

2020 New Boston School District Voters' Guide

New Boston Central School

15 Central School Road New Boston, NH 03070

On behalf of the New Boston School Board, we are pleased to provide you with this year's School District Voter's Guide for your reference. The Board has worked together to develop explanations for each of the articles that will appear on the School District Warrant on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in the Tom Mansfield Gymnasium at the New Boston Central School. It is our continued goal to maintain open lines of communication with the public. We encourage you to reach out to us so that we can answer or clarify any questions you might have, nbcboard@sau19.org. We also encourage you to look at our website: <https://www.nbc.k12.nh.us/> for all budget related documents and presentations

New Boston School Board 2019-2020

Kary Jencks (Chair)	Term Expires	2020
Fred Hayes	Term Expires	2020
Wendy Lambert (Vice Chair)	Term Expires	2022
William (Bill) Schmidt	Term Expires	2021
Robert Witt	Term Expires	2022
Keith Diaz (School District Moderator)	Term Expires	2020
Barbara Hayes (School District Treasurer)	Term Expires	2020
Maralyn Segien (School District Clerk)	Term Expires	2020

NBCS Administration

Tori Underwood	NBCS Principal
John Bridle	NBCS Assistant Principal
Jennifer Gilliland	NBCS Special Education Facilitator

SAU Administration

Brian Balke	Superintendent of Schools
MaryClaire Barry	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Scott Gross	Business Administrator
Dr. Jennifer Dolloff	Director of Special Education
Kate Magrath	Director of Human Resources

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of New Boston qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on Tuesday, the fourth day of February 2020, in the Tom Mansfield Gym at New Boston Central School, at 7:00 P.M. for the first session of the School District Annual Meeting, also known as the first Deliberative Session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by official ballot on Tuesday, March 10, 2020

You are further notified to meet on Tuesday, the tenth day of March 2020, also known as the second session, to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls are open on March 10, 2020 at seven o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the evening in the Tom Mansfield Gym at New Boston Central School.

School Deliberative Ballot Determination Meeting
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ARTICLE 1: Election of Officers

To choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing three years

ARTICLE 2: Operating Budget

Shall the New Boston School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling SIXTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$16,745,860). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be SIXTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$16,703,137), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.” This warrant article (the Operating Budget Article) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)

*The School Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend
The Finance Committee voted 6-0-0 to recommend*

EXPLANATION: The \$16,745,860 operating budget is recommended unanimously by the New Boston School Board and Finance Committee. The proposed operating budget is \$302,468 or 1.9% more than last year’s appropriation.

The proposed operating budget is driven by a few factors: 1) tuition increases at MVMS due to larger student enrollments, 2) increased wage and benefit costs at NBCS, and 3) increased costs of student transportation. It’s important to note that the New Boston Central School portion of the budget increased by 3.1% or \$240,951. There are 570 elementary school students attending New Boston Central School (including pre-school). This portion of the budget is managed locally and includes administration, teachers, staff, programming and service cost for the school district’s pre-k, kindergarten, elementary school, and food service operations.

The proposed operating budget also includes the cost of tuition for New Boston to send 188 students to Mountain View Middle School and 342 students to Goffstown High School. The tuition payments to the Goffstown School District are calculated using a formula from the contract that applies to this arrangement (the AREA). The formula calculates New Boston’s allocated share of the expense of our students attending Goffstown’s schools based on what percentage of the total student population at those schools comprises New Boston students, and the total budget appropriations required for Goffstown to operate those schools. The proposed operating budget also supports specialized in-district and out-of-district programs for all of our students, no matter what their educational needs might entail, and no matter what school(s) they attend.

Federal Special Revenue Grant Funding for New Boston has increased slightly from the previous year. This total is \$98,105. There is also a slight increase of \$5,562 in the Food Service Fund for a new total of \$159,517. Both the Federal Grant Funds and Food Service Operations are self-funding; revenues are used to offset expenses.

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The state elementary school average for per pupil expenses in 2018-2019 was \$16,519. New Boston Central School per pupil expenses for the 2018-2019 school year was \$12,585, the 5th lowest in the state out of 155 elementary schools. Despite this low spending, we exceed the state average in SAS testing.

