



**BELCHERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPERTY & TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
December 10, 2015**

- PLACE:** Central Office, 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA
- TIME:** 5:30 p.m.
- SUBCOMMITTEE:** Ms. Dawn French, Chair; Mr. Richard Fritsch, Member
- 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:** Gary Brougham, Town Administrator, 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 5:31 pm.
- II. Acceptance of Minutes
A. November 19, 2015
Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to approve the minutes as amended.
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. Capital Improvement Plan
Mr. Lachance presented the meeting with the FY 15 capital improvement plan update;
- JBMS roof repairs almost completed
 - BHS boiler replacement done
- Mr. Lachance presented the FY 17 capital improvement plan draft. He noted the pricing is generic for now. Mr. Lachance noted the most critical future repairs;
1. CHCS oil tank replacement – waiting on study – last estimate \$164,000 – state statute deadline is August 2017
 2. Asbestos floor tile replacement

3. JBMS bleacher replacement – currently used by D.A.R.E. and recreation dept. Superintendent Coffin spoke to the enrollment trends and school choice numbers in the district and what that would mean toward needs of the district. Superintendent Coffin also noted that JBMS is piloting Google apps and the need for more infrastructures in district. She noted that we are increasing band width this year.

B. Future Building Needs

The committee discussed;

- Older buildings – JBMS, CSS and Central office
 - These buildings will cost approximately \$4.3 million to upkeep over the next 5 years.
 - Potential to close these buildings and build one new building
- Potentially reconfigure schools
 - SRE = PreK – 2nd
 - CHCS = 3-5
 - New building = 6-8
 - BHS = 9-12
- Discussed a timeline for a new school building
 - Study would need to be first step
 - Check out the paperwork from the BHS building project
- Technology and education for the district
 - What the district may need in the future
 - Get local business input on what the job market may need in the future
 - More infrastructure – updated
- A town Capital Building Committee
 - To assess all town capital building projects
 - Could work to prioritize town projects as a whole
- Mr. Brougham noted the improvements and developments done since 1993 which include new police station, senior center, BHS, roof on CHCS to name a few.
- Mr. Brougham explained the properties available that are owned by the town, some noted were;
 - Behind JBMS
 - Past the old football field at CHCS
- Mr. Brougham noted he will be presenting at Select Board meeting a proposal for a special town meeting in February.
- Discussed the property known as Superintendent’s House (property located by mini-Fenway) that was going up for auction – the auction has been closed and the town has a chance to purchase. The state is asking for a commitment from the town to purchase and a plan on the use of the property.
- Discussed the potential use for the above mentioned property – Central office, Recreation Dept., Building and Grounds Dept.,
- Discussed traffic through our schools

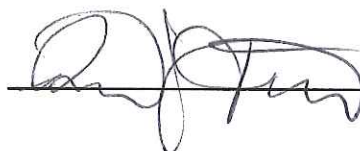
- V. Unfinished Business
There was no unfinished business.
- VI. Subcommittee correspondence
 - A. Agenda, December 10, 2015
 - B. Minutes, November 19, 2015
- VII. Adjourn
Motion: Mr. Fritsch moved to adjourn at 7:22 pm.
Second: Ms. French
Vote: 2,0,0

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.