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## **Ellington Public Schools 2024-2025 Budget Process Begins**

Board of Education Members attend Pre-Budget Workshop as a Precursor to the Superintendent's Proposed Budget to be Recommended on Wednesday, January 17, 2024

**ELLINGTON, CT** – On Wednesday, January 10, 2024, Board of Education members attended a Special Board of Education meeting that included a pre-budget workshop that outlined the foundation for the Superintendent's proposed budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

At a meeting open to the public and attended by interested parents and residents, Board of Education (BOE) members attended three 25-minute sessions on three separate topics as presented by the administration and faculty.

Ms. Sara Spak, Special Education Supervisor, presented on the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) position. The presentation focused on the current BCBA positions, their importance due to continuing special needs trends, and the challenges faced including the developing market for qualified candidates.

Mr. Aaron Fliss, Director of Information Technology, along with teachers Ms. Linda Robinson, Ms. Gomathi Ramachandran, and Ms. Alyse Castonguay presented on the multitude of subscription-based services. The discussion reviewed the process for adding and eliminating district and school-based subscription services and the current trends of such services.

Mr. Anderson Rawlins, Director of Athletics and Wellness, presented on the Ellington High School athletics programming. The presentation specifically focused on the costs associated with fully funding the boys' swimming, girls' gymnastics and the ice hockey teams.

*"The annual budget process has many checks and balances to ensure that the Ellington Public Schools continue to be a dynamic public education system while maintaining a fiscally responsible approach. I thank the administration and faculty for their work and look forward to working with the Board of Education, First Selectman Lori Spielman, new Town Administrator Matthew Reed, Town Chief Finance Officer Tiffany Pignataro, and the Board of Finance over the next several months.*

***-Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools***

All members of the Board of Finance, including BOE Liaison Dan Kuene, and Board of Selectmen, including BOE Liaison Mary Cardin, are invited to attend all budget meetings. Interested parties may access

communications and materials relevant to the budget process on our website – [Ellington Public Schools Budget Process 2024-2025](#).

Important upcoming dates, with all meetings held in public—[Transparency for Trust](#), include:

**Superintendent’s Proposed Budget 2024-2025**

- Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m., Ellington High School Library
- Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., Ellington High School Library

**Board of Education Deliberations**

- January 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:45 p.m. — Finance Committee, Central Office
- January 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:45 p.m. — Finance Committee, Central Office (if needed)
- January 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m. — Regular Board of Education Meeting, EHS Library

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