

MARLBOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION FY 2026-27 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

DATE	TASK/TOPIC
September 25, 2025	BOE adopts Budget Guiding Principles and Budget Development Timeline
October 8, 2025 6:30 P.M.	BOF Budget Kickoff Meeting attended by Superintendent and BOE representatives
October 1, 2025 – November 14, 2025	Building level budget development
November 17, 2025 – December 5, 2025	Building Principals, Director of Operations, Special Education Director and Business Manager review budget figures with Superintendent, and continue to work with the Superintendent to prepare the DRAFT Proposed Budget.
December 18, 2025	Superintendent previews FY27 budget factors and elicits input from the BOE and public (during Public Comment).
January 22, 2026	BOE Regular Meeting: Superintendent presents the DRAFT Proposed Budget (Operating Budget and Capital Plan) & posts it to the school district website. Board conducts analysis of the DRAFT Proposed Budget.
January 29, 2026	BOE Regular Meeting: BOE continues analysis of Proposed Budget as needed. BOE adopts its FY27 budget.
February 9, 2026 6:30 P.M.	BOE Budget Presentation to BOF (Town Hall)
Feb/March	BOE meets to make adjustments, if needed following any BOF budget action at either Regular BOE Meeting(s) or Special Meeting(s).
March 23, 2026	BOF reviews Town and BOE budgets. (BOE transmits its final budget after BOF acts)
April 6, 2026	Last day for BOF to finalize/adopt budget
April 20, 2026 6:00 P.M.	Town of Marlborough Public Hearing on FY 2026-27 budgets (MES Cafeteria)
May 4, 2026 6:00 P.M.	Second Town of Marlborough Public Hearing on FY 2026-27 budgets (MES Cafeteria)
May 5, 2026	Town of Marlborough Referendum on FY 2026-27 budget (MES Community Room)
May 14, 2026 <i>Tentative</i>	Board of Education votes to adopt final FY 2026-27 budget as approved by Referendum vote

1. Additional meetings may be scheduled following any action by the Board of Finance
2. The timeline is based on the Charter so that the Board of Finance receives the Board of Education budget at least 60 days before the first public hearing.