

Mendham Township



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**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
May 9, 2016 –7:30 p.m. Regular session**

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Baumann	Present
Mrs. Orban Brown	Present
Mrs. Thomas	Absent (present through ordinance 2016-9 only)
Mr. Tolley	Present
Mayor Cioppettini	Present

Also Present: John M. Mills, III, Esq., Township Attorney
Debbie Bonanno, Township Administrator
Mary Beth Zichelli, Township Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to the Daily Record, Observer Tribune and the Star Ledger on January 8, 2016. Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Offices and Notice was filed with the Township Clerk.

PRESENTATION

K-8 Budget –The Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Constantino and the Business Administrator, Mr. Krieger presented the 2016-2017 budget for the K-8 schools (attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Cioppettini announced Shedder Day will take place on May 14th from 8:30-12 and urged everyone to come out to support the Library. The Mayor announced the settlement of two of the Township's three lawsuits; Carabba and Crawford vs. Mendham Township. He also announced the retirement of the Chief and the Officer in Charge is Ross Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 11, 2016, regular

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Orban Brown moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. Mr. Baumann abstained. All members present voted to approve.

April 11, 2016, executive

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Orban Brown moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. Mrs. Thomas abstained. All other members present voted to approve.

April 26, 2016, regular

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Orban Brown moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. All members present voted to approve.

April 26, 2016, executive

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Orban Brown moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. All members present voted to approve.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Peter Dumovic, 3 Shelton Road, applauded the K-8 MT School District's Superintendent, Business Administrator and BOE on the results of a recent analysis revealing Mendham Township as the No. 4 public school district for 3rd thru 8th graders in the nation, as well as the creation of a budget for 2016-2017 that represents a slight decrease for Township taxpayers from last year.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2016-9

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR UPGRADES TO MENDHAM SEWER EAST TREATMENT PLANT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Cioppettini read the Ordinance by title and called for a motion. Mr. Tolley moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded. Mr. Baumann abstained. All other members present voted to approve. This ordinance will be on for second reading and public hearing at the May 24, 2016 Township Committee meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2016-58

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Orban Brown moved. Mr. Baumann seconded. Mr. Tolley expressed his dismay over the budget process. Mrs. Thomas was absent. Mr. Tolley voted against and all other members present approved.

BUDGET ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 2016-43

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Baumann moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded.

Public Hearing:

Michael Merritt, 73 Mountainside Road, feels the Township Committee is racing forward to get the budget adopted and believes there is only one member of the Committee who knows the budget.

Richard Cotter, 9 Cooper Road, inquired as to when the consulting fees for the CFO would be dropping off.

Committee discussion:

Mr. Tolley repeated the three amendments he would like to see on the budget; specify the use of \$25,000, stop paying to Mendham Sewer West and keep the OEM stipend at \$3000.

Mr. Baumann stated he thought residents pay too many taxes now.

Mrs. Orban Brown believes the consultants did a great job in tightening up the budget. She understands it is not perfect, but believes it is the best the Township has had in a long time.

The Mayor stated there were changes in the budget process and was necessary because of the Township's cash flow problem. It addresses taxes, the need to increase surplus and feels it is an innovative budget. He then introduced Joe Kovalik, a member of the Budget Committee

Mr. Kovalik explained that the Mayor has instructed the Finance Department to meet with each department to discuss their needs with a five year plan. He also stated the capital budget is a plan that can be amended anytime.

The Mayor concluded his remarks stating the budget was finished in a timely manner and it addresses the issues the Townships has financially and hopefully will get us on the right foot without asking for an 8% tax raise.

Mr. Tolley voted against. Mrs. Thomas was absent and all other members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2016-59

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO NJ STATE
TAX COURT JUDGMENT

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Baumann moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. All members present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION 2016-60

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION TO PROJECT
SCOPE/LIMITS TO THE COLD HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Baumann moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded. All members present approved.

RESOLUTION 2016-61

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MENDHAM TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND
MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L.1994, C.72

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mrs. Orban Brown moved. Mr. Tolley seconded. Mr. Baumann abstained. All other members present approved

RESOLUTION 2016-62

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AND AUBER RESOURCES

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Tolley moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded. All members present approved.

RESOLUTION 2016-63

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Cioppettini read the resolution by title and called for a motion. Mr. Tolley moved. Mrs. Orban Brown seconded. It was requested to have the ASCAP invoice held until further explanation. All members present approved.

DISCUSSION

BOA appointment -The Mayor announced the appointment of Daniel Abraham as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment.

