FY 2026/2027 BUDGET CALENDAR
SANFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

As of February 5, 2026

Date and Time	Committee	Presentation
Monday, February 2, 2026 @ 4:00 – 6:00 pm Monday, February 2, 2026, @ 6:00 pm Monday, February 2, 2026 @ 6:30 pm	School Committee **Budget Overview Presentation** Audit Workshop School Committee Regular Meeting	Presentation to School Committee of the 2026/2027 Budget and Revenue/EPS Funding (if available)
Wednesday, February 4, 2026 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm	School Committee **Budget Workshop**	Executive Summary of: Article 1 Regular Instruction Article 2 Special Education Article 3 Career/Technical Education Article 4 Other Instruction Article 5 Student & Staff Support Article 6 System Administration Article 7 School Administration Article 8 Transportation Article 9 Facilities Maintenance Article 10 Debt Service Article 11 All Other Expenditures
Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 4:00-6:00 pm	School Committee **Budget Workshop**	TBD
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 @ 4:00-6:30 pm	School Committee **Budget Workshop**	TBD
February 16 – 20, 2026 School Vacation Week – No Workshops or Meetings Planned		
Monday, February 23, 2026 @ 4:00-6:00 pm Monday, February 23, 2026 @ 6:00 pm	School Committee **Budget Workshop** School Committee Regular Meeting	Finalize school budget (Tentative) Agenda TBD including possible motion to **adopt final 2026/2027 school budget**
Wednesday, February 25, 2026 @ 4:00-6:30 pm	School Committee **Budget Workshop (if necessary)**	TBD
Monday, March 2, 2026 @ 4:00-6:00 pm Monday, March 2, 2026 @ 6:00 pm	School Committee **Budget Workshop (if necessary)** School Committee Regular Meeting	Tentative (if budget not approved February 23): Agenda TBD Agenda TBD including motion to **adopt final 2026/2027 school budget** if not approved on February 23
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 @ 5:00-7:00 pm	City Council Budget Meeting	1 Hour City and 1 Hour School presentation overviews of budget

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 5:00-7:00 pm	City Council Budget Meeting	Municipal Budget Detailed Presentation
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ 5:00-7:00 pm Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ 7:00 pm	City Council Budget Meeting **City Council Meeting**	School Department Budget Detailed Presentation **Public Hearing on City and School Budgets**
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 @ 5:00-7:00 pm	City Council Budget Meeting	Wrap up combined City and School budgets
Tuesday, March 31, 2026 @ 5:00-7:00 pm	City Council Budget Meeting	*TBD – if required to finalize budgets*
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 @ 7:00 pm	**City Council Meeting**	Authorization of the Municipal budget by the City Council shall be the final and the School Budget that is presented to voters in their aggregate amounts for final authorization at any **Budget Validation Referendum**
Friday, April 10, 2026		*60 days prior to the election the City Clerk/Registrar of Voters to submit ballot content*
Thursday, April 23, 2026		*The City Manager shall publish in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the City a notice that a vote on the School budget shall be held not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the published notice. The City Clerk shall prepare the necessary ballot for said voting with a brief description of the School budget as presented by the Superintendent of Schools. Such ballot shall ask the following question for the School budget, excluding bond issues: (see Section 702)*
Wednesday, April 29, 2026		*At least 7 days before the date set for the hearing, the municipal officers shall give notice of the public hearing by having a copy of the proposed article, together with the time and place of hearing, posted in the same manner required for posting a warrant for town meeting.*
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	**City Council Meeting**	**Public Hearing** on Budget Validation Referendum for School budget
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 – all day	Election/Referendum Day	**Budget Validation Referendum** for School budget to be held on the second Tuesday in June
Thursday, June 11, 2026	City Clerk	City Clerk shall certify the results of any Budget Validation Referendum to the City Council with three (3) days of the vote