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Regular BOE Agenda
January 28, 2025

Council Chambers
3 Primrose St.
Newtown, CT 06470
7:00 PM

As stewards of Newtown Public Schools, we commit to conducting ourselves with honesty, integrity, and respect. Guided by Newtown's Core Values and the Portrait of a Graduate, we will strive to prepare every student to think critically and innovate with curiosity; adapt, persevere, and pursue goals with strategic focus; act with compassion, collaborate across differences, and communicate with clarity. We hold ourselves to the same attributes we seek to instill in our students, embodying them in our work together.

AGENDA

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Correspondence Report
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
4. REPORTS
 - A. Chair Report
 - B. Superintendent's Report
 - C. Committee and Liaison Reports
 - D. Student Representatives Report
 - E. Action on Financial Report and Transfers Month Ending December 31, 2024
5. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET
6. OLD BUSINESS
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Action on Minutes of January 14, 2025
8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
9. ADJOURNMENT

***During the first Public Participation, the Board welcomes commentary regarding items on the agenda. After being recognized, please state your name and address for the record. Per Board Policy 9325, we request that speakers be respectful and limit comments to not more than three minutes, and we note that public complaints about employees are not permitted during meetings. All such concerns should instead be submitted to the Superintendent. During the second Public Participation, commentary may address the agenda or may introduce issues for the Board to consider in the future. The Board does not engage in dialogue during either public comment period. If you desire more information or answers to specific questions, please email the Board: NewtownBOE@newtown.k12.ct.us*

**NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

SUMMARY

The sixth financial report for the year continues to provide year to date expenditures, encumbrances and information for anticipated obligations. Many of the accounts within our major objects have been forecasted as “full budget spend” in order to more accurately project an estimated year-end balance. These balances are monitored closely and adjusted each month in order to capture any changes and fluctuations that occur throughout the year.

During the month of December, the district spent approximately \$6.5M for all operations. About \$4.4M was spent on salaries with the remaining balance of \$2.1M spent on all other objects.

The change over the last month’s year-end projection has resulted in a decrease of -\$69,926; now showing a total projected balance of \$14,625.

The Excess Cost Grant fell short with the State only funding 59.96% of the anticipated 70% reimbursement. This is a decrease of \$219,697 in grant revenue which directly impacts our year-end projected balance.

This report includes a transfer request in the amount of \$43,070 (see attached)

SALARY OBJECT

Our salary object continues to display a surplus with a projected year-end balance of \$448,518. This balance has increase by \$48,988 over the prior month with the majority of this increase coming from non-certified salaries.

- **CERTIFIED SALARIES**

The overall balance in this sub-object is now showing a negative position of -\$2,097, only changing slightly over the prior month. However, there was a shift in the balance between teachers and subs. The balance in our teacher account has improved while the sub account now shows a deficit. These two accounts are directly connected and, in most cases, the balance will move in unison with one increasing and the other decreasing.

- **NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES**

The overall balance in this sub-object has increase by \$48,138. The increase is tied to the supervisor line item where we have made adjustments for the anticipated start date of a new employee and in our paraeducator line where we continue experience employee turnover. In our non-certified salary adjustment line, we have transferred \$174,264 to various accounts for contractual increases where needed. Out of the \$291,650 that was allocated for salary adjustments, we have \$117,386 remaining. Also included in this account is the non-certified turnover for -\$120,000. This account was put in place last year during the budget process in order to absorb a portion of the surplus that we have been experiencing in this category due to open positions.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This area of the budget has been adjusted to reflect all activities that incur here; such as, legal services student psychological and audiological testing. The balance has increased over the prior month by \$20,000.

OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES

This area of the budget was hit hard in December as we experienced a major shortfall in our Excess Cost Grant reimbursement. This reimbursement comes from the State each year and is meant to offset the high cost of tuition for students that require services outside of Newtown Public Schools. This year our budget called over \$5.4M in tuition costs for student outplacements with an anticipated reimbursement of approximately \$1.7M. The State fell short of its obligation, leaving over \$200,000 for the district to pick up.

