

**New Milford Board of Education  
 Budget Hearings & Adoption Motions  
 January 14, 15, 21 & 22 2025  
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

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**Budget Hearing Motions  
January 14, 2025  
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

<b>Present:</b>	Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson Mr. Eric Hansell Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mrs. Sarah Herring Mr. Dean Barile Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Brian McCauley Mr. Tom O'Brien Mr. Randall Scofield Mayor Pete Bass, <i>ex-officio</i>
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<b>Also Present:</b>	Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Technology Director Mrs. Teresa Kavanaugh, Human Resource Director Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Facilities Director Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Mrs. Anne Bilko, Sarah Noble Intermediate School Principal Mrs. Gwen Gallagher, Northville Elementary School Principal Mrs. Catherine Calabrese, Hill and Plain Elementary School Principal
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<b>1.</b>		<b>Call to Order</b> <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b> The budget hearing meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 6:30pm. by Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	<b>Call to Order</b> <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>
<b>2.</b>		<b>Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 Budget</b>	<b>Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 School Budget</b>
<b>3.</b>		<b>Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 Budget including but not limited to, PK - Grade 5, Transportation, Benefits, Revenue, District-Wide Departments</b>	<b>Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 Budget including but not limited to, PK - Grade 5, Transportation, Benefits, Revenue, District-Wide Departments</b>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Opportunity for the Public to be heard</b>	<b>Opportunity for the Public to be heard</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Recessed to Wednesday January 15, 2025</b> The budget hearing meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to recess at 8:40p.m. by Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson.	<b>Recessed to January 15, 2025</b>  <b>The meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m.</b>

**Budget Hearing Motions**

**January 15, 2025**

**Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

<b>Present:</b>	Mr. Eric Hansell, Vice Chairperson Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mrs. Sarah Herring Mr. Dean Barile Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Brian McCauley Mr. Tom O'Brien Mr. Randall Scofield Mayor Pete Bass, <i>ex-officio</i>
<b>Absent:</b>	Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson

<b>Also Present:</b>	Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Technology Director Mrs. Teresa Kavanaugh, Human Resource Director Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Facilities Director Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Mr. Raymond Manka, New Milford High School Principal Mr. Keith Lipinsky, New Milford High School Athletic Director Ms. Linda Scoralick, Schaghticoke Middle School Principal
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<b>2.</b>	<b>Opportunity for the Public to be heard</b>	<b>Opportunity for the Public to be heard</b>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Discussion of the Superintendent’s Proposed 2025-2026 Budget including, but not limited to, Grades 6-12 and District-Wide Departments</b>	<b>Discussion of the Superintendent’s Proposed 2025-2026 Budget including, but not limited to, Grades 6-12 and District-Wide Departments</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Opportunity for the Public to be heard</b>	<b>Opportunity for the Public to be heard</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Recessed to Wednesday, January 21, 2025</b> The budget hearing meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to recess at 8:45p.m. by Mr. Eric Hansell, Vice Chairperson.	<b>Recessed to Wednesday, January 21, 2025</b> <b>The meeting recessed at 8:45 p.m.</b>

**Budget Hearing Motions**

**January 21, 2025**

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<b>Present:</b>	Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson Mr. Eric Hansell Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mrs. Sarah Herring Mr. Dean Barile Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Brian McCauley Mr. Tom O’Brien Mr. Randall Scofield <i>arrived at 6:38pm</i> Mayor Pete Bass, <i>ex-officio</i>
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<b>Also Present:</b>	Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Mrs. Teresa Kavanaugh, Human Resources Director Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Facilities Director Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Technology Director
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2.	<p><b>Opportunity for the Public to be heard</b></p>	<p><b>Opportunity for the Public to be heard</b></p>
3.	<p><b>Discussion Superintendent’s Proposed 2025-2026 Budget including, but not limited to, District-wide Departments</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion Superintendent’s Proposed 2025-2026 Budget including, but not limited to, District-wide Departments</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Opportunity for the Public to be heard</b></p>	<p><b>Opportunity for the Public to be heard</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Recessed to Wednesday January 22, 2025</b>           The budget hearing meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to recess at 8:40p.m. by Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson.</p>	<p><b>Recessed to Wednesday January 22, 2025</b>   <b>The meeting recessed at 8:40pm.</b></p>