Mrs. Orban Brown motioned to adopt a resolution urging the recreation commission to adopt vending machines for food and beverage at the Brookside Beach. Mr. Bauman seconded. All members present approved.

Mr. Tolley asked for a bridge update, whereby Ms. Bonanno stated she had not heard back from the County regarding an update.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT

Richard Cotter, 9 Cooper Road, stated he was not happy with the idea of vending machines.

ADJOURNMENT

The Township Committee motioned to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

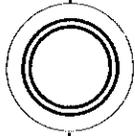
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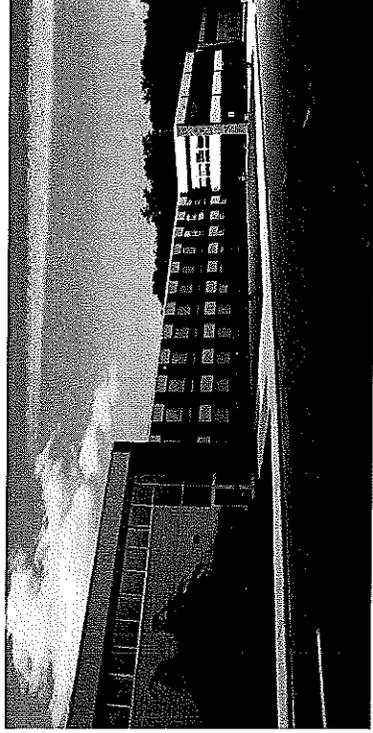
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Township Clerk



Mendham Township School District

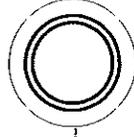


2016-2017 BUDGET





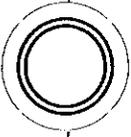
Our Students Thrive



- **MTMS – A National Blue Ribbon Award School, 2014-2015**
- Highest achieving middle school in NJ over the last four years.
- MTMS New Jersey Reward School – 5 Years
- MTES – 3rd Highest Achieving Elementary School in NJ (14-15)
- MTES New Jersey Reward School (10-11, 12-13, 13-14, 14-15)
- Dynamic, talented, and committed teaching staff
- Award winning instrumental and vocal music (Teachers and Administrators)
- Wide array of enrichment programs
- In-depth support services across the spectrum – In-District Programming
- 5 Morris County athletic titles thus far in 2015/2016
- Impressive, well maintained facilities



Budget-Development Process



Zero-Based Approach

Site-based review (school and department)

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District-level review

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Board of Education review

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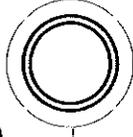
Public input

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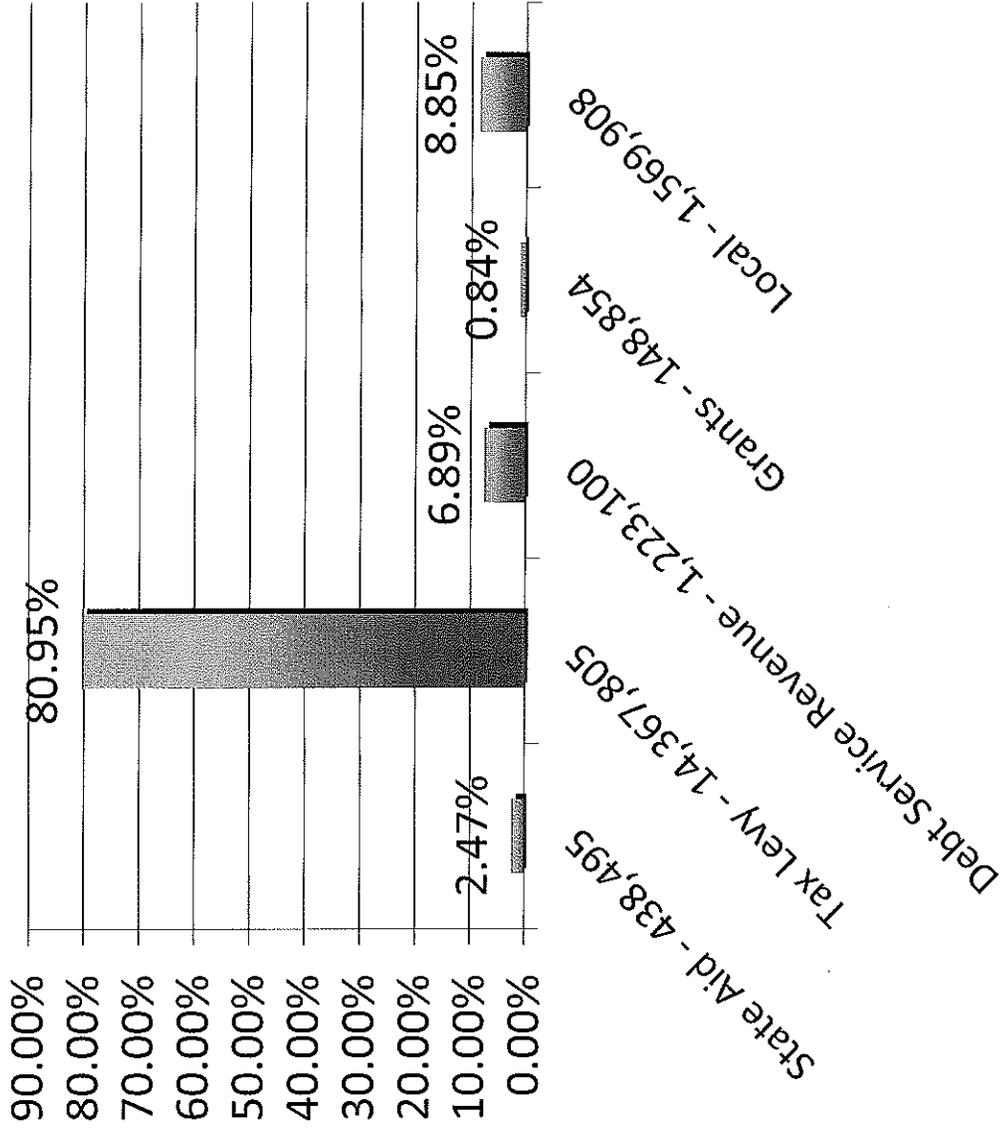
Informed, student-centered decision making



