

Newtown Board of Education
Board of Finance Meeting – February 13, 2017
Questions and Answers

Q1. Regional Initiatives to generate money?

A. SPED 18-21 program: The Director of Pupil Personnel has reached out to area Directors to offer the districts NCP (Newtown Community Partnership) program to surrounding districts to assist with providing appropriate programming.

TAP Program – limited conversations in regards to regionalizing the Alternative program, however, difficult to program for at this time given budget constraints and the need to hire staff to appropriately program for student’s needs as well as ensuring space.

Q2. Out of District costs – Out of District costs have been stabilized due to:

A. Special Education Administration working together with staff/school Administration on understanding, in greater depth, the programming and resources in district that can be utilized to meet student’s needs.

Administration working collaboratively with parents and Out of District Administrators, to discuss educating students in district.

Q3. New In-House programming

A. Two in-district specialized programs at the elementary level utilizing current staff as well as a refinement of a specialized program at the Middle School. All three programs have provided the district with the ability to appropriately meet the needs of our students. These programs have assisted staff and parents to work together to keep students in-district.

Q4. Return of 2 Social Workers:

A. With the return of the 2 School Social Workers (Reed and NMS), all support services currently provided in the 2016-2017 school year will remain the same. Additionally, one of the school psychologists at NMS will continue to split their day between the district’s growing pre-school program and NMS.