



BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
July 22, 2014

LOCATION: Chestnut Hill Community School Library

TIME: 6:15 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE: Dr. Michael Knapp, Chair, Dawn French, Member

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Robert Gazda, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services

VISITORS:

MINUTES

- I. Call Subcommittee meeting to order
Dr. Knapp called meeting to order at 6:17 pm.
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
None
- III. Subcommittee meeting minutes for approval
A. May 13, 2014
Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to sign minutes; Ms. French was absent – no vote
- IV. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
A. Special Education Middle School Program Enhancement
Dr. Gazda reported there is a need for an additional Special Ed/Behavior teacher at JBMS. This addition will better serve the IEPs in existence and meet contract obligations. It was found that some students mainstream into a regular ed. classroom for Science but there is a need for a self-contained Science class and there is not enough time with current staff coverage. The addition would be funded with out of district funds. The additional teacher will teach Science and social skills/social thinking.
Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to approve the additional teacher as presented.
Second: none
Vote: none
Discussion: Dr. Knapp requested information regarding staffing in classrooms with regards to aides and whether there was enough room for additional class. Mr. Ruscio responded that the previous copy room was being converted to a classroom for this purpose. Dr. Gazda responded that there was enough Para coverage.
- V. Unfinished business
Not addressed

- VI. New business
 - None
- VII. Subcommittee correspondence
 - A. July 22, 2014 Agenda
 - B. May 13, 2014 Minutes
 - C. Special Education Middle School Program Enhancement Memo
- VIII. Adjourn
 - Dr. Knapp moved to adjourn at 6:32 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Ramona Griffin

Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee members' signatures:



_____, Michael Knapp, Chair

_____, Dawn French, 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.

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.