



**BELCHERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCE & BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
December 14, 2015**

- PLACE:** Swift River Elementary School Library
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
- SUBCOMMITTEE:** Dr. Thomas Laughner, Chair; Dr. Michael Knapp, Member
- ADMINISTRATION:** Ms. Karol G. Coffin, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Edward Dunn, School Business Manager; Mr. Brian Cameron, Asst. Superintendent/Director of SSS
- VISITORS:** Ms. Lynne Raymer, Chair, Belchertown Finance Committee

Minutes

- I. Call Subcommittee Meeting to order
Dr. Laughner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.
- III. Subcommittee meeting minutes for approval
 - A. Minutes of October 27, 2015
Motion: Dr. Knapp moved to accept the October 27, 2015 minutes as presented.
Second: Dr. Laughner
Vote: 2,0,0
- IV. Items for discussion and action
 - A. Fiscal year 2016 budget
Mr. Dunn noted that the spending is going as planned. First posting to the website was done on September 3rd and December posting will come out the first week of January.
 - B. Fiscal year 2017 budget
Superintendent Coffin shared with the committee the needs budget from all schools; this is to maintain the current district need. Superintendent Coffin noted that Science needs the most attention for curriculum.
Superintendent Coffin went over the budget development hand out.
Superintendent Coffin noted the Director of Building and Grounds is retiring and would like to train a replacement starting in the middle of next year.
Mr. Cameron spoke to the addition of the SAILS program at BHS. Superintendent Coffin noted the principals will be going back with a "wish list" for the next round of information.

Dr. Laughner asked if there could be a column added for “risk assessment” in not providing. Dr. Knapp noted that the state is recalculating low income, this information is not available as yet. Superintendent Coffin noted that there is more need for students in mainstream classes with social emotional anxiety.

- V. Subcommittee correspondence
 - A. Agenda, December 14, 2015
 - B. Minutes, October 27, 2015
- VI. Adjourn
 - Motion: Dr. Laughner moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm
 - Second: Dr. Knapp
 - Vote: 2,0,0

Respectfully Submitted,

Ramona Griffin, Recording Secretary

School Committee Subcommittee Signatures:


_____, Thomas Laughner


_____, Michael Knapp

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 to determine the best way to address your concerns (see [School Committee Policy BEDH](#)).