In March we will submit this grant again in order to account for any enrollment adjustments. It's possible that the State may adjust our reimbursement rate slightly but for now, we do not anticipate that happening.

- **Contracted Services**

This cost center remains negative with a balance of -\$198,841. This account includes costs for behavioral tech services. Year-to-date we have spent \$159,000 and this report includes an additional \$40,000 to be encumbered next month. We had hopes of funding a portion of these cost with one of our entitlement grants, but they too have been reduced by the State. Whatever surplus we have in our BT salary account at year-end, will be transfer to this area. To date, we have approximately \$96,000 available the salary account.

- **Communication**

We are now forecasting a negative balance in this account due to an increase in our long-distance carrier costs. The increase happened during the November/December billing statement, going up by \$2,000 per month. This has to do with increased costs to maintain antiquated copper phone lines. We are currently looking into updating these lines and moving into a wireless platform; however, it will take some time to implement.

- **Out-of-District Special Education Tuition**

Last month we were showing a surplus in this area but unfortunately, during the month of December, the account has turned negative, now showing a year-end projected balance of -\$148,369. This negative balance is entirely due to the State short-funding our Excess Cost reimbursement grant by approximately 10% (from 70% to 59.96%). Had we received our projected reimbursement, we would be looking at a \$34,000 deficit, which is much better than the negative amount that is now displayed in this account.

- **Out-of-District Magnet Tuition**

This account makes up a small portion of the out-of-district tuition line item and is used for High School student magnet school tuition. We have several students that attend Shepaug's 2 agricultural program, ACES center for arts in New Haven and Bridgeport Magnet School to name a few. This year a bill was passed that stated public schools would only pay 58% of the prior year tuition costs students to attend. This bill was not approved at the time the current year budget was created and that is why we are now experiencing a savings of \$36,722.

SUPPLIES

The overall position of this object remains negatively impacted due to the inflated costs of electricity.

- **Electric**

Our position in this account has improved slightly, now showing a negative balance of -\$345,000. The new costs for supply contract came in at .09670 per kW (down from .10570) combined with a small uptick in our virtual net metering credits and lower usage. This is all good news and we will continue to closely monitor this area of the budget.

- **Natural Gas**

We saw a small uptick in this balance which can be attributed to the mild winter and all-time low supply rates for natural gas. We do not use third-party or consortium supplier for our natural gas, as this is procured through Eversource. Unlike electricity, these accounts remain stable and were not victimized by the PURA cost gouging that we are experiencing in electricity for public benefits and other portions of our bill.

- **Oil**

We are in the process of reducing the amount of oil that we have stored in our High School tank and we will use the income from this sale to offset the budget reduction that was made to the Head O'Meadow oil account this year. The oil that is at the High School was purchased years ago before the school switched over to natural gas and is no longer required to heat the building.

ALL OTHER OBJECTS

Our account-by-account analysis will continue throughout the year and we will keep the board apprised of any issues or concerns as they arise.

REVENUE

The board of education received \$2,963.10 in tuition.

Tanja Gouveia
Director of Business & Finance
January 23, 2025

**NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
2024-25 BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT
FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024**

