TIMELINE FOR REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET DEVELOPMENT FOR BUDGET YEAR
2026-2027

December 10, 2025 (Wednesday) **MEETING W/CHAIRMEN TOWN BOARD OF FINANCE:**
Budget Input**:** Selectmen, Board of Finance Chairs, RSD#7 BOE Chair,
RSD #7 Administration. Library Media Center – **5:00 p.m.**

February 25, 2026 (Wednesday) **BUDGET WORKSHOP**:
Board receives Superintendent's overview, begins general discussion.
(Regular BOE Mtg.) Library Media Center – **6:00 p.m.**

March 4, 2026 (Wednesday) **BUDGET WORKSHOP:** (**Special Meeting - Input from invited Town Boards and Officials):** Library Media Center – **6:00 p.m.**

March 11, 2026 (Wednesday) **Regular Board of Education Meetin**g – Library Media Center – **6:00 p.m.**
– Possible budget discussions

March 14, 2026 (Saturday) **BUDGET WORKSHOP: With New Hartford Board of Finance**
New Hartford Town Hall **- 8:00 a.m.**

March 18, 2026 (Wednesday) First Informal Town Presentation – **COLEBROOK**
Colebrook Town Hall – **6:00 p.m.**

March 23, 2026 (Monday) Second Informal Town Presentation – **NORFOLK**
Botelle School, Cafeteria – **6:00 p.m.**
(Special BOE meeting to follow)

- **MOTION: Adoption of Call of Budget Hearing**
  (Must have time to post in paper 5 days before Budget Hearing newspaper)
- **MOTION: Adoption of Referendum Question**
- ***(Possible* Motion to cancel or move April 8th meeting to follow Barkhamsted Presentation on April 9th).**
- **MOTION: Move 2nd April Meeting (cancel April 22nd) to follow "Annual Regional Budget Hearing" (April 20th).**

March 25, 2026 (Wednesday) **Regular Scheduled Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m., RSD7 Library Media Center**

April 7, 2026 (Tuesday) Third Informal Town Presentation – **NEW HARTFORD**
Town Hall, New Hartford Senior Center - **7:00 p.m.**
(In conjunction with New Hartford Public Budget Hearing)

April 8, 2026 TBD (Wednesday) **Regular Board of Education Meeting** – Library Media Center – **6:00 p.m.**

- *Might be cancelled or moved to follow the Barkhamsted presentation*

April 9, 2026 (Thursday) Fourth Informal Town Presentation – **BARKHAMSTED**
Barkhamsted Elementary – Cafeteria – **7:00 p.m.**
(In conjunction with Barkhamsted Public Budget Hearing)
(**Special or Regular BOE meeting** to follow for Adoption of Budget to take to Budget Hearing)

- **MOTION: Adoption of Budget to take to "Annual Regional Budget Hearing" after the last town presentation.**

April 13 – 17, 2026 **April Vacation**

April 20, 2026 (Monday) **REGIONAL BUDGET HEARING to ADOPT BUDGET TO GO TO DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING** – Little Theater – **7:00 p.m.**
(Regular BOE meeting to follow)

- **MOTION: Adoption of Budget to take to "District Budget Meeting"**
- **MOTION (Call)***
  - **Sets Date of final "District Budget Meeting"**
  - **Sets Date of Referendum**

  ** Both in specific "Adopt the Call" Motion w/specific wording*
- **MOTION: Authorization of Explanatory Text for 2026/2027 Budget - * include Draft in Supt. Agenda Update – Technically this only authorizes the Treasurer to do it.**
- *Hearing Must be No Less than 2 weeks prior to District Budget Meeting*
- *Notice of District Hearing needs to be published in newspaper (at least 5 days prior)*

April 22, 2026 (Wednesday) **Regular Board of Education Meeting** - Library Media Center – **6:00 p.m.**

- *Might be cancelled or moved to April 20th following Annual Regional Budget Hearing.)*

May 4, 2026 (Monday) **DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING** - R7 Little Theatre – **7:00 p.m.**

- **Moderator the call for the meeting and referendum**
- *"District Budget Meeting" must be legally noticed in paper*
- *"District Budget Meeting" is First Monday in May*
- *5 days before Budget Meeting "a reasonable number" of copies of final budget must be delivered to towns*

May 5, 2026 (Tuesday) **Referendum** (if designated by Board or by Petition)

- *First Tuesday in May (day after Budget Meeting)*