

BUDGET NEWS 2019-2020

NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Superintendent’s Budget Proposal was presented to the Board of Education at our meeting on January 15th. The Budget was laid out in detail over three evenings where Board Members asked in depth questions. Dr. Rodrigue presented a budget that provides ongoing investments in curriculum and instruction and student support services (including social/emotional learning).

The proposed budget demonstrates district-wide efforts in the enhancement of teaching and learning, most notably demonstrated by the inclusion of a new position, a Director of Teaching and Learning. This new position will assist in the coordination and implementation of teaching and learning practices across the district (both new and ongoing). This individual will also help support the development of rigorous formative, summative and progress monitoring practices.



At that point the resulting BOE budget represented a 2.70% increase over the 2018-2019 year.

MARCH 1, 2019

Superintendent’s Budget Presentation:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4but8mp>

2019-2020 BOE Adopted Budget:

<https://tinyurl.com/y2nqrbmz>

Upcoming Budget Meetings

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| Mar. 20 | 7:30pm—Legislative Council
Public Hearing |
| Apr. 3 | 7:30pm—Legislative Council
Public Hearing |
| Apr. 23 | Budget Referendum |

CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PLAN

There are many ways that the budget proposal connects directly to Newtown’s Strategic Plan. Some of these are:

- Funding for appropriate class sizes at all levels of instruction aligns with multiple points in the action plans, especially under Objective I in which “Each student will develop and consistently demonstrate college, career, and global readiness skills.”
- A level funding plan for expansion and sustainability of technology with access and equity for all students which is aligned with point 7 of the action plan under Objective II, “Each student will develop and demonstrate necessary character attributes for personal well-being and to become contributing members of the local and global communities.”
- Funding for all extracurricular activities at an appropriate level of support which plays a part in the 3 point of the action plan for Objective III, “Each student will set and achieve personally challenging goals and demonstrate their learning through multiple modes in addition to formative and summative assessments of learning.”



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Rodrigue is available both by email and phone for any questions or concerns regarding the district, budget or otherwise.

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You can also follow her on twitter:
[@RodrigueLorrie](https://twitter.com/RodrigueLorrie)

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

March 5th - Regular Board Meeting in the Council Chambers

March 19th - Regular Board Meeting in the Council Chambers

BUDGET MANAGEMENT

In November the Board of Education and Town hired Rick Spreyer as a shared Purchasing Agent. Over the past 3 months he has worked to find savings by:

- Developing a single umbrella account for all schools with Amazon Business for reduced pricing on supplies and improved purchasing data;
- Working with the vendor to purchase a copier/printer for the NHS Graphics Department;
- Developing and executing an RFP for ductless split air conditioners for Hawley Elementary's Multi-Purpose Room and the NMS Cafeteria. The lowest bid of the 3 submitted came out \$20,000 under budget.

Kristen Larson has spent the last 12 months securing numerous grants for the district including (but not limited to):

- In partnership with the Sandy Hook School Foundation, Student Support Clinician at NMS and Family Assistance Coordinator (\$82,812)
- In partnership with the Newtown Parent Connection, Kids in Crisis Teen Talk Counselor at NHS (\$43,690)
- In partnership with VOCA/Office of Victims Services, Recovery Support (\$498,377 for Town, Est. \$123,000 for NPS)
- In partnership with the CT Networks of Care for Suicide Prevention, School Systems Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Promotion (\$10,000/year—Final Year)

POINTS OF PRIDE

- ↑ Spanish language instruction will be extended to the 4th grade, now all elementary school students will participate in the program.
- ↑ RIS added a STEM class to the regular special rotation.
- ↑ NMS has added a Student Support Clinician and Family Assistance Coordinator.
- ↑ NHS continues to expand Project Lead the Way programs in Engineering and Biomedical.

MORE INFORMATION

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

Check the town meeting calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/yaryeaj6>

View town board meeting videos: <https://tinyurl.com/y99wats2>

Look over the Superintendent's 2019-2020 Budget Presentation: <https://tinyurl.com/y4but8mp>

Review the Board of Education Adopted Budget for 2019-2020: <https://tinyurl.com/y2nqrbmz>

Access BOE Agenda and Minutes: <https://tinyurl.com/yyzu4t78>

Find BOE Budget Information including the Budget Calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/yamjty8u>