

**New Milford Board of Education
 Budget Hearings & Adoption of Motions
 January 13, 14, 20 & 21 2026
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

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**Budget Hearing Motions
January 13, 2026
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson <i>via video conference</i> Mr. Eric Hansell Mrs. Sarah Herring Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. Dean Barile Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Brian McCauley Mr. Tom O'Brien Mr. Joseph Failla Mayor Pete Bass, <i>ex-officio</i>
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Also Present:	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 Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Facilities Director Dr. Kimberly Culkin, 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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1.		Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance The budget hearing meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 6:30pm. by Mr. Eric Hansell, Vice Chairperson. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.		Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed 2026-2027 Budget	Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed 2026-2027 School Budget
3.		Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2026-2027 Budget including but not limited to, PK - Grade 5, Transportation, Benefits, Revenue, District-Wide Departments	Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2026-2027 Budget including but not limited to, PK - Grade 5, Transportation, Benefits,

			Revenue, District-Wide Departments
4.		Opportunity for the Public to be heard	Opportunity for the Public to be heard
5.		Recessed to Wednesday January 14, 2026 The budget hearing meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to recess at 8:28p.m. by Mr. Eric Hansell, Vice Chairperson.	Recessed to January 14, 2026 The meeting recessed at 8:28 p.m.

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January 14, 2026

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Present:	Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson <i>via video conference</i> Mr. Eric Hansell, Vice Chairperson Mrs. Sarah Herring Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. Dean Barile Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Brian McCauley Mr. Joseph Failla
Absent:	Mr. Tom O'Brien

Also Present:	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 Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Facilities Director Dr. Kimberly Culkin, 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 Demeyer, Schaghticoke Middle School Principal
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1.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance The budget hearing meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 6:30pm. by Eric Hansell, Vice-Chairperson. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order to resume the meeting.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Opportunity for the Public to be heard	Opportunity for the Public to be heard

3.	Discussion of the Superintendent’s Proposed 2026-2027 Budget including, but not limited to, Grades 6-12 and District-Wide Departments	Discussion of the Superintendent’s Proposed 2026-2027 Budget including, but not limited to, Grades 6-12 and District-Wide Departments
4.	Opportunity for the Public to be heard	Opportunity for the Public to be heard
5.	Recessed to Tuesday, January 20, 2026 The budget hearing meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to recess at 8:54p.m. by Mr. Eric Hansell, Vice Chairperson.	Recessed to Tuesday, January 20, 2026 The meeting recessed at 8:54 p.m.

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January 20, 2026

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Present:	Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson Mrs. Sarah Herring Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. Dean Barile Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Brian McCauley Mr. Tom O’Brien
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Absent:	Mr. Joseph Failla Mr. Eric Hansell
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Also Present:	Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Dr. Kimberly Culkin, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Facilities Director Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Technology Director Mrs. Lauren Bergner, Grades 6-12 Supervisor Special Education
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	Mrs. Kristen Phillips, Grades PK-5 Supervisor Special Education
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1.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance The budget hearing meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order to resume the meeting.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Opportunity for the Public to be heard	Opportunity for the Public to be heard
3.	Discussion Superintendent’s Proposed 2026-2027 Budget including, but not limited to, District-wide Departments	Discussion Superintendent’s Proposed 2026-2027 Budget including, but not limited to, District-wide Departments
4.	Opportunity for the Public to be heard	Opportunity for the Public to be heard
5.	Recessed to Wednesday January 21, 2026 The budget hearing meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to recess at 7:40p.m. by Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson.	Recessed to Wednesday January 21, 2026 The meeting recessed at 7:40pm.

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January 21, 2026
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Present:	Mrs. Sarich, Chairperson Mr. Eric Hansell Mrs. Sarah Herring Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Tom O’Brien Mr. Dean Barile Mr. Joseph Failla
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Also Present:	Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Dr. Kimberly Culkin, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Facilities Director
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	Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Technology Director
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1.	<p>Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance The budget hearing meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order to resume the meeting.</p>	<p>Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance</p>
2.	Public Comment	Public Comment
3.	Discussion of the Superintendent’s Proposed 2026-2027 Budget including, but not limited to, wrap-up issues and questions	Discussion of the Superintendent’s Proposed 2026-2027 Budget including, but not limited to, wrap-up issues and questions
4.	<p>Vote on Adoption of the 2026-2027 Board of Education Budget</p> <p><i>Mrs. Sarich moved for the Board of Education to adopt the 2026-2027 budget in the amount of \$78,773,658, reflecting a 3.20% increase. Seconded by Mr. McCauley. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p>	<p>Vote on Adoption of the 2026-2027 Board of Education Budget</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously for the Board of Education to adopt the 2026-2027 budget in the amount of \$78,773,658, reflecting a 3.20% increase.</p>
5.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action:</p> <p>A. Monthly Reports</p> <p><i>Mrs. McInerney moved to approve the monthly reports: Budget Position, Budget Transfer Request and Purchase Resolution D-802, seconded by Mr. Barile. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p> <p>B. Bid Award for Central Office A&E</p> <p><i>Mr. Hansell moved to approve the Bid Award for Central Office A&E, seconded by Mrs. Sarich. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p> <p>C. Approval of Educational Specifications for the Northville Roof Project</p> <p><i>Mr. Hansell moved to approve the Educational Specifications for the Northville Roof Project, seconded by Mr. O’Brien. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p>	<p>Discussion and possible action</p> <p>A. Monthly Reports</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the monthly reports: Budget Position, Budget Transfer Request and Purchase Resolution D-802.</p> <p>B. Bid Award for Central Office A&E</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the Bid Award for Central Office A&E.</p> <p>C. Approval of Educational Specifications for the Northville Roof Project</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the</p>

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		Educational Specifications for the Northville Roof Project.
6.	Adjourn <i>Mr. O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm, seconded by Mr. McCauley and passed unanimously.</i>	6. Adjourn Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Mrs. Sarah Herring
Secretary
New Milford Board of Education