

BUDGET NEWS 2015-2016

NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUDGET SEASON BEGINS

Welcome to the start of the budget season for School Year 2015-2016!

The Board of Education wants to make sure you are informed and have a chance to be involved in the budget process. An engaged public is the best way to create and pass a budget that reflects the needs and plans of the town.

Budgeting starts with the Superintendent and district leadership team in September and is presented to the Board, by Dr. Erardi, at our first meeting in January (1/6/15 at 7:30pm).

Our **BUDGET NEWS** newsletters are sent out during the budget season to give you up-to-date information on the budget process and highlight aspects of the budget as they are presented and discussed at the different levels. The newsletter also contains the latest links and meeting information.

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Upcoming Budget Meetings

Jan. 6	7:30pm—Budget Introduction BOE Meeting
Jan. 8	7:30pm—Budget Details BOE Meeting
Jan. 13	7:30pm—Budget Details BOE Meeting
Feb. 3	7:30pm—Public Hearing BOE Meeting
Feb. 5	7:30pm—Budget Adoption BOE Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S PRIORITIES

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- Support funding for appropriate class sizes at all levels of instruction.
- Update all instructional materials for teachers and students as required through the curriculum renewal cycle for the current school year.
- Continue funding for media centers and classroom resources for literacy.
- Continue funding for expansion and sustainability of technology with access and equity for all students.
- Continue to pursue opportunities to share services between the Board of Education and all town departments.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Erardi is available daily at 6:30am to discuss the budget or any other topics regarding the schools on an ongoing basis.

On March 10th, Dr. Erardi will meet with all PTAs, at Sandy Hook School in Monroe, to answer questions regarding the budget. All community members are welcome to attend this meeting.

Additionally, Dr. Erardi will be available Thursday evenings in March and the first two in April from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for anyone who would like to drop in and discuss the budget as it continues through the approval process.



BOE BUDGET SCHEDULE

The Board of Education would like to share with you the following meeting dates regarding the 2015-2016 budget:

Tuesday, January 6, 2015	7:30pm	Budget Overview, Elementary and Reed
Thursday, January 8, 2015	7:30pm	Middle and High School, Pupil Personnel, Special Education and Health
Tuesday, January 13, 2015	7:30pm	Curriculum, Technology, General Services, Continuing Education, Benefits, Transportation
Tuesday, February 3, 2015	7:30pm	Public Hearing, Budget Discussion
Thursday, February 5, 2015	7:30pm	Adoption of Board of Education budget

Note: Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 3 Primrose St. Additional meetings may be added if needed.

The latest Budget Calendar can be found on the BOE website Budget page: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1412n1bi2>

POINTS OF PRIDE

- ↑ During the 2013-2014 school year, each elementary school incorporated the services of a guidance counselor into their schools. This school year, work on the creation and implementation of a developmental guidance curriculum among elementary schools began. Counselors will be added in each of the elementary schools through an Education Connection grant.
- ↑ Newtown High School received national recognition for its outstanding commitment to music education with a Best Communities for Music Education designation in 2014.

MORE INFORMATION

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Check the town meeting calendar: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1412n1tc>

View town board meeting videos: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1412n1va>

Access BOE Agenda and Minutes: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1412n1am>

Find BOE Budget Information including the Budget Calendar: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1412n1bi>