



**BELCHERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPERTY & TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
September 23, 2014**

PLACE: Chestnut Hill Community School Library

TIME: 6:30 pm

SUBCOMMITTEE: Dr. Michael Knapp, Chair, Mr. Richard Fritsch, Member;

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Robert Gazda, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Robert Lachance,
Director of Buildings and Grounds

VISITORS:

Minutes

- I. Call Subcommittee Meeting to order
Dr. Knapp called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

- III. Subcommittee meeting minutes for approval
A. July 22, 2014
Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to accept minutes from July 22, 2014 meeting as presented.
Second: Dr. Knapp
Vote: 2-0-0

- IV. Items for discussion and action
A. Request For Use of Facilities: The Valley Winds
Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to recommend approval to the School Committee to allow the Valley Winds to use the Belchertown High School Band room for rehearsals with the cost of custodial fees to be paid by them.
Second: Dr. Knapp
Vote: 2,0,0

Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to recommend approval to the School Committee to allow the Valley Winds to use the Veterans Memorial Auditorium for concerts and that they will pay the standard Non-profit rate listed by the facility use policy.
Second: Dr. Knapp
Vote: 2,0,0

Discussion: Dr. Brian Messier spoke to this request. The Valley Winds is requesting use of the Belchertown High school for rehearsals and concerts of their group. They plan to have free concerts at the high school. The members of the Valley Winds are varied adults with many of them being Western Mass High School and Middle School Band directors. Many of the members are local graduates of Belchertown High School. Mr. Lachance informed the committee of the expenses involved in using the High School on a Sunday.

B. Summary of school facilities walk-through

Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to pass the memo on to the School Committee.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 2,0,0

Discussion: Dr. Knapp stated the school facilities walk-through had been completed and a written memo has been distributed to the School Committee to review.

C. Update on HS Boiler Replacement

Mr. Lachance updated the committee on the progress of the High School boiler replacement. He noted that the town had budgeted \$105,228 toward the projects.

Costs so far have been;

Consultant-\$8,200

Boiler & burner-\$45,159

Installation & piping modification-\$45,800

Contingency-\$1,200

Mr. Lachance stated that they start piping next week.

D. Update on SRE traffic flow and dismissal recommendations

Dr. Gazda summarized to the Committee the new procedure SRE will perform for afternoon pick up of students. The buses will be picking up in the front of the school while parent pick up will take place in the rear of the school. This measure would be to control the traffic flow in the front of the school. The new procedure will be implemented after Mr. Kuhn has notified all the stakeholders of the new procedure.

V. Subcommittee correspondence

A. Agenda, September 23, 2014

B. Minutes, July 22, 2014

C. SRE traffic flow and dismissal recommendation documents

D. Letter regarding traffic study

E. E-mails regarding The Valley Winds Facility Use Request

VI. Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 2-0-0

Respectfully submitted by,

Ramona Griffin
Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee members' signatures:

 _____, Richard Fritsch, Member

 _____, Michael Knapp, Chair

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 Property and Transportation 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 Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools, at 413.323.0423 or via email at superintendent@belchertown.org to determine the best way to address your concerns.