

Hooksett School Board

Chair's Report

October, 2023



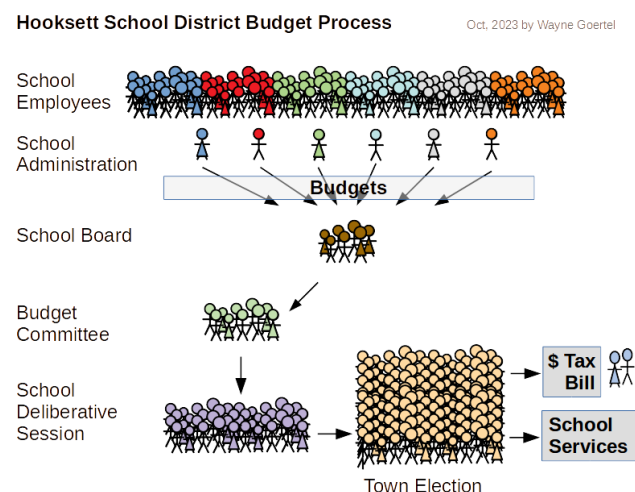
The Budgets are coming! The Budgets are coming!

It is irreverent, perhaps, to introduce the topic of operating budgets and other potential warrant articles with a trope on Paul Revere's famous quote. Like waking the minutemen, it is important that our community gets involved in the process early, in September and October when governing bodies produce budgets and submit them to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee then does their work at public meetings most Thursdays running into January. Town input opportunities conclude at the town deliberative sessions next year: the public meeting and the March town ballot. In Hooksett, the Town Council, School District, and Budget Committee meetings are public meetings also broadcast online and available for later viewing. They are great to play in the background while preparing dinner.

There has been some discussion and concern in town about the recent town revaluation. In the five years since the previous assessments, properties have increased greatly in value on the assessment card. Also, property tax on rental properties are inevitably passed to renters.

Your property tax bill is mostly a function of a few large variables:

1. The operating budgets and other spending approved by voters in the March election
2. Revenue to offset expenses
3. The total property value of the town
4. Your portion of the town's value



Hooksett School Budget diagram you might have seen last year

In addition to developing the school district operating budget for 2024-25, several maintenance projects will be considered – those are described in the Communications Committee report following this. What do we anticipate needing to provide school services to our community next year and beyond? These facilities and services must be in compliance with state and federal law, Hooksett School District mission and policies, provide exceptional opportunities for our students, and be implemented with cost efficiencies and constraints that respect taxpayers and their finite resources.

The Hooksett School Board budget meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 24, and Monday, Oct. 30. We'll look forward to receiving your input during the process.

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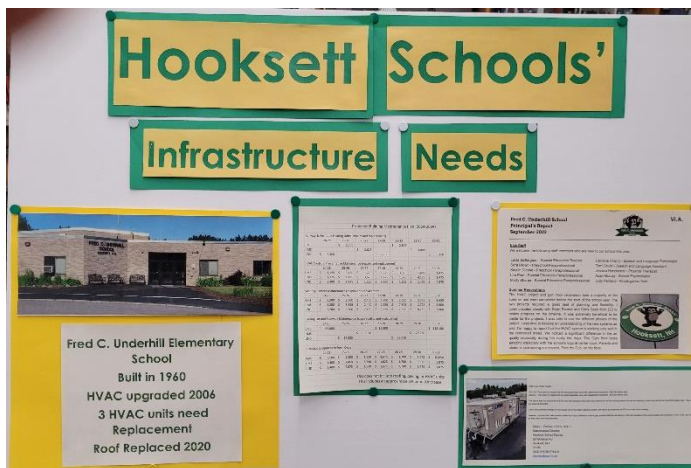


Hooksett Old Home Day

Hooksett's Old Home Day was delayed to Sunday, September 17 to avoid severe weather. Several Board Members created posters for the booth to share details about our school district: school highlights, infrastructure needs, demographic information, and School Board details.



OHD booth in the morning: Jilian Godbout, Vanessa Gelinas, Amy Tremblay, Wayne Goertel. Later in the day we were joined by Jason Hyde and Lynn Baker. Photo credit: Derek Gelinas (who also helped us setup).



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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne', written in a cursive style.

Wayne Goertel

Hooksett School Board Chair

The mission of the Hooksett School District is to develop a community of learners who are intellectually curious, resourceful, and respectful of self and others. Academic achievement, through constantly improving standards, is the District's highest priority.