

Board of Finance Additional Questions:

1. What is driving the reduction in pay for participation in sports? How does cost compare to recreation/travel team fees?

- The proposed five year plan, in part, was proposed from school board conversation in a public setting. The proposal is a five year reduction of fees resulting in no additional charges for the athlete and his family to become whole in 2021-22. The proposal for the next fiscal year is a 20% reduction in the present fee structure. The cost for private club play will vary on a wide margin. In Newtown it would not be uncommon for a "travel" athlete to spend more than a few thousand dollars to play a designated sport year round. Regarding the Newtown Rec Department fee structure the great majority of team sports they are involved with are private based in which they have a surcharge of \$25 per athlete. The \$25 is only the rec fee as parents pay considerably more to have their child in the organization.

2. RIS (p.105) has a line item for substitute teachers, but this line item doesn't show up for all schools. Is there something different about RIS?

- Substitute teachers are included in all schools under the Classroom program.

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3. p.126 mentions \$10K for tutoring club, but there is also \$ for an in-school tutor. How is the demand for both explained?

- The Tutoring Club for \$10,000 is a "contracted service" provided by Newtown Youth Services for struggling students after school. A facilitator teacher is paid by NYS who coordinates lesson activities with the cluster teachers and supervises and assists up to 20 students who participate in this program two times per week.
The dollars for tutors is for our staff (on our payroll) for other after school required programming. The two are separate and distinct.