**Budget Hearing Motions  
January 22, 2025  
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	<p>Mrs. Sarich, Chairperson          Mr. Eric Hansell          Mrs. Tammy McInerney          Mrs. Sarah Herring          Mr. Brian McCauley          Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach          Mr. Tom O’Brien          Mr. Dean Barile          Mr. Randall Scofield <i>arrived at 6:44pm</i>          Mayor Pete Bass, <i>ex-officio</i></p>
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Also Present:	<p>Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools          Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent of Schools          Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations          Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services          Mrs. Teresa Kavanaugh, Human Resources Director          Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Facilities Director          Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Technology Director</p>
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2.	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>
3.	<p><b>Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 Budget including, but not limited to, wrap-up issues and questions</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 Budget including, but not limited to, wrap-up issues and questions</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Vote on Adoption of the 2025-2026 Board of Education Budget</b></p> <p><i>Mrs. McInerney moved to approve the Adoption of the Superintendent's 2025-2026 proposed budget, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.</i></p> <p><b>Mrs. Faulenbach made a motion to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget for the purpose of decreasing line BPD21400-51115 in the amount of \$37,313, and increasing line BPA21400-51115 in the amount of \$37,313, properly recognizing 0.5 FTE, of the 1.0 FTE add for the school Psychologist to be at Hill &amp; Plain School and not Schaghticoke Middle School, as presented in the Superintendent's proposed budget. Seconded by Mr. McCauley. Amendment passed 8-0-0. Mr. Scofield was not present.</b></p> <p><b>Mrs. Faulenbach made a motion to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by increasing line item BAZ25043-52810 by \$139,742 for the purpose of reflecting the revised actuarial guidance provided on 1/22/25 for health insurance with a trend of 9.5% instead of the 8% as it is now in the Superintendent's proposed budget. Seconded by Mr. Hansell. Amendment passed 8-0-1 with Mr. Scofield abstaining.</b></p>	<p><b>Vote on Adoption of the 2025-2026 Board of Education Budget</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed 8-0-0 to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget for the purpose of decreasing line BPD21400-51115 in the amount of \$37,313, and increasing line BPA21400-51115 in the amount of \$37,313, properly recognizing 0.5 FTE, of the 1.0 FTE add for the school Psychologist to be at Hill &amp; Plain School and not Schaghticoke Middle School, as presented in the Superintendent's proposed budget.</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed 8-0-1 to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by increasing line item BAZ25043-52810 by \$139,742 for the purpose of reflecting the revised actuarial guidance provided on 1/22/25 for health insurance with a trend of 9.5% instead of the 8% as</b></p>

	<p><b>Mrs. Faulenbach made a motion to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by decreasing lines BLA10009-51115 in the amount of \$17,817, line BLA10025-51115 in the amount of \$42,809, line BLB24143-51210 in the amount of \$5,861, line BLD10010-51115 in the amount of \$33,809, for the purpose of properly recognizing additional replacement staff savings not already presented in the Superintendent's Proposed Budget. Seconded by Mrs. Sarich. Amendment passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Mrs. McNerney made a motion to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by decreasing line BDZ20643-53200 in the amount of \$20,000, for the purpose of removing Panorama. Seconded by Mr. Barile. Amendment passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Barile made a motion to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by decreasing line BAZ23143-58100 in the amount of \$19,446, for the purpose of removing CABE participation. Seconded by Mr. Scofield. Amendment passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Mrs. Faulenbach made a motion to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by decreasing line BPZ21343-53230 in the amount of \$9,000, for the purpose of removing the number of outside Special Education evaluations by 2. Seconded by Mr. Hansell. Amendment passed unanimously.</b></p>	<p><b>it is now in the Superintendent's proposed budget.</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by decreasing line BLA10009-51115 in the amount of \$17,817, line BLA10025-51115 in the amount of \$42,809, line BLB24143-51210 in the amount of \$5,861, line BLD10010-51115 in the amount of \$33,809, for the purpose of properly recognizing additional replacement staff savings not already presented in the superintendent's proposed budget.</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by decreasing line BDZ20643-53200 in the amount of \$20,000, for the purpose of removing Panorama.</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by decreasing line BAZ23143-58100 in the amount of \$19,446, for the purpose of removing CABE participation.</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by decreasing line BPZ21343-53230 in the amount of \$9,000, for the purpose of removing the number of outside Special Education evaluations by 2.</b></p>
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	<p><b>Mrs. McInerney made a motion to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by increasing line BLE26643-44861 in the amount of \$6,950 for the purpose of reducing the fees for parking at New Milford High School from \$100 per permit to \$75 per permit. Seconded by Mr. Hansell. Amendment passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><i>Mrs. Sarich moved for the Board of Education to adopt the 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$76,350,587, reflecting a 3.93% increase, as amended by the Board. Seconded by Mr. Barile. 8-1-0 with Mr. Scofield opposed.</i></p>	<p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to amend the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 budget by increasing line BLE26643-44861 in the amount of \$6,950 for the purpose of reducing the fees for parking at New Milford High School from \$100 per permit to \$75 per permit.</b></p> <p>Motion made and passed 8-1-0 for the Board of Education to adopt the 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$76,350,587, reflecting a 3.93% increase, as amended by the Board.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action:</b>  <b>A. Monthly Reports</b></p> <p><i>Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the monthly reports: Budget Position, Budget Transfer Request and Purchase Resolution D790, seconded by Mr. Hansell. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p>	<p><b>Discussion and possible action</b>  <b>A. Monthly Reports</b></p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the monthly reports: Budget Position, Budget Transfer Request and Purchase Resolution D790 .</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p><i>Mr. O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm, seconded by Mr. McCauley and passed unanimously.</i></p>	<p><b>6. Adjourn</b></p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:

Mrs. Tammy McInerney  
 Secretary  
 New Milford Board of Education