

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Video Conference
Thursday, May 15, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Present:

Louis Schwartz	BOE Member
Shannon Johnson	BOE Member
Shannon Stringer	BOE Member
Rita Kennedy	BOE Member
Tracy Baron	BOE Member
Jean Lucasey	BOE Member
Matt Rosenberg	BOE Member
Lisa Brady	Superintendent
Ron Clamser	Assistant Superintendent
Doug Berry	Assistant Superintendent

2019-20 Budget Update

Revenue projections:

- State Aid
As reported at the January 28 Finance Committee, state aid is projected to be approximately \$650,000 lower than budgeted.

- Sales Tax
Sales tax receipts for the Jan - March 2020 quarter did much better than expected and came in equal to the Oct - Dec 2019 quarter. Total sales tax revenues received to date are \$30,000 above budget. The April-June quarter is expected to be much lower.

- Interest
As expected, interest revenue dropped significantly in April (50% lower than March) and will continue to drop through June.

Combined with other excess revenues, the total revenue shortage is expected to be around \$295,000. With school buildings being closed and other savings, we expect to have \$843,000 of unspent expenditures, resulting in a return to fund balance of \$548,000.

Fund balance at June 30, 2019 was \$979,994 or 2.08%. The fund balance goal at the 4% level is \$1,882,629, a difference of \$902,635. Adding the additional \$548,000 would get us to \$1,527,994 or 3.3%

2020-21 Budget Development

Proposed Revenues

Revenue Source	2019-20 Adopted	Proposed 2/4/20	Proposed 3/3/20	Proposed 5/14/20	Change from 19-20
					\$
Property Taxes	38,320,304	39,804,331	39,774,331	39,804,331	1,484,027
State Aid	6,216,584	5,562,363	5,592,363	5,279,394	-937,190
Tuitions	450,000	580,000	605,000	605,000	155,000
Sales Taxes	550,000	650,000	650,000	480,000	-70,000
Health Services	500,000	525,000	535,000	535,000	35,000
Interest	150,000	160,000	150,000	50,000	-100,000
Other	308,000	308,000	312,000	312,000	16,000
Total	46,482,888	47,589,369	47,618,694	47,065,725	582,837

Proposed Expenses

Expense Category	2019-20 Adopted	Proposed 2/4/20	Proposed 3/3/20	Proposed 5/14/20	Change from 19-20
					\$
Salaries	25,597,508	26,553,912	26,490,827	26,018,419	420,911
Benefits	10,112,907	10,630,787	10,556,492	10,456,953	344,046
Operations & Maint	2,091,339	2,091,339	2,032,015	1,960,015	-131,324
Special Ed (<i>non BOCES</i>)	1,374,000	1,374,000	1,090,575	1,099,325	-274,675
Debt Service	2,552,732	2,531,495	2,531,495	2,531,495	-21,237
Transportation	1,323,800	1,323,800	1,357,200	1,417,200	93,400
BOCES Services	1,870,759	1,870,759	1,999,828	1,999,828	129,069
Other	1,559,843	1,559,843	1,560,262	1,582,490	22,647
Total	46,482,888	47,935,935	47,618,694	47,065,725	582,837
Proposed Revenues	46,482,888	47,589,369	47,618,694	47,065,725	1.25%
Budget Gap to Close		-346,566	0	0	

Budget cuts to close the \$550,000 gap between 3/3/20 and 5/14/20 included not filling some vacant positions and reducing non-essential contractor expenses. The committee asked Ron to add a column comparing the 5/14/20 budget proposal against the 3/3/20 proposed budget.

Potential Additional Cuts in State Aid

Foundation Aid is currently budgeted at \$2,592,543. The chart below represents cuts to foundation aid at various percentages:

5%	\$129,627.15
10%	\$259,254.30
15%	\$388,881.45
20%	\$518,508.60
25%	\$648,135.75

Administration is developing a plan should additional cuts to state aid cuts materialize after the budget has been approved.

Contingency Budget

A contingency budget would require a “zero” increase in the tax levy which would result in a cut to the current budget as presented in the amount of \$1,484,027.

The next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 28th has been cancelled. The committee will meet again on Tuesday, June 16th at 5:30 p.m.