

POMPERAUG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 15

The mission of Region 15, a collaborative community committed to excellence, is to educate every student to be productive, ethical, and engaged in a global society through proven and innovative learning experiences supported by its strong community whose decision-making is based on the best interest of all students.

Mission Statement, Adopted 9 December 2002; Updated 2009

Board of Education – Budget Workshop

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Pomperaug High School Media Center

PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Attick (absent) Mr. Tom Marks
Ms. Shannon Cavallo (arrive 7:30 p.m.) Mr. Jeff Olsen
Ms. Heather Dwyer Mrs. Heather Rodgers
Mr. John Jenusaitis (absent) Dr. Sally Romano (remote)
Ms. Marion Manzo, Chairperson Mr. Steve Suriani

PRESENT: Mr. Joshua Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Carrie Chiappetta, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Joe Martino, Director of Finance

Mr. Michael Carrington, Southbury Board of Finance
Mr. Tom Connors, Southbury Board of Finance
Ms. Jennifer Mahr, Middlebury First Selectwoman
Mr. John Michaels, Chairman Southbury Board of Finance
Ms. Vivian Templeton, Southbury Board of Finance

Ms. Manzo called the March 18, 2026 Budget Workshop Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Smith presented a summary of the proposed 2026-2027 Region 1 School Budget. Superintendent Smith and Mr. Martino answered questions from the First Selectwoman of Middlebury and members of the Southbury Board of Finance.

Budget Discussion with
Middlebury & Southbury Boards
of Finance (Attachment 1)

Ms. Manzo ended budget discussion at 7:36 p.m. and opened the floor for the Public Hearing scheduled for the 2026-2027 School Budget. There were no comments for the Public Hearing. Ms. Manzo called for a five-minute recess. Mrs. Rodgers made a motion to recess for five minutes, Mr. Suriani seconded. The motion passed with Ms. Attick, Ms. Cavallo, Ms. Dwyer, Mr. Marks, Ms. Manzo, Mr. Olsen, Mrs. Rodgers, Dr. Romano and Mr. Suriani voting, “aye”. Mr. Jenusaitis was absent.

Public Hearing (7:30 p.m.)

Ms. Manzo opened the to get a “pulse” on where Board members stand with the current proposed budget. would like to vote on April 6th to adopt a budget to send to referendum. Board members engaged in a lengthy discussion on possible budget reduction items.

Ms. Manzo announced future meeting dates:

- a. Monday, April 6, 2026 Policy & Curriculum Committee Meeting, Pomperaug High School Media Center, 6:00 p.m.
- b. Monday, April 6, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Pomperaug High School Media Center, 7:30 p.m. (Adopt Budget)

Upon a motion by Mrs. Rodgers, seconded Mr. Surinai
IT WAS VOTED

“to adjourn the March 25, 2026 Budget Workshop meeting at 9:20 p.m.” and passed with Ms. Attick Ms. Cavallo, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Manzo, Mr. Marks, Mr. Olsen, Mrs. Rodgers, Dr. Romano and Mr. Suriani voting “aye”. Mr. Jenusaitis was absent.

2026-2027 Budget Discussion

Announcement of Future Meetings

Adjourn