



**BELCHERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCE & BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
March 9, 2015**

PLACE: Swift River Elementary School Library
TIME: 5:00 pm
SUBCOMMITTEE: Dr. Michael Knapp, Chair; Ms. Dawn French, Member
ADMINISTRATION: Karol G. Coffin, Superintendent of Schools, Edward Dunn, School Business Manager
VISITORS:

Minutes

- I. Call Subcommittee Meeting to order
Dr. Knapp called the Subcommittee to order at 5:00 pm.
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.
- III. Subcommittee meeting minutes for approval
 - A. Minutes of March 2, 2015
Motion: Ms. French moved to accept the minutes as amended. Section IV-A-a to read "Dr. Knapp questioned 7 Central Office administrators, discussion ensued."
Second: Dr. Knapp
Vote: 2,0,0
- IV. Items for discussion and action
 - A. FY 16 Budget Discussion
Superintendent Coffin presented the Level Service budget detailing FY 14/15 and FY 15/16 local appropriation. There will be a joint meeting with two members of the Finance Committee, two members of the Select Board and Mr. Brougham, March 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Town Selectmen office. Superintendent Coffin noted that the district no longer has the Kindergarten grant and the program will be absorbed into the regular school budget. The current increase for level service will be \$738,000, a 5.3% increase over last year.
 - B. FY 15 Budget Line Item Transfers
Mr. Dunn spoke to the FY 15 budget line item transfers.

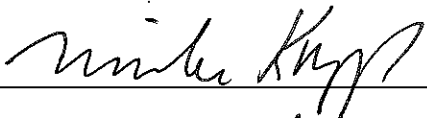
- V. Subcommittee correspondence
 - A. Agenda March 2, 2015


- VI. Adjourn: 6:10
 - Motion: Ms. French moved to adjourn at 6:10 pm
 - Second: Dr. Knapp
 - Vote: 2,0,0

Respectfully submitted by,

Ramona Griffin
Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

Personnel & Policy Subcommittee members' signatures:

 _____, Dr. Michael Knapp, Chair

 _____, Ms. 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 Finance & Budget Subcommittee 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 to determine the best way to address your concerns.