OBJECT CODE	EXPENSE CATEGORY	EXPENDED 2023 - 2024	2024- 2025 APPROVED BUDGET	YTD TRANSFERS 2024- 2025	CURRENT BUDGET	YTD EXPENDITURE	ENCUMBER	BALANCE	ANTICIPATED OBLIGATIONS	PROJECTED BALANCE	% EXP
GENERAL FUND BUDGET											
100	SALARIES	\$ 54,869,892	\$ 56,415,958	\$ 35,143	\$ 56,451,101	\$ 23,007,094	\$ 32,041,775	\$ 1,402,232	\$ 953,714	\$ 448,518	99.21%
200	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 12,834,863	\$ 13,673,917	\$ (21,643)	\$ 13,652,274	\$ 9,610,092	\$ 2,689,377	\$ 1,352,804	\$ 1,352,364	\$ 440	100.00%
300	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 757,057	\$ 672,930	\$ (6,732)	\$ 666,198	\$ 233,823	\$ 91,326	\$ 341,049	\$ 322,639	\$ 18,410	97.24%
400	PURCHASED PROPERTY SERV.	\$ 1,702,959	\$ 1,890,644	\$ -	\$ 1,890,644	\$ 780,978	\$ 374,442	\$ 735,224	\$ 730,130	\$ 5,095	99.73%
500	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$ 10,905,469	\$ 11,047,142	\$ (10,332)	\$ 11,036,810	\$ 5,707,034	\$ 5,596,134	\$ (266,358)	\$ 25,518	\$ (291,876)	102.64%
600	SUPPLIES	\$ 3,344,907	\$ 3,170,329	\$ -	\$ 3,170,329	\$ 1,567,435	\$ 146,888	\$ 1,456,006	\$ 1,719,006	\$ (263,000)	108.30%
700	PROPERTY	\$ 349,252	\$ 357,069	\$ 3,564	\$ 360,633	\$ 245,854	\$ 13,466	\$ 101,313	\$ 104,275	\$ (2,962)	100.82%
800	MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 76,349	\$ 81,077	\$ -	\$ 81,077	\$ 64,474	\$ 2,604	\$ 13,999	\$ 13,999	\$ -	100.00%
910	SPECIAL ED CONTINGENCY	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	0.00%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGE		\$ 84,840,747	\$ 87,409,066	\$ -	\$ 87,409,066	\$ 41,216,785	\$ 40,956,011	\$ 5,236,270	\$ 5,221,645	\$ 14,625	99.98%
900	TRANSFER NON-LAPSING <i>(unana \$ 228,904 this amount has been recommended for transfer into the BoE's Non-Lapsing Fund</i>										
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 85,069,651	\$ 87,409,066	\$ -	\$ 87,409,066	\$ 41,216,785	\$ 40,956,011	\$ 5,236,270	\$ 5,221,645	\$ 14,625	99.98%

100 SALARIES

Administrative Salaries	\$ 4,341,348	\$ 4,415,759	\$ 16,968	\$ 4,432,727	\$ 2,107,298	\$ 2,316,188	\$ 9,241	\$ 4,258	\$ 4,983	99.89%
Teachers & Specialists Salaries	\$ 35,054,141	\$ 35,746,541	\$ 14,675	\$ 35,761,216	\$ 13,914,657	\$ 22,027,837	\$ (181,278)	\$ (151,500)	\$ (29,778)	100.08%
Early Retirement	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%
Continuing Ed./Summer School	\$ 115,676	\$ 124,447	\$ 1,630	\$ 126,077	\$ 99,696	\$ 27,989	\$ (1,609)	\$ (1,609)	\$ -	100.00%
Homebound & Tutors Salaries	\$ 159,491	\$ 184,110	\$ -	\$ 184,110	\$ 54,555	\$ 60,804	\$ 68,751	\$ 36,463	\$ 32,289	82.46%
Certified Substitutes	\$ 749,519	\$ 830,665	\$ -	\$ 830,665	\$ 336,435	\$ 316,560	\$ 177,670	\$ 187,261	\$ (9,591)	101.15%
Coaching/Activities	\$ 728,440	\$ 701,036	\$ -	\$ 701,036	\$ 230,339	\$ -	\$ 470,697	\$ 470,697	\$ -	100.00%
Staff & Program Development	\$ 103,564	\$ 102,950	\$ 3,500	\$ 106,450	\$ 19,313	\$ -	\$ 87,138	\$ 87,138	\$ -	100.00%

CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$ 41,265,178	\$ 42,118,508	\$ 36,773	\$ 42,155,281	\$ 16,775,292	\$ 24,749,379	\$ 630,610	\$ 632,707	\$ (2,097)	100.00%
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Supervisors & Technology Salaries	\$ 1,043,860	\$ 1,029,988	\$ 37,346	\$ 1,067,334	\$ 476,181	\$ 474,074	\$ 117,080	\$ 55,000	\$ 62,080	94.18%
Clerical & Secretarial Salaries	\$ 2,488,988	\$ 2,411,941	\$ 11,229	\$ 2,423,170	\$ 1,097,904	\$ 1,220,388	\$ 104,878	\$ 40,900	\$ 63,978	97.36%
Paraeducators	\$ 2,790,191	\$ 3,056,971	\$ 78,117	\$ 3,135,088	\$ 1,268,169	\$ 1,728,280	\$ 138,639	\$ 9,429	\$ 129,210	95.88%
Nurses & Medical Advisors	\$ 946,366	\$ 1,018,820	\$ (4,022)	\$ 1,014,798	\$ 385,252	\$ 568,765	\$ 60,781	\$ 42,410	\$ 18,372	98.19%
Custodial & Maint. Salaries	\$ 3,382,650	\$ 3,545,200	\$ -	\$ 3,545,200	\$ 1,690,557	\$ 1,817,783	\$ 36,860	\$ 4,708	\$ 32,151	99.09%
Non-Certied Adj	\$ -	\$ 171,650	\$ (174,264)	\$ (2,614)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,614)	\$ -	\$ (2,614)	0.00%
Career/Job Salaries	\$ 155,653	\$ 206,773	\$ 989	\$ 207,762	\$ 99,499	\$ 140,072	\$ (31,808)	\$ (57,712)	\$ 25,904	87.53%
Special Education Svcs Salaries	\$ 1,635,815	\$ 1,738,248	\$ 46,317	\$ 1,784,565	\$ 744,076	\$ 930,686	\$ 109,803	\$ 6,031	\$ 103,772	94.19%
Security Salaries & Attendance	\$ 720,650	\$ 727,212	\$ -	\$ 727,212	\$ 314,566	\$ 392,849	\$ 19,797	\$ 2,034	\$ 17,762	97.56%
Extra Work - Non-Cert.	\$ 131,774	\$ 122,647	\$ 2,658	\$ 125,305	\$ 56,332	\$ 19,500	\$ 49,473	\$ 49,473	\$ -	100.00%
Custodial & Maint. Overtime	\$ 273,517	\$ 236,000	\$ -	\$ 236,000	\$ 85,713	\$ -	\$ 150,287	\$ 150,287	\$ -	100.00%
Civic Activities/Park & Rec.	\$ 35,249	\$ 32,000	\$ -	\$ 32,000	\$ 13,554	\$ -	\$ 18,446	\$ 18,446	\$ -	100.00%

NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$ 13,604,713	\$ 14,297,450	\$ (1,630)	\$ 14,295,820	\$ 6,231,802	\$ 7,292,396	\$ 771,622	\$ 321,007	\$ 450,615	96.85%
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SUBTOTAL SALARIES	\$ 54,869,892	\$ 56,415,958	\$ 35,143	\$ 56,451,101	\$ 23,007,094	\$ 32,041,775	\$ 1,402,232	\$ 953,714	\$ 448,518	99.21%
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200 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Medical & Dental Expenses	\$ 9,549,973	\$ 10,305,448	\$ -	\$ 10,305,448	\$ 7,719,024	\$ 2,567,329	\$ 19,095	\$ 18,655	\$ 440	100.00%
Life Insurance	\$ 88,377	\$ 92,000	\$ -	\$ 92,000	\$ 45,066	\$ -	\$ 46,934	\$ 46,934	\$ -	100.00%
FICA & Medicare	\$ 1,709,986	\$ 1,768,360	\$ -	\$ 1,768,360	\$ 746,723	\$ -	\$ 1,021,637	\$ 1,021,637	\$ -	100.00%
Pensions	\$ 965,625	\$ 999,360	\$ -	\$ 999,360	\$ 779,819	\$ 6,000	\$ 213,541	\$ 213,541	\$ -	100.00%
Unemployment & Employee Assist.	\$ 105,555	\$ 81,600	\$ -	\$ 81,600	\$ 9,830	\$ 20,170	\$ 51,600	\$ 51,600	\$ -	100.00%
Workers Compensation	\$ 415,349	\$ 427,149	\$ (21,643)	\$ 405,506	\$ 309,630	\$ 95,879	\$ (3)	\$ (3)	\$ 0	100.00%

SUBTOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$ 12,834,863	\$ 13,673,917	\$ (21,643)	\$ 13,652,274	\$ 9,610,092	\$ 2,689,377	\$ 1,352,804	\$ 1,352,364	\$ 440	100.00%
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300 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Professional Services	\$ 603,797	\$ 439,743	\$ -	\$ 439,743	\$ 129,094	\$ 41,640	\$ 269,008	\$ 250,598	\$ 18,410	95.81%
Professional Educational Serv.	\$ 153,260	\$ 233,187	\$ (6,732)	\$ 226,455	\$ 104,729	\$ 49,685	\$ 72,041	\$ 72,041	\$ -	100.00%
SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL SER	\$ 757,057	\$ 672,930	\$ (6,732)	\$ 666,198	\$ 233,823	\$ 91,326	\$ 341,049	\$ 322,639	\$ 18,410	97.24%

400 PURCHASED PROPERTY SERV.

Buildings & Grounds Contracted Svc.	\$ 611,768	\$ 711,000	\$ -	\$ 711,000	\$ 422,416	\$ 198,574	\$ 90,011	\$ 90,011	\$ -	100.00%
Utility Services - Water & Sewer	\$ 94,774	\$ 128,315	\$ -	\$ 128,315	\$ 55,648	\$ -	\$ 72,667	\$ 59,667	\$ 13,000	89.87%
Building, Site & Emergency Repairs	\$ 533,666	\$ 495,000	\$ -	\$ 495,000	\$ 135,993	\$ 53,628	\$ 305,380	\$ 305,380	\$ -	100.00%
Equipment Repairs	\$ 222,475	\$ 268,994	\$ -	\$ 268,994	\$ 34,923	\$ 9,897	\$ 224,174	\$ 224,174	\$ -	100.00%
Rentals - Building & Equipment	\$ 240,275	\$ 287,335	\$ -	\$ 287,335	\$ 131,999	\$ 112,343	\$ 42,993	\$ 50,898	\$ (7,905)	102.75%
Building & Site Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
SUBTOTAL PUR. PROPERTY SER	\$ 1,702,959	\$ 1,890,644	\$ -	\$ 1,890,644	\$ 780,978	\$ 374,442	\$ 735,224	\$ 730,130	\$ 5,095	99.73%