Budget Goals

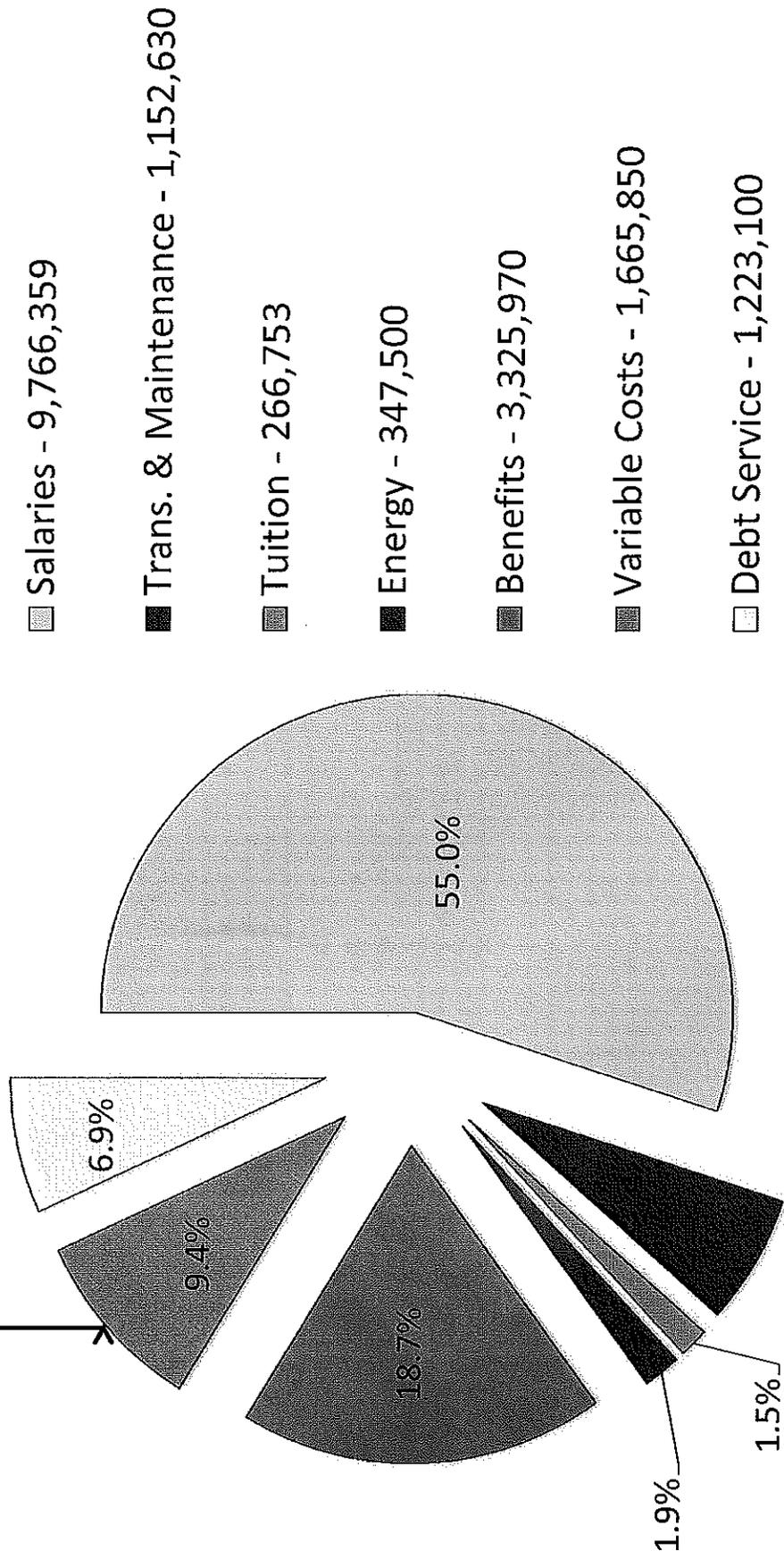


- Maintain district programs at a level of excellence
- Maintain current class sizes
- Make technology a priority across the curriculum
- Deliver a responsible budget to taxpayers, within the State's CAP, to uphold the district's track record of efficient spending



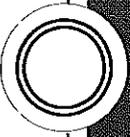
Sources of Revenue 2016-2017

Fixed Costs: 90.6%
Discretionary Funds: 9.4%





Budget Snapshot



2016-2017 Budget

2015-2016 Budget

General fund: \$16,376,208

Revenue highlights

State aid: \$438,495

16/17 Tax levy: \$14,367,805

General fund: \$16,216,033

Revenue highlights

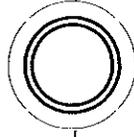
State aid: \$430,042

15/16 Tax levy: 14,382,115

2016/2017 = 0.10% decrease (\$14,310) to the local tax levy

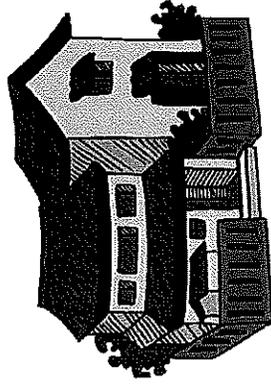


Historical Data



School Year	State Aid	Operating Budget	Tax Levy	Change in Tax Levy
2005/2006	\$736,168	\$14,415,380	\$11,458,965	\$863,514
2006/2007	\$736,168	\$13,596,902	\$11,887,760	\$428,795
2007/2008	\$758,253	\$14,087,670	\$12,466,917	\$579,157
2008/2009	\$768,134	\$14,644,538	\$12,911,684	\$444,767
2009/2010	\$610,200	\$15,180,894	\$13,428,151	\$516,467
2010/2011	\$2,113	\$15,015,712	\$13,895,226	\$467,075
2011/2012	\$110,533	\$14,961,186	\$13,895,226	\$0