The state middle school average for per pupil expenses in 2018-2019 was \$15,489. Mountain View Middle School per pupil expense for this same year was \$12,747 per pupil, the 2nd lowest in the state out of 61 middle schools.

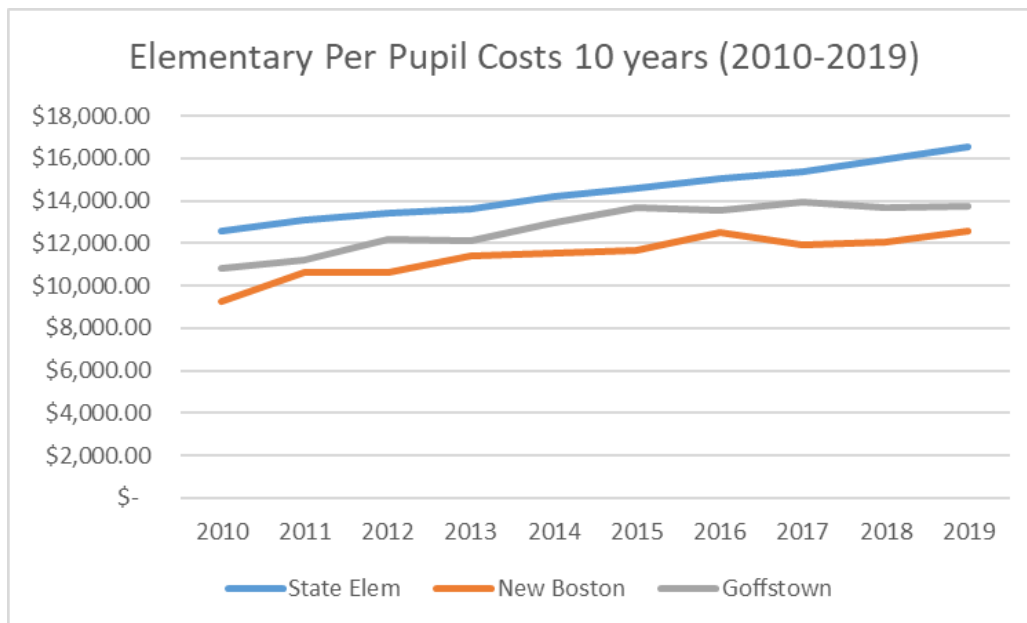
The state high school average for per pupil expenses in 2018-2019 was \$16,345. The per pupil expense for Goffstown High School in 2018-2019 was \$14,158, the 6th lowest in the state out of 73 high schools.

This budget does not include the costs associated with any other special warrant article.

Overall, the New Boston School District has a long history of providing an excellent education to our students, at a responsible cost to taxpayers. The commitment of the NBCS staff to student achievement has yielded higher than average state assessments, and reflects a strong return on the community's investments in our schools.