500 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES

Contracted Services	\$ 1,040,758	\$ 1,005,847	\$ 1,968	\$ 1,007,815	\$ 735,830	\$ 196,902	\$ 75,083	\$ 273,924	\$ (198,841)	119.73%
Transportation Services	\$ 4,990,431	\$ 5,130,320	\$ -	\$ 5,130,320	\$ 2,143,118	\$ 2,233,795	\$ 753,407	\$ 743,407	\$ 10,000	99.81%
Insurance - Property & Liability	\$ 435,965	\$ 461,988	\$ (10,000)	\$ 451,988	\$ 329,685	\$ 92,147	\$ 30,156	\$ 34,200	\$ (4,044)	100.89%
Communications	\$ 189,179	\$ 188,915	\$ -	\$ 188,915	\$ 102,894	\$ 89,346	\$ (3,325)	\$ 9,114	\$ (12,440)	106.58%
Printing Services	\$ 24,329	\$ 27,700	\$ (2,000)	\$ 25,700	\$ 2,907	\$ 3,300	\$ 19,493	\$ 19,493	\$ -	100.00%
Tuition - Out of District	\$ 4,011,238	\$ 3,989,164	\$ -	\$ 3,989,164	\$ 2,275,618	\$ 2,961,255	\$ (1,247,709)	\$ (1,099,340)	\$ (148,369)	103.72%
Student Travel & Staff Mileage	\$ 213,569	\$ 243,208	\$ (300)	\$ 242,908	\$ 116,982	\$ 19,388	\$ 106,538	\$ 44,720	\$ 61,818	74.55%
SUBTOTAL OTHER PURCHASED	\$ 10,905,469	\$ 11,047,142	\$ (10,332)	\$ 11,036,810	\$ 5,707,034	\$ 5,596,134	\$ (266,358)	\$ 25,518	\$ (291,876)	102.64%

600 SUPPLIES

Instructional & Library Supplies	\$ 823,882	\$ 857,256	\$ (3,468)	\$ 853,788	\$ 468,283	\$ 78,810	\$ 306,696	\$ 306,696	\$ -	100.00%
Software, Medical & Office Supplies	\$ 203,661	\$ 230,186	\$ 7,032	\$ 237,218	\$ 100,898	\$ 51,781	\$ 84,540	\$ 84,540	\$ -	100.00%
Plant Supplies	\$ 344,916	\$ 343,000	\$ -	\$ 343,000	\$ 175,322	\$ 13,735	\$ 153,943	\$ 153,943	\$ -	100.00%
Electric	\$ 941,701	\$ 923,681	\$ -	\$ 923,681	\$ 549,198	\$ -	\$ 374,483	\$ 719,483	\$ (345,000)	137.35%
Propane & Natural Gas	\$ 340,574	\$ 496,657	\$ -	\$ 496,657	\$ 89,361	\$ -	\$ 407,296	\$ 327,296	\$ 80,000	83.89%
Heating Oil	\$ 83,874	\$ 52,065	\$ -	\$ 52,065	\$ 8,826	\$ -	\$ 43,239	\$ 41,239	\$ 2,000	96.16%
Fuel for Vehicles & Equip.	\$ 143,424	\$ 140,930	\$ -	\$ 140,930	\$ 84,843	\$ -	\$ 56,087	\$ 56,087	\$ -	100.00%
Textbooks	\$ 462,875	\$ 126,554	\$ (3,564)	\$ 122,990	\$ 90,703	\$ 2,562	\$ 29,724	\$ 29,724	\$ -	100.00%
SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES	\$ 3,344,907	\$ 3,170,329	\$ -	\$ 3,170,329	\$ 1,567,435	\$ 146,888	\$ 1,456,006	\$ 1,719,006	\$ (263,000)	108.30%

700 PROPERTY

Technology Equipment	\$ 307,106	\$ 315,083	\$ -	\$ 315,083	\$ 223,685	\$ 813	\$ 90,585	\$ 90,585	\$ -	100.00%
Other Equipment	\$ 42,146	\$ 41,986	\$ 3,564	\$ 45,550	\$ 22,169	\$ 12,653	\$ 10,728	\$ 13,691	\$ (2,962)	106.50%
SUBTOTAL PROPERTY	\$ 349,252	\$ 357,069	\$ 3,564	\$ 360,633	\$ 245,854	\$ 13,466	\$ 101,313	\$ 104,275	\$ (2,962)	100.82%

800 MISCELLANEOUS

Memberships	\$ 76,349	\$ 81,077	\$ -	\$ 81,077	\$ 64,474	\$ 2,604	\$ 13,999	\$ 13,999	\$ -	100.00%
SUBTOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 76,349	\$ 81,077	\$ -	\$ 81,077	\$ 64,474	\$ 2,604	\$ 13,999	\$ 13,999	\$ -	100.00%

