

What your School Business Official wants you to know

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Budget season never ends.

- But some times of year are more intense than others.

You don't need to know
what I need to know.

- Our jobs are different!
But it helps for you to have an understanding of school
finance.

Your setting a clear direction helps us do our jobs.

- Policy and goal setting should determine budget.
- But leave space for administrative implementation and responsibility.

Everything is the classroom.

- A strength of the School Committee is in focusing how all spending supports students.

Facilities and construction projects are complicated and take a long time.

- And it may not be glamorous, but we'll pay for it later if we don't do it along the way.
- Even if we've been talking about it for awhile, they still take a long time.

We're open to feedback on reports and presentations.

- We want this to work for you!

Subcommittees are a good place to build relationships and have deeper discussions.

- The work of the committee is done in subcommittee.

Grants are not gifts.

- Grants are compliance documents.

We can't budget for what we don't know.

- Compare the supply budget expenditure to the Donors Choose lists.

Letting us know ahead of time you have a question will get you a better answer.

- Preparation will help us help you.

Questions are always
welcomed.

- But there's a difference between needing information and a "gotcha."

There are things you can do that we cannot.

- Let's work together to use everyone's strengths and roles.

It's fine to not have a unanimous vote.

- Get the work done and don't walk away angry.

We're all on the same team.

- Working together makes the district stronger and better serves the students.

What your SBO wants you to know