



**BELCHERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPERTY & TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
January 19, 2016**

- PLACE:** Central Office, 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA
- TIME:** 5:30 p.m.
- SUBCOMMITTEE:** Ms. Dawn French, Chair (present); Mr. Richard Fritsch, Member (present)
- ADMINISTRATION:** Karol G. Coffin, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services; Robert Lachance, Director of Buildings & Grounds
- VISITORS:** Ronald Aponte, Board of Selectmen; Brenda Aldrich, Board of Selectmen

Minutes

- I. Call Subcommittee Meeting to order
Ms. French called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

- II. Acceptance of Minutes
 - A. December 10, 2015
Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to accept the December 10, 2015 minutes as presented.
Second: Ms. French
Vote: 2,0,0

- III. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.

- IV. Items for action/discussion
 - A. CHCS boiler – Siemens update
Mr. Lachance updated the subcommittee. Siemens energy updates started 3 years ago. They underestimated the BTUs that would be used by CHCS. Because of this and the guarantee with the contract CHCS will have a new 2.7 BTU boiler going online soon at no cost to the district.

 - B. CHCS oil tank replacement
Mr. Lachance spoke to the replacement. The previous estimate came in at \$164,000, the new estimate is \$230,000. Mr. Lachance presented the cost projection analysis by Tighe & Bond. Ms. Aldrich noted that the expense would be voted on at the Special Town Meeting in February. Mr. Lachance noted he would like to do the engineering study and have that on

the Special Town Meeting. The study could be done this summer at a cost of \$21,000. Putting this off has the potential to increase the costs 25%. The committee discussed putting the \$17,500 engineering study costs on the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Aponte questioned the savings with heating oil budget. Mr. Lachance noted that the savings, from the \$1.50 budgeted and the \$1.29 locked in price, would be going toward FY 17 safety projects that were presented to the committee. Mr. Aponte suggested sharing this information with the town on where the savings was being used.

C. S.B.A.B. process

Mr. Lachance noted this process is 5-10 years. Mr. Lachance presented the subcommittee with the Statement of Interest paperwork from the state. Mr. Fritsch noted the state only funds 6% of the requested building projects per year. Mr. Lachance shared the previous High School building process paperwork. He noted the first step is the Statement of Interest paperwork.

D. Capital Improvement Plan

The subcommittee discussed the potential of a town capital improvement plan. They discussed how to put together the needs of the town as a whole, who should be involved, how it would be possible to move forward.

E. Future building needs

Mr. Lachance noted this was discussed at a previous meeting.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VI. Subcommittee correspondence

- A. Agenda, January 19, 2016
- B. Minutes, December 10, 2015
- C. High School Building Report – May 1997
- D. S.B.A.B. Guidelines

VII. Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to adjourn at 6:27 pm.

Second: Ms. French


Vote: 2,0,0

Respectfully submitted by,

Ramona Griffin
Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee members' signatures:

 _____, Dawn French, Chair

 _____, Richard Fritsch, 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.

The Belchertown Personnel & Policy 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.