910 SPECIAL ED CONTINGENCY	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	0.00%
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TOTAL LOCAL BUDGET	\$ 84,840,747	\$ 87,409,066	\$ -	\$ 87,409,066	\$ 41,216,785	\$ 40,956,011	\$ 5,236,270	\$ 5,221,645	\$ 14,625	99.98%
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900 Transfer to Non-Lapsing

GRAND TOTAL	\$ 84,840,747	\$ 87,409,066	\$ -	\$ 87,409,066	\$ 41,216,785	\$ 40,956,011	\$ 5,236,270	\$ 5,221,645	\$ 14,625	99.98%
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SPECIAL REVENUES

	EXCESS COST GRANT REVENUE	EXPENDED	APPROVED	SUBMITTED	STATE ESTIMATE	TITLE ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATED	VARIANCE			% TO
		2023-2024 BUDGET @ 70%	Dec 1 @ 68%*	Jan 1 @ 59.96%	March 1 @	%	Total	to December Est		FEB DEPOSIT	MAY DEPOSIT	BUDGET
51266	Special Education Svcs Salaries ECG	\$ (48,339)	\$ (45,000)	\$ (48,934)	\$ (30,000)		\$ (30,000)	\$ (18,934)				66.67%
54116	Transportation Services - ECG	\$ (386,778)	\$ (398,936)	\$ (371,338)	\$ (321,579)		\$ (321,579)	\$ (49,759)				80.61%
54160	Tuition - Out of District ECG	\$ (1,311,846)	\$ (1,133,368)	\$ (1,270,344)	\$ (1,119,340)		\$ (1,119,340)	\$ (151,004)				98.76%
	Total	\$ (1,746,963)	\$ (1,577,304)	\$ (1,690,616)	\$ (1,470,919)	\$ -	\$ (1,470,919)	\$ (219,697)		\$ -	\$ -	93.26%
				based on last year	Difference from 12/1 submission		\$ (219,697)			Total	\$ -	

*75% of Jan Proj

	SDE MAGNET TRANSPORTATIO	\$ (13,000)	\$ (15,600)	\$ (13,000)			\$ (13,000)	\$ -				100.00%
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OTHER REVENUES

BOARD OF EDUCATION FEES & CHARGES - SERVICES

	APPROVED				%
	BUDGET	ANTICIPATED	RECEIVED	BALANCE	RECEIVED
LOCAL TUITION	\$33,325	\$33,325	\$18,620	\$14,705	55.87%
HIGH SCHOOL FEES FOR PARKING PERMITS	\$30,000	\$30,000		\$30,000	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS FEES	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$2,404	\$3,596	40.06%
TOTAL SCHOOL GENERATED FEES	\$69,325		\$21,024	\$48,301	30.33%

OTHER GRANTS

TOTAL BUDGET 21-22 EXPENSED 2-23 EXPENSED ENCUMBER BALANCE % EXPENSED

214
218

2024 - 2025
NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
DETAIL OF TRANSFERS RECOMMENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2024

		FROM			TO		
OBJECT CODE	AMOUNT				OBJECT CODE	AMOUNT	
ADMINISTRATIVE							
100	\$9,261	NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES ADJUSTMENT \$9,261 001840880000-51271 DISTRICT - OTHER SERV NON-CERT SALARY ADJ			100	\$9,261	SUPERVISORS/TECHNOLOGY SALARIES \$9,261 001840860000-51210 DISTRICT - BUS SERV SUPERVISORS/TECH STAFF
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AMOUNT	FROM		TO		REASON
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ADMINISTRATIVE					
\$9,261	100	NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES ADJUSTMENT	100	SUPERVISORS/TECHNOLOGY SALARIES	TO COVER SALARY INCREASES
\$1,809	400	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	700	TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT	TO COVER BALANCE OF GRANT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE
\$25,000	400	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	500	CONTRACTED SERVICES	TO TRANSFER FUNDS FOR FRONTLINE IMPLEMENTATION
\$7,000	500	INSURANCE - PROPERTY & LIABILITY	700	OTHER EQUIPMENT	TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR SECURITY EQUIPMENT FOR CENTRAL OFFICE
\$43,070	TOTAL TRASNFER REQUEST				

**Please Note: These minutes are pending Board approval.
Board of Education
Newtown, Connecticut**

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on January 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT.

