

# BUDGET NEWS 2017-2018

## NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

### BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Superintendent’s Budget Proposal was presented to the Board of Education at our meeting on January 3rd. The Budget was laid out in detail over three evenings where Board Members asked detailed questions. Dr. Erardi presented a budget that he said “was designed to maintain and enhance teaching and learning” and “maintain all safety and security initiatives that are in place for this school year.”

The Board of Education opted to include additional funding beyond Dr. Erardi’s proposal to cover social worker positions that were not included due to the end of their grant funding. After the BOE budget was presented to the Board of Finance, an additional grant was secured to cover the social worker positions.



The resulting BOE budget represents a 1.75% increase over the 2016-2017 year with a net reduction of 5 full time employees to cover for both declining enrollment and district needs.

Superintendent’s Budget Presentation: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1701n1sp1>

2017-2018 BOE Adopted Budget: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1703n1rb1>

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#### Upcoming Budget Meetings

Mar. 2	7:30pm—Board of Finance Budget Action
<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>7:00pm—Legislative Council Public Hearing on Budget</b>
Apr. 5	7:30pm—Legislative Council Budget Action
Apr. 25	Budget Referendum

### BOARD OF FINANCE

The Board of Education has answered over 75 questions on the Proposed Budget during February while the Board of Finance has considered and deliberated on the Budget. The Board of Finance will be taking final action on the Town and Education Budgets at their meeting on March 2nd.

The questions have been brought by Members of the Board of Finance and from the Legislative Council Education Subcommittee across all areas of the Budget and School District Management.

Check out the Questions and Answers section of the Board of Education Budget page for multiple documents covering all questions to date. <http://tiny.cc/nboe1703n1q1>



## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

### Drop-in hours

Dr. Erardi is available in his office most mornings from 6:30am-7:30am to discuss the budget or any other topics regarding the schools.

## BOARD RETREAT

The Board of Education held a retreat on February 4th. Among the topics discussed were partnership with the Senior Community in Newtown, use of school facilities, and considerations on reviewing School Start Times.



## BUDGET MANAGEMENT

The Board of Education has developed many programs outside the operational plan to enhance student opportunity without increasing the bottom line to the budget:

- The "grant funded" grant writer, to date, has been connected to over \$200,000 (Project Adventure Challenge, Mental Health) of awards to support the district's Social Emotional Learning programs
- In partnership with EdAdvance, the district will have four grant funded counselors who will serve our elementary schools (approximately \$250,000)
- In partnership with the State of CT, Newtown Middle School will continue to provide care to students through the Site Based Health Center (approximately \$200,000)
- In partnership with the Newtown Parent Connection, a part-time mental health provider is at SH one day a week to continue to support staff needs (\$10,000)
- In partnership with the Avielle Foundation, there is after school programming which continues to be available to our RIS students
- In collaboration with Project Lead the Way (highly capable math/science learners), a comprehensive program has been launched at NHS by re-configuring existing staff
- In partnership with the SH PTA Foundation approximately \$180,000 of mental health support has been offset in the proposed 2017-2018 plan
- By developing an aspiring leadership program we have offset the cost for consultant dollars with numerous studies as we have willing and capable helping hands to do the research and study

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- ↑ Newtown Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Erardi was selected as the 2016 Superintendent of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents
- ↑ Newtown Federation of Teachers presented a program on district Climate and Culture between Teachers and Administration at the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Convention

## MORE INFORMATION

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**Check** the town meeting calendar: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1701n1tc>

**View** town board meeting videos: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1701n1va>

**Look** over the Superintendent's 2017-2018 Budget Presentation: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1701n1sp>

**Review** the Board of Education Requested Budget for 2017-2018: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1703n1rb>

**See** the Budget Questions: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1703n1q>

**Access** BOE Agenda and Minutes: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1701n1am>

**Find** BOE Budget Information including the Budget Calendar: <http://tiny.cc/nboe1701n1bi>