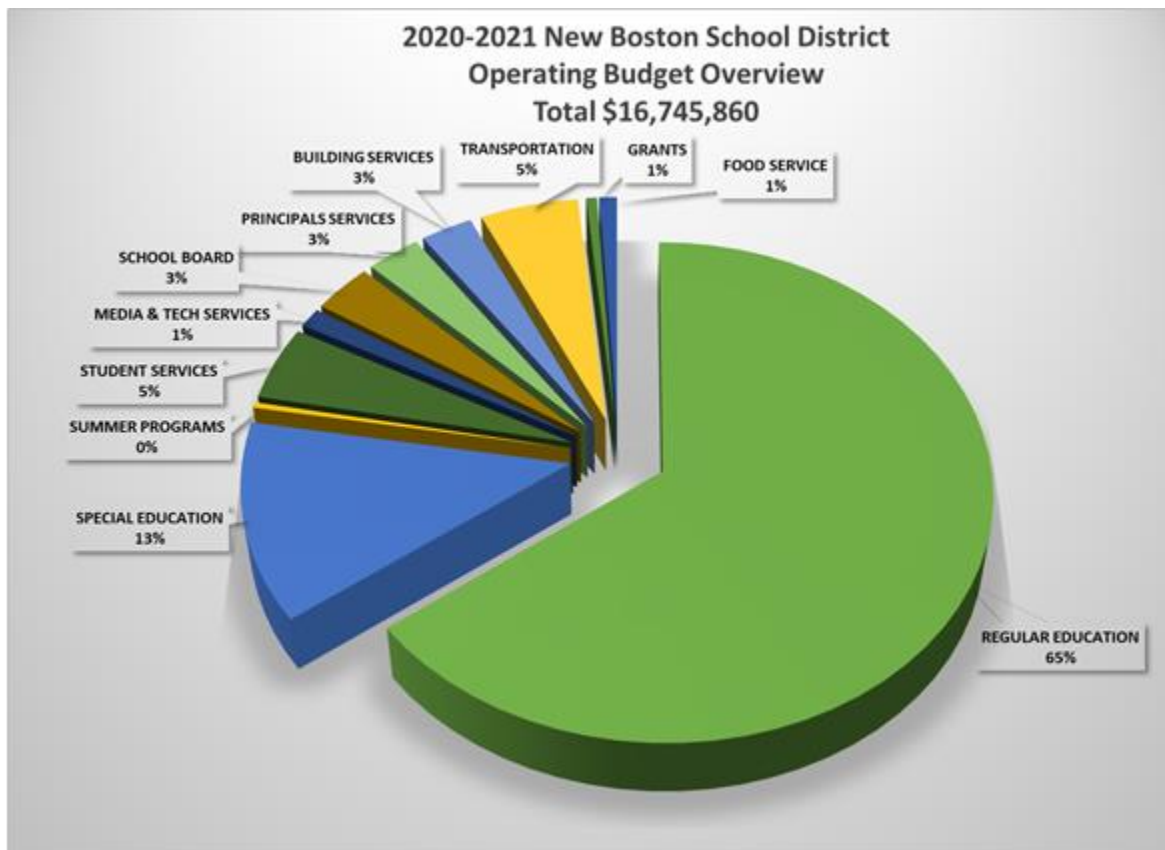
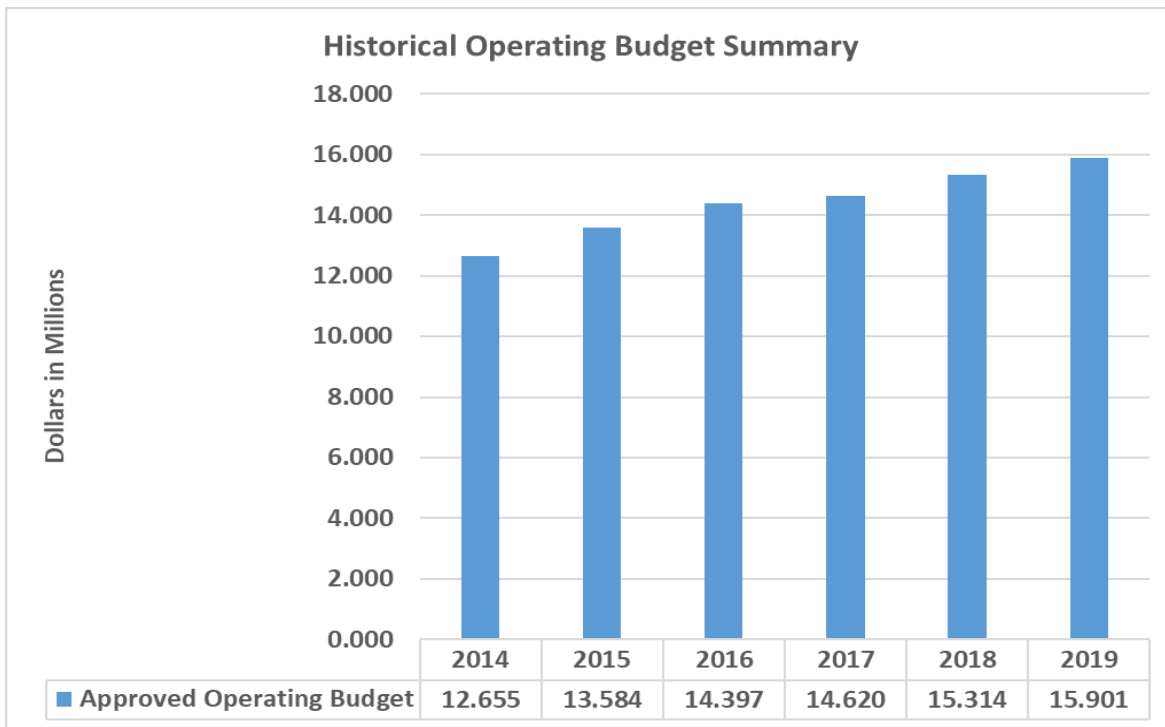
For more detailed information about the proposed budget, please visit the New Boston Central School website at: <https://www.nbcs.k12.nh.us/>

