

Rye School Board Budget Meetings

You are invited and encouraged to attend the Rye School Board 2010-2011 school budget review and approval meetings.

The budget process schedule is detailed below. While all meetings are important, the upcoming School Board budget review meetings are when the School Board first hears and approves the details of the entire budget for next year.

November 19, 2009
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the
Rye Public Safety Building

November 24, 2009
8:00 a.m. to finish
at the Rye Public Library

You can read minutes of last year's meetings to better understand what transpires at these meetings:
<http://www.ryeschoolboard.us/documents/Nov242008minutes.pdf> and
<http://www.ryeschoolboard.us/documents/Nov252008minutes.pdf>

2010-2011 Rye Schools Budget Process

Sept./Oct. 2009	Administrators create budget, with staff input
Oct./Nov. 2009	SAU-50 Business Administrator and Superintendent review budget
November 9, 2009 6:30 p.m. Rye Junior High	SAU-50 Board Members review and approve SAU-50 budget: (Open to the public) The SAU-50 budget includes salaries for the Superintendent, Director of Pupil Services (Special Education), Curriculum Coordinator, Business Administrator, staff and supplies, etc. Rye's share of this budget is approximately \$500,000. The SAU-50 Board is comprised of Board Members from Rye, Greenland, New Castle and Newington.
Nov 19, 2009 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Public Safety Building Nov. 24, 2009 8:00 a.m. until finished Rye Public Library	School Board reviews and approves budget and warrant articles: (Open to the public) The School Board may increase or decrease the proposed budget, including specific line items other than those legally required. The public may attend, but may not be allowed to give their input at this time. That is up to the discretion of the Board.
December 9, 2009 6:00 p.m. Rye Junior High Dec. 10, 2009 (snow date) 6:00 p.m. Rye Junior High	Town Budget Committee reviews and approves or disapproves school budget and warrant articles: (Open to the public) At this meeting, 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 doesn't recommend the school budget or warrant articles. What goes on the ballot is the result of a good-faith negotiation between the School Board and the Budget Committee, and the Budget Committee must give its formal opinion in favor or against.
December 16, 2009 5:30 p.m. Rye Junior High	SAU-50 Budget Public Hearing: (Open to the public) Townspeople from Rye, Greenland, Newington and New Castle's official session to give input on the SAU-50 budget. The Town Budget Committee has authority to change their recommendation approving or disapproving the budget at this time.
December 16, 2009 6:00 p.m. Rye Junior High (or after Public Hearing)	Rye School Board Monthly Meeting: (Open to the public) Budget issues may be addressed, if needed, during the "Budget" item on the regular agenda.
January 12, 2010 4:00 p.m. at SAU-50 Office or by midnight to any School Board Member	Filing deadline for school warrant articles: The public can submit warrant articles. A petition of at least 25 registered voters must be signed and submitted to the School Board via the SAU-50 office or to any individual School Board member with the language to be placed on the warrant.
January 13, 2010 6:30 p.m. Rye Junior High Jan. 19, 2010 (snow date) 6:30 p.m. Rye Junior High	Public Hearing on School Budget: (Open to the public) Townspeople's official session to give input on the school budget. The Town Budget Committee has authority to change its recommendation approving or disapproving the budget at this time.

<p>January 20-29, 2010 At Town Hall during business hours (closes at 5:00 p.m.)</p>	<p>Filing period for school district offices: The following offices will be on the ballot: two school board members.</p>
<p>February 3, 2010 7:00 p.m. Rye Junior High Feb. 4, 2010 (snow date) 7:00 p.m. Rye Junior High</p>	<p>School District Deliberative Session: (Open to the public) Townspople have the ability to vote an increase or decrease (no more than 10%) 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 so long as they don't change the subject matter of the article. At times, voters at the Deliberative Session have increased the budget and have amended warrant articles to completely negate their intent. The Town Budget Committee may change its recommendation at this time.</p>
<p>March 9, 2010 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Rye Elementary School</p>	<p>Town Election to approve or disapprove the school budget, school warrant articles, and to elect School District officials: in the upcoming election, registered voters vote for or against the school budget, the teachers' contract, two school board members and any other warrant articles.</p>