2012/2013	\$416,101	\$15,386,241	\$13,895,226	\$0
2013/2014	\$416,102	\$15,505,094	\$13,895,226	\$0
2014/2015	\$430,042	\$16,030,157	\$14,132,426	\$237,200
2015/2016	\$430,042	\$16,216,033	\$14,382,115	\$249,689
2016/2017	\$438,495	\$16,376,208	\$14,367,805	(\$14,310)

TAX IMPACT



How Does The Proposed School Budget
Impact On Your Current Local Tax Rate?

IF YOUR HOME IS ASSESSED AT:

\$100,000 = \$8.00

\$500,000 = \$40.00

\$891,709* = \$71.33

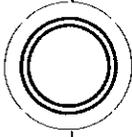
*2015 Average Assessed Value. Tax Impact Is For 2016-2017

2016 Mendham Township Total Ratables:

\$1,873,317,800 (-\$3,421,593)



A Closer Look At Health Insurance



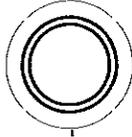
A Three-Year History		
	Percentage Increase	Total Dollars
2012-2013	17.5%	457,000
2013-2014	20%	517,000
2014-2015	16%	389,000 - Contribution Increase
2015-2016	14%	140,000 - Contribution Increase
2016-2017	14%	(260,000) - Year 4, CH 78

Facts About Insurance Coverage at MTS

- Participate in NJ State Health Benefits
- Largest Pool in NJ – Over 400 School Districts
- Experience Was Obtained Last Year (2 Year Period)
 - \$0.85 spent for every \$1.00 collected
- Entering Year #4 in PL (Contributions range from 12% to 35%)



A Closer Look At Contractual Salaries...