A. Plante, Chair	A. Uberti
J. Vouros, Vice Chair	T. Gouveia
D. Zukowski	24 Staff
S. Tomai	8 Public
C. Gilson	1 Press
D. Linnetz	
B. Leonardi (absent)	

Mrs. Plante called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Item 1 – Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Gilson moved that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda which includes the donation to Newtown High School and the correspondence report. Mr. Vouros seconded.

Ms. Zukowski thanked those who provided this generous contribution to the high school and wanted to be sure there is not a problem in terms of any contingency with this donation.

Dr. Longobucco noted that this was from an individual donor who has ties with the baseball team and was not from a company.

Motion passes unanimously.

Item 3 – Public Participation

Cristiano Pereira, 126 Charter Oak Road, Southbury, has been a Spanish teacher here for three years and spoke about the potential budget cut of this program. Newtown has had this program for 10 years and many surrounding communities have one also. He urged the Board to reconsider the elimination of this program.

Trent Harrison, 59 Platts Hill Road, teaches at the high school and is president of the Newtown Federation of Teachers. He spoke about the possible 24% increase in health insurance. He also spoke about a possible retirement incentive plan for employees to help save money.

Melissa Beylouni, 15 Equestrian Ridge Road, was concerned about security guards not getting the raise they were promised and that there has been no SRO at the high school since last March. She also was concerned that there are only co-taught English and math classes and not science and social studies any longer. She also addressed the low bus driver wage.

Item 4 – Reports

Chair Report: Mrs. Plante spoke about the budget process. A google doc will be distributed for questions and comments on the budget. Questions will be discussed at the January 28 and 30 meetings.

Superintendent's Report: Regarding the work at Sandy Hook School on Saturday, repairs were made on the ceiling issues and she thanked the companies who were very supportive and took care of the problems. Regarding the data breach in PowerSchool, we believe the information has not been shared with anyone.

Committee and Liaison Reports:

Mr. Gilson reported that CAFE was offering school finance webinars and the Legislative Breakfast is January 21 in Ridgefield.

Ms. Zukowski attended the Unified Theater production and thanked Janice Gabriel and her staff for what they do.

Item 5 – Presentation

Mrs. Uberti presented the 2025-2026 proposed budget, which reflects months of thoughtful analysis, collaboration, and dedication from our team as we worked to align our financial priorities with our district's mission to provide a high-quality education for every student. It is grounded in our shared goal of maintaining and enhancing the quality of education, even in the face of financial constraints. The final budget proposal is \$92,619,033, which is a 5.96% increase.

Ms. Zukowski stated that we have over \$300,000 in the non-lapsing fund for special education and requested that we receive the current amount and also get an estimate of what it might be at the end of the year so we can use some of that money to help with this budget.

Mrs. Plante asked Ms. Gouveia to share the current information with the Board this week and thanked Mrs. Uberti and her team for this presentation.

Mr. Vouros noted that it was key that we be mindful and make sure when the budget is finalized that it is voted on. It's very important that this message be sent starting tonight that everyone should vote.

Item 6 – Old Business - noneItem 7 – New Business - none

MOTION: Mr. Gilson moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of December 17, 2024. Mr. Vouros seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Item 8 – Public Participation - none

MOTION: Mr. Vouros moved to adjourn. Mr. Gilson seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Item 9 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborra J. Zukowski
Secretary