Belchertown School Committee Agenda

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
August 25, 2020

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TIME: 6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ms. Heidi Gutekenst, Chair; Ruby Bansal, Vice-Chair; Diane Brown, Secretary, Joshua Wallace, Member; Michael Knapp, Member

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Brian Cameron, Superintendent; Dr. Shawn Fortin, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Mark Chapulis, Interim Director of Finance & Operations

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to order

II. For emergency issues only, School Committee members’ additions to the agenda (with the consent of the majority)

III. Public comment regarding items on the agenda

IV. Special awards and presentations: None

V. Update from BHS Student Advisory Council representatives: N/A

VI. Consent Items
   A. Approval of minutes (A.I.)
      August 7, 2020
      August 11, 2020
B. Approval of Warrants
   Accounts payable Warrant# S082420
   Payroll warrant: Warrant# 2107
C. Personnel Update

VII. Unfinished business
   A. Returning to Three Signers for Warrants
   B. Update on Collaborative Working Session

VIII. New business
   A. Policies for First Reading
      1. Policy EBC-S-(Interim) Policy on COVID-Related Issues
      2. Policy EBCFA- Face Coverings
   B. Waiving of Bus Fees for 2020-2021 SY
   C. Updated School Calendar

IX. School Opening FY21
   A. Update
   B. Opening Discussion- Fall Sports

X. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
   A. COVID Related Positions
   B. Technology Grant

XI. Reports of Subcommittees
   A. Curriculum & Instruction (7/27/2020)
   B. Personnel & Policy (8/20/2020)
   C. Property & Transportation (10/6/2020)
   D. Finance & Budget Subcommittee (8/25/2020)

XII. Reports of school department liaisons
    A. Healthy & Safer Schools Advisory Committee
    B. Collaborative for Educational Services

XII. Questions from the Media

XIV. Correspondence
    A. Agenda-August 25, 2020
    B. Minutes, August 7, 2020 and August 11, 2020
    C. Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants
    D. Personnel Update
    E. Policy EBC-S-(Interim) Policy on COVID-Related Issues
    F. Policy EBCFA- Face Coverings
    G. Memorandum- COVID Related Positions

XV. Vote to enter into Executive Session:

   Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21, Part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation with Units, A, B, C, D and E; as conducting said business in open
session would have a detrimental effect on the School Committee’s bargaining or litigation position. The School Committee will not be returning to Open Session.

XVI. Vote to adjourn

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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 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@belchertownps.org to determine the best way to address your concerns (see School Committee Policy BEDH).