



**BELCHERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FINANCE & BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
January 23, 2017**

**PLACE:** BPS – Central Office, 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA  
**TIME:** 4:45 pm  
**SUBCOMMITTEE:** Dr. Thomas Laughner, Chair (present); Mr. Jeff Charron, Member (present)  
**ADMINISTRATION:** Ms. Karol G. Coffin, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Edward Dunn, School Business Manager; Mr. Brian Cameron, Asst. Superintendent/Dir. of SSS

**Minutes**

- I. Call Subcommittee meeting to order  
Dr. Laughner called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda  
There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. December 19, 2016, Finance & Budget Minutes  
Motion: Mr. Charron moved to accept the December 19, 2016 as presented.  
Second: Dr. Laughner  
Vote: 2,0,0
- IV. Items for discussion and action
  - FY16 budget cut list (what got cut and what did not)
    - A. FY16 needs list –Items funded  
Mr. Dunn presented the committee with the FY16 needs lists. Mr. Charron asked what the deficit was last year. Mr. Dunn noted in April 2016 \$245,000 approved. Level service had an approximate \$800,00 deficit. The committee discussed reductions and restored services. Only approximately half the recognized needs were funded from FY17.  
The committee discussed;
      - prioritized needs list February 2016 was \$881,000
      - wish list February 2016 was \$1.3 million (for an ideal district)
      - original \$2.2 million needs & wish list - only \$202,000 presented
    - B. FY17 needs list – discuss prioritization  
Waiting on a prioritization from principals.  
Priority list due Friday from administration.
    - C. Process for determining cuts, if needed  
Present the “whole” story. Show the degree of impact on students and teachers. Present the district needs, wishes, funded, unfunded, what was done, what is still to be done.

committee discussed how to present to the public to show the whole picture.

D. Revenue Committee’s Summary

Superintendent Coffin noted at the last Finance & Budget meeting the committee noted “they don’t see a appetite for an override so they will not be going after it”. The committee discussed the fact that the gaps are getting larger. The government only recommends a \$20 per student increase.

V. Subcommittee correspondence

- A. January 23, 2017, Agenda
- B. December 19, 2016, Finance & Budget Minutes

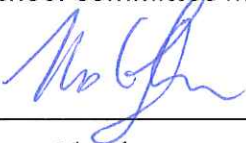
VI. Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Charron moved to adjourn at 5:52 pm  
 Second: Dr. Laughner  
 Vote: 2,0,0

Respectfully submitted by,

Ramona Griffin  
 Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee members’ signatures:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Thomas Laughner, Chair

  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Jeff Charron, Member

*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 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](mailto:superintendent@belchertown.org) to determine the best way to address your concerns.