MTEA Agreement		
	Increment Percentage	Increment in Dollars
2013-2014 (Year 1)	2.3%	199,000
2014-2015 (Year 2)	2.5%	227,000
2015-2016 (Year 3)	2.5%	232,500
Projected 2016-2017		268,000

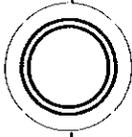
Facts Regarding Agreement

- Minor increases in hourly rates, no increases in stipends for final two years.
- Gained additional professional development hours and changes in tuition reimbursement.
- Currently negotiating with MTEA.

53% of Total Budget



Working to Control Fixed Costs...



Contractual Salaries Employee Health Benefits

<u>Salaries</u>	
Increase for 2015-2016	232,500
<u>Benefits</u>	
Increase for 2015-2016	140,000

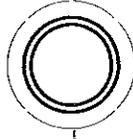
2015
Total Increase: 372,500
(2.63% of Tax Levy)

2016
Total Increase: 8,000
(0.06% of Tax Levy)

<u>Salaries</u>	
Increase for 2016-2017	268,000
<u>Benefits</u>	
Increase for 2016-2017	(260,000)

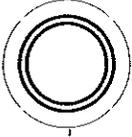


Shared Services



- **Cooperative Purchasing of School and Custodial Supplies**
- **Pupil Transportation**
- **Pooled Insurance**
 - **Liability**
 - **Workers Comp**
 - **Health, Prescription**
- **Facility Use with all Township Organizations**
- **BOE and DPW Maintenance Collaboration**
- **Transportation Maintenance with Washington Township**
- **Morris County Improvement Authority (Leasing Program)**

Capital and Maintenance Projects



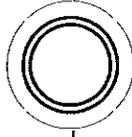
Goal: To continue to invest in the maintenance of school facilities and develop sound plans for long-range care.

MTES Facility Projects

- New Chromebook Technology
- Hallway and Classroom Painting
- Roof Repair
- Septic Maintenance
- Staggered Replacement of Smart Board Technology
- Wireless Network Expansion and Replacements
- Tree Trimming
- Sidewalk Repairs
- HVAC Control Upgrades and Service Contracts
- Classroom Painting



Capital and Maintenance Projects

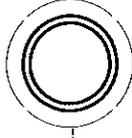


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MTMS Facility Projects

- New Chromebook and Laptop Technology
- Parking Lot Repair and Sealcoating
- Hallway and Classroom Painting
- Roof Repair
- Septic Maintenance
- Outdoor Field Repair, Maintenance, and Improvements
- Staggered Replacement of Smart Board Technology
- Wireless Network Expansion and Replacements
- Tree Trimming
- Restroom Renovation
- Orchestra and Band Room Remodel

Curriculum and Instruction Highlights



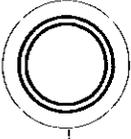
- Vision 2025
- Continued Articulation Across Disciplines
 - Focus on Literacy
- STEM Units of Study & Maker Lab (K-4)
- Technology Infusion Across the Curriculum
 - Chromebooks and Google Apps
- Climate and Culture Initiatives
- New World Language Programs
- Revised SS Curriculum and New Resources



Every Student, Every Day



Success Shall Continue

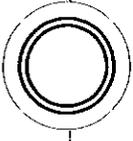


- Continuous improvement in student achievement
- Supports the development of new programming
- Provide resources for students in order to meet and exceed standards
- Offer high quality experiences across the curriculum
- Guarantee 21st century learning preparation
- Maintain safe and efficient facilities
- Present a fiscally sound and responsible budget

Make the residents of Mendham Township proud
Every Student, Every Day!



Future Budget Meetings



April 26, 2016, 7:30 PM
MTSD Board of Education Meeting
MT Elementary School Library

May 4, 2016, 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM
Open House Meeting
Mendham Township Elementary School

May 9, 2016, 7:00 PM
Township Committee Meeting
Town Hall

May 10, 2016, 11:00 AM
Mendham Township SD Radio – Special Budget Edition
<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/mendhamtwpsd>

Thank You For Your Time.

Questions...

