

## Rye Schools 2012-13 Budget Process

<b>September/October</b>	<b>Administrators create budget with staff input</b>
<b>October / November</b>	<b>SAU #50 Business Administrator and Superintendent review budget</b>
<b>November 14, 2011</b> Rye Public Library (12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)	<b>School board reviews and approves budget and warrant articles</b> (Open to public) The Rye School Board may increase or decrease the proposed budget, including specific line items other than those legally required. The public is welcome to attend, but it is up to the discretion of the board to allow for public input.
<b>November 15, 2011</b> 6:30 p.m., Rye Junior High	<b>SAU #50 School Board members review and approve SAU #50 budget</b> (Open to public) The SAU #50 budget includes salaries for the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education Director, Business Administrator, staff, supplies, etc. Rye's share of this budget is approximately \$500,000. The 16-member SAU #50 school board is comprised of school board members from Rye, Greenland, Newington, and New Castle.
<b>November 16, 2011</b> 6:00 p.m., Rye Junior High	<b>Rye School Board meeting</b> As part of their regular monthly meeting the board will review and deliberate on budget.
<b>December 7, 2011</b> 5:30 p.m., Rye Junior High	<b>SAU #50 budget public hearing</b> Townsppeople from Rye, Greenland, Newington and New Castle's official session to give input on the SAU #50 budget. The SAU #50 Joint School Board has authority to change their recommendation approving or disapproving the budget at this time.
<b>December 7, 2011</b> 6:00 p.m., Rye Junior High	<b>Rye School Board meeting</b> As part of their regular monthly meeting the board will may review and deliberate on budget if necessary.
<b>December 8, 2011</b> 6:00 p.m., Rye Town Hall	<b>Town budget committee reviews and recommends or does not recommend the school budget and warrant articles:</b> (Open to 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 does not 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 to recommend or not recommend the school budget and warrant articles.
<b>January 10, 2012</b> 4:00 p.m. 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 11, 2012</b> <b>NEW DATE!</b> 6:30 p.m., Rye Junior High <b>January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b> <b>(snow date) 6:30 p.m. -RJH</b>	<b>Public hearing (Rye Budget Committee) on school budget</b> (Open to public) Townsppeople'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><b>January 18 – 27, 2012</b> At Town Hall during business hours (closes at 5:00)</p>	<p><b>Filing period for school district offices: The following offices will be on the ballot: One school board member; one moderator; one school district clerk.</b></p>
<p><b>February 8, 2012</b> 6:30 p.m., Rye Junior High <b>February 9, 2012</b> <i>(snow date)</i> 6:30 p.m., Rye Junior High</p>	<p><b>School District Deliberative Session</b> (Open to public) Townspeople 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 13, 2012</b> 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Rye Elementary School</p>	<p><b>Town election to approve or disapprove the school budget , school warrant articles, and to elect school district officials</b></p>