

# Rye School District 2015-16 Budget Process

(All meetings are open to the public)

<b>September/October</b>	Building Administrators create budget with staff input.
<b>October / November</b>	SAU #50 Business Administrator and Superintendent review budget with building administrators.
<b>November 6, 2014</b> 6:00 PM, Rye Junior High	The Business Administrator will present a preliminary review of the 2015-16 school budget to the Rye School Board.
<b>November 10, 2014</b> 8:15 AM, Rye Public Library, downstairs meeting room	<b>School board reviews and approves budget and warrant articles.</b> The Rye School Board may increase or decrease the proposed budget, including specific line items. The public is welcome to attend, but it is up to the discretion of the board to allow for public input.
<b>November 12, 2014</b> 6:30 PM, Rye Junior High	<b>SAU #50 School Board members review and approve SAU #50 budget.</b> The SAU #50 budget includes salaries for the superintendent and other SAU administrators and staff. Rye's share of this budget is approximately 50%. The 16-member SAU #50 school board is comprised of all school board members from Rye, Greenland, Newington, and New Castle.
<b>November 18, 2014</b> 6:00 PM, Rye Junior High	<b>Rye School Board meeting</b> As part of their regular monthly meeting, the school board may continue to review and deliberate on the 2015-16 school budget, incorporating any changes to Rye's portion of the SAU #50 budget.
<b>December 10, 2014</b> 7:00 PM, Rye Town Hall (Please note there will be a final work session on the Rye town budget prior to this meeting at 6:30 PM)	<b>Town budget committee review of the Rye school budget and warrant articles</b> At this meeting, after a thorough review of the school district budget, the Rye Budget Committee decides the annotation that goes on the warrant at the deliberative session and on the ballot for voting in March – whether or not the budget committee recommends or does not recommend the school budget and/or warrant articles.
<b>December 17, 2014</b> 5:30 PM, Rye Junior High	<b>SAU #50 budget public hearing</b> This is the official session for residents of Rye, New Castle, Greenland and Newington to give input on the SAU #50 budget. The SAU #50 Joint School Board has the authority to change its recommendation to approve or not approve the budget at this time.
<b>December 17, 2014</b> 6:00 PM, Rye Junior High	<b>Rye School Board meeting</b> No specific discussion of the 2015-16 budget is planned at this time. However, if necessary the board may vote on any warrant articles to be included on the ballot.
<b>January 13, 2015</b> 4:00 PM at SAU #50 office or by midnight to any Rye School Board member	<b>Filing deadline for school warrant articles</b> The public can submit warrant articles. A petition with the language to be placed on the warrant and signed by at least 25 registered voters can be submitted to the School Board via the SAU #50 office or to any individual Rye School Board member.
<b>January 14, 2015</b> 6:30 PM, Rye Junior High <b>January 20, 2015, (snow date)</b> 6:30 PM Town Hall	<b>Public hearing (Rye Budget Committee) on school budget</b> Rye residents' official session to give input on the school budget. The town budget committee has authority to change its recommendation to approve or not approve the budget at this time.

<p><b>January 21 –January 30, 2015</b> At Town Hall during business hours (closes at 5:00)</p>	<p><b>Filing period for school district offices</b> The following offices will be on the ballot (3-year term positions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One school board member</li> <li>• One school district moderator</li> <li>• One school district clerk</li> </ul>
<p><b>February 4, 2015</b> 6:30 PM, Rye Junior High <b>February 5, 2015 (snow date)</b> 6:30 PM, Rye Junior High</p>	<p><b>School District Deliberative Session</b> Rye residents have the ability to vote an increase (no more than 10%) or a decrease to the school budget at this time in a town meeting-like session. They also have the ability to amend warrant articles in any way as long as they don't change the subject matter of the article. At times, voters at the deliberative session have voted to increase the budget and have amended warrant articles to completely negate their intent. They have also attempted to decrease the school budget. The town budget committee may change its recommendation at this time.</p>
<p><b>March 10, 2015</b> 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Rye Elementary School</p>	<p><b>Town election</b> Rye residents vote to approve or disapprove the school budget, school warrant articles, and to elect school district officials</p>