

Understanding a Deliberative Session

What is a Deliberative Session?

In SB2 (Senate Bill 2) town governments, such as Rye, town and school districts hold annual deliberative sessions. During these sessions, voters can ask questions, speak to the merits of a particular warrant article and make amendments to those articles. After the wording of a warrant article is finalized, it will appear on the ballot at the March election. The town budget does not include the school budget, so each Deliberative Session is held separately. Voters have two distinct ballots in March.

When is the Rye School District Deliberative Session?

It is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30p in the Rye Junior High cafeteria. The snow date is Wednesday, February 6th at 6:30p at the same location.

What Warrant Articles will appear on the 2019 School Ballot

Please click [here](#) to view the Rye School District's warrant articles. Each year, a warrant article appears for the recommended operating budget which has been vetted through the town's School Board and Budget Committee.

Who should attend?

Any Rye resident may make amendments to warrant articles during the Deliberative Session. These amendments are voted upon by all in attendance.

For example:

- Amendments to wording can be made as long as they don't change the subject matter.
- Dollar amounts within an article can be amended as well.

Who conducts the Deliberative Session?

It is run by the Rye School District Moderator, an elected position. Our current Moderator is resident and former School Board member, Mike Schwartz.

Who is running for open Rye School Board positions in 2019?

Both Margaret Honda and Scott Marion are seeking re-election in 2019 as their terms expire in March. They are running unopposed.