

May 19, 2020
Board of Education Meeting

Debra Barbiani: Okay. I'd like to call this meeting to order. And at this point we will start recording and I will be taking roll call for Sarah. So she hears everyone. Okay, okay. All right, good evening, everyone.

Renee Kates: Good evening.

Arlene Hussey: Good evening.

Sean Wall-Carty: Good evening.

JOE EOCS: Good evening.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. I like to have a motion to approve the May 19th agenda.

Kathy Rappaport: Motion

Mike Weiner: motion

Debra Barbiani: Mike second Kathy okay any discussion on

Kathy Rappaport: Kathy

Debra Barbiani: Okay any discussion on the agenda? Okay hearing none. We'll go around Kathy.

Fiorella Muscia:

Kathy Rappaport: oh, yes.

Debra Barbiani: Joe.

JOE EOCS: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Sean's a yes Mike

Mike Weiner: Yes.

Arlene Hussey: Sean

Sean Wall-Carty: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Arlene

Arlene Hussey: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Renee

Renee Kates: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: and Deb is a yes. Okay. Thank you very much. Okay.

Jennifer Reinhardt: What about me?

Fiorella Muscia: What about me?

Debra Barbiani: I did say Jennifer. I didn't hear you. I'm sorry.

Fiorella Muscia: and fiorella

Jennifer Reinhardt: It's okay.

Debra Barbiani: And Fiorella correction on the motion and first second and all in favor is the full board. I'm sorry. Okay, moving along. We're down to correspondence just so the board just so the public knows we did receive correspondence to the full board from a Community member

Fiorella Muscia:

Debra Barbiani: Steve Vigilant a and we did receive that. Thank you very much. And we're moving down to public recognition student board member and that sure he's here. I don't think so. Okay, Sara, did we have any board recognition