter of Opposition
  
- XI. Reports of subcommittees
  - A. Curriculum & Instruction (Dr. Knapp/Mr. Charron)
  - B. Personnel & Policy (Ms. Bogdanovich/Dr. Laughner)
    - A. Policy AC – Nondiscrimination (A.I.)
    - B. Policy IJNDD – Social Media (A.I.)
    - C. Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses (A.I.)
  - C. Property & Transportation (Ms. Bogdanovich/Ms. French)
  - D. Finance & Budget Subcommittee (Dr. Laughner/Mr. Charron)
  
- XII. 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)
  - D. RADAR (Dr. Laughner, Mr. Charron)
  
- XIII. Correspondence
  - A. Agenda, February 28, 2017
  - B. February 7, 2017, Minutes
  - C. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants
  - D. FY17 Budget transfers
  - E. BHS School Improvement Plan update
  - F. FY18 Budget documents
  - G. Personnel update
  - H. BHS Out of State Field Trip request
  - I. 2017-2018 school calendar draft
  - J. Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School – Commissioners recommendation
  - K. Policy AC – Nondiscrimination
  - L. Policy IJNDD – Social Media
  - M. Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses

- XIV. Vote to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. 30A, §21, Part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining Unit A, Teacher , Unit C, Custodians, and negotiations with Single Contracts Employees and/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 return to open session.
- XV. Adjourn

*Vision Statement*

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

*Mission Statement*

*In the pursuit of excellence and the development of life-long learners, it is the mission of the Belchertown Public Schools to challenge and engage all students in a respectful, positive learning environment that fosters personal, social and academic growth in order to achieve success in a global society.*

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](#)).