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Elementary Per Pupil Cost	\$ 14,581.48	\$ 15,033.57	\$ 15,397.60	\$ 15,981.46	\$ 16,519.77
New Boston	\$ 11,665.34	\$ 12,486.85	\$ 11,919.21	\$ 12,079.65	\$ 12,585.21
Amount Less than State Average	\$ 2,916.14	\$ 2,546.72	\$ 3,478.39	\$ 3,901.81	\$ 3,934.56
% Less than State Average	20%	17%	23%	24%	24%



A majority vote is required.

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ARTICLE 3

To see if the New Boston School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000) for the purpose of funding the New Boston Central School Building Envelope Project, to include, but not limited to, window replacement, heating controls and heating units. Funding for this article to come from additional, one-time New Hampshire Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid with no direct tax impact. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the New Boston Central School Building Envelope Project is completed or by June 30, 2022, whichever is sooner. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.)

*The School Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend
The Finance Committee voted 6-0-0 to recommend*

EXPLANATION:

For those who may be relatively new to town, the New Boston Central School was built in 1956, and has had numerous additions to the building, along with a modular classroom. Due to the age of the structure, one of New Boston's greatest assets is in need of some improvements to ensure our students and staff are afforded a safe and comfortable learning environment.

This building envelope project at the NBCS involves the replacement of numerous components to the structure of the building. For several years the New Boston School District has partnered with New Boston architect, Roger Dignard to develop solutions to address various concerns with the current building; many of which will be addressed in this project.

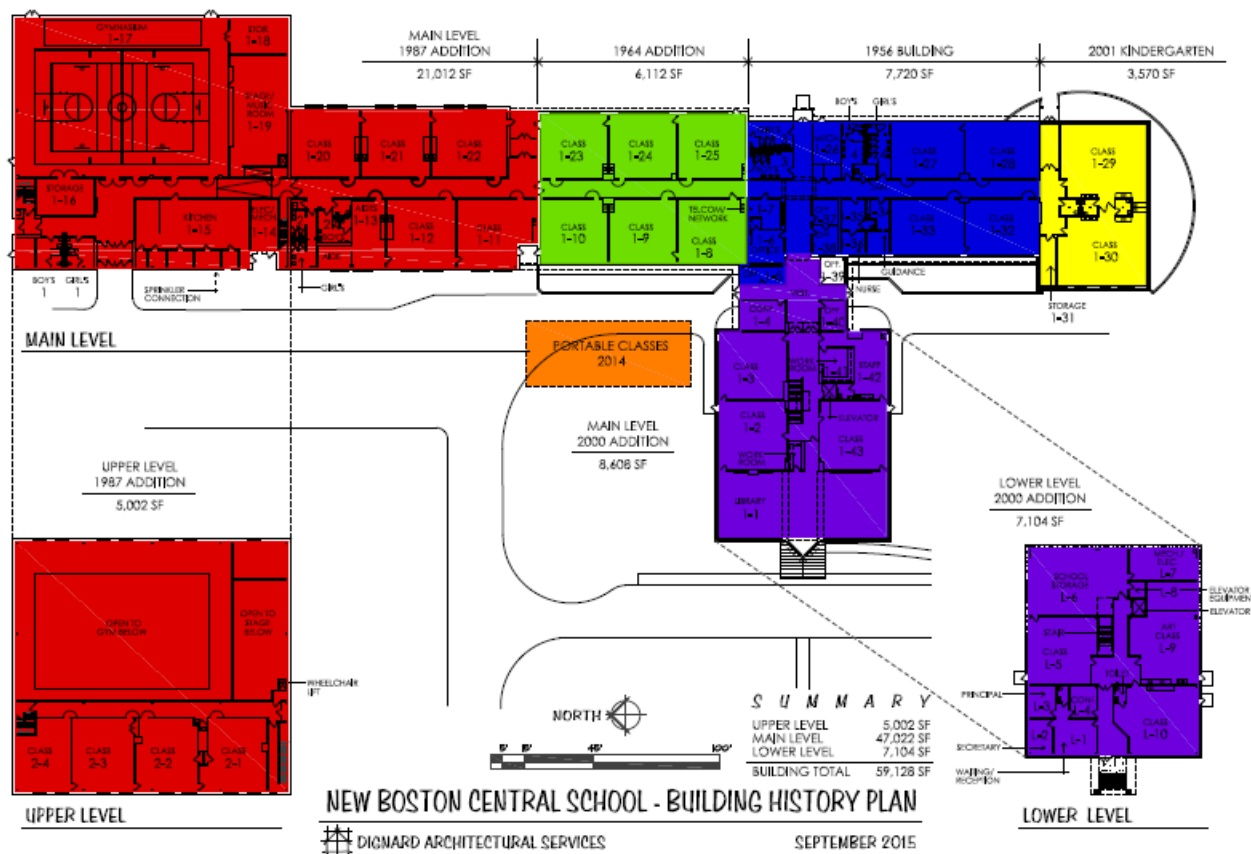
One large component of this project are the replacement of numerous windows that range from 30-50 years old and are original to the time when the building section was built. Due to the age (and in some cases) the design of the current windows, they are not energy efficient.

The window replacement portion of this project will involve the 1956, 1964, and 1987 sections of the New Boston Central School. In those areas where there currently exists a "wall of windows", Mr. Dignard has proposed a design which "infills" the current window openings by reframing those areas, thus reducing the window areas to a standard window configuration. (See conceptual design). The replacement windows will have greater energy efficiency and allow staff to better regulate the amount of light in their rooms.

In addition, this project involves the installation of two rooftop units that will serve to supplement the existing heating systems. The design of these HVAC systems will provide the following benefits to the NBCS: 1) provide supplemental heating and allow individual temperature controls in each impacted classroom (both heat and air conditioning), 2) serve as a redundant heating source in the event the primary heating system (boilers) should malfunction, 3) provide greater energy efficiency.

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The estimated cost of this project is \$600,000, and was developed by Mr. Dignard in conjunction with both local contractors and SAU 19 Facilities Director Randy Loring. Funding for this project will come from a one-time NH State Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid disbursement, which was a result of a recent state budget. Of the \$860,000 in additional NH State Aid, the New Boston School Board seeks to use \$600,000 towards this project, thus funding this project with no direct tax impact. It is the intent of the Board that the remaining balance of aid (\$260,000) will be used to reduce taxes.



A majority vote is required.

ARTICLE 4: Capital Reserve Fund

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To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) for deposit into the existing New Boston Central School Facilities Renovation and Repair Fund and to authorize the use of that amount from the June 30, 2020 Unassigned Fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2020. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.)

*The School Board voted 3-2-0 to recommend
The Finance Committee voted 3-3-0 to recommend*

Article 4 Explanation:

This article is similar to past years. It asks the voters for authorization to deposit up to \$50,000 into the Renovations and Repair Capital Reserve Fund, should there be adequate funds to do so at the end of the fiscal year.

The purpose of this fund is to cover planned renovation and repair cost of the school (e.g. the partial roof replacement completed in 2017, future parking lot repairs, septic system replacement, etc.) as well as emergency repairs (failed fire cistern, discovery of leaking oil tanks adjacent to the White buildings) that arise in the middle of a budget cycle. The fund currently contains approximately \$280,000. The School Board is proposing up to a \$50,000 deposit into the fund this year in order to continue to address the lengthy list of repairs and renovations that was developed over the past few years with input from local contractors, engineers and tradesmen. The entire list encompasses projects from landscape and grounds maintenance, interior and exterior building repairs, septic system, and school roadway and parking lot reclamation projects. The Board recognizes that while we have neither the time nor the funding to accomplish all of the items in a single year, a \$50,000 deposit would allow us to work on the top priority items. The School facility is the largest asset in Town and we have an obligation to maintain it.

This article would be funded from unassigned monies from this year. The money in this account would be spent only after School Board authorization. In order to deposit money into this fund, it requires a vote by the voters on a Warrant Article each year.

A majority vote is required.

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Polls are open on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020

7:00am to 7:00pm

In The Tom Mansfield Gym at New Boston Central School

If you have any questions about the enclosed information, please contact:

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