



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL SESSION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 12, 2016**

**LOCATION:** Swift River Elementary School Library

**TIME:** 6:00 pm

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Mr. Richard Fritsch, Chair (present); Ms. Myndi Bogdanovich, Vice-Chair (present); Ms. Dawn French, Secretary (present); Dr. Michael Knapp, Member (present); Dr. Thomas Laughner, Member (present)

**ADMINISTRATION:** Mrs. Karol Coffin, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services; Shawn Fortin, Director of Teaching & Learning

**BHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:**

**VISITORS:**

**Minutes**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

I. Call to order

Mr. Fritsch called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

II. Team Building

A. Vision Statement

The Committee discussed what would be the vision statement and what would be the mission statement and the difference between them. Items discussed for inclusion in the vision statement were; curiosity, love of learning, creativity, innovation, fundamentals, ready of 21 century workforce, independent thinkers, flexible thinkers, vision seekers, self-discipline, responsibility. The Committee agreed that the Vision Statement should be 1-2 sentences. The Committee will continue to work on the statement "Belchertown students, both individually and collaboratively, will be innovative thinkers, problem solvers, and creators who contribute to their community and the world."

B. Schedule for School Committee Topics

Motion: Ms. Bogdanovich moved to table this item.

Second: Ms. French

Vote: 5,0,0

V Correspondence

A. Agenda, January 12, 2016, Special Session

B. Schedule for School Committee Topics

C. Vision Statement draft/sample

VI. Adjourn

Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to adjourn at 7:00 pm

Second: Ms. Bogdanovich

Vote: 5,0,0

Respectfully submitted by,

Ramona Griffin

Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee members' signatures:

\_\_\_\_\_, Richard Fritsch, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_, Myndi Bogdanovich, Vice Chair

\_\_\_\_\_, Dawn French, Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_, Michael Knapp, Member

\_\_\_\_\_, Thomas Laughner, 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 School Committee 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 (see [School Committee Policy BEDH](#)).