

BUDGET NEWS 2015-2016

NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Superintendent’s Budget Proposal was presented to the Board of Education at our meeting on January 5th. Both the complete budget book and the Superintendent’s presentation are available on the district website (links below).

The Requested Budget includes a net reduction of 13 teaching positions primarily due to declining enrollment. The proposal highlights the main drivers of the requested 1.48% increase as contracted increases, special education, and equipment needs. The Budget also takes into account changes to grant funding while continuing to provide necessary services.



Superintendent’s Budget Presentation: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1501n1sp1>

2015-2016 Budget Proposal: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1501n1sb1>

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Upcoming Budget Meetings

Jan. 20	7:30pm—Regular BOE Meeting Budget is on Agenda
Feb. 3	7:30pm—Public Hearing BOE Meeting
Feb. 5	7:30pm—Budget Adoption BOE Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT’S VIDEO SERIES

Dr. Erardi and students from the NHS Tech Team have created a video series that has aired on NTV (Newtown Television). Along with the Superintendent’s Series, the students have produced videos of Newtown High School varsity athletics and even occasional Board of Education meetings which have aired on NTV. NTV airs on Charter Communications at Channel 194.

Two episodes of the Superintendent’s Series were produced this fall and in case you missed them on NTV, you can see them on the NTV You Tube channel. The Series has included discussions with Dr. Rodrigue (NHS), Chris Moretti (Hawley), Judy Blanchard (District Health), and Michelle Hiscavich (Director of Music). Dr. Erardi also had a chance to bring several High School students on his program.

Superintendent’s Video Series: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1501n1sv1>

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Superintendent's Community Forum:

A "Senior" Message

Dr. Erardi, will be holding a one hour community forum on Wednesday, January 28th, starting at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Newtown Senior Center.

The design of this one hour gathering is to share information on the present state of Newtown Schools and to also share information on how the community can be an active partner with teaching and learning. In addition, Dr. Erardi will share the many new initiatives that the Board of Education has introduced within the 2014-2015 school year.

The forum is open to all community members; however, the information will be most relevant for senior members in Newtown.

Questions regarding this ongoing Board of Education community connection can be answered by calling 203-426-7621 during normal business hours.



BUDGET STAGES

The Board of Education Budget will be finalized and moved forward to the Board of Finance and Legislative Council with public hearings at each level. The following schedule are the current dates for upcoming Budget meetings:

Tuesday, February 3, 2015	7:30pm	Public Hearing, Budget Discussion
Thursday, February 5, 2015	7:30pm	Adoption of Board of Education budget
*Thursday, February 19, 2015	7:30pm	Board of Finance, Public Hearing
*Wednesday, March 11, 2015	7:30pm	Board of Finance, Recommendation to Legislative Council
*Wednesday, March 18, 2015	7:30pm	Legislative Council, Public Hearing
*Wednesday, April 8, 2015	7:30pm	Legislative Council, Budget Adoption

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

*Please check the Town website for final dates and locations.

POINTS OF PRIDE

- ↑ For the 2013-2014 school year, Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) Michaels Achievement Cup selected Newtown High School among 17 exemplary programs with outstanding achievement in athletics.
- ↑ During the 2014-2015 school year, the district has been engaging parents and the community with discussions on Rigor in the Classroom and Community Forums on K-12 learning and how to get the most out of the school year.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Newtown Board of Education by email: newtownboe@newtown.k12.ct.us

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Check the town meeting calendar: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1501n1tc>

View town board meeting videos: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1501n1va>

See the Superintendent's Video Series: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1501n1sv>

Look over the Superintendent's 2015-2016 Proposed Budget: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1501n1sb>
and Presentation: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1501n1sp>

Access BOE Agenda and Minutes: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1501n1am>

Find BOE Budget Information including the Budget Calendar: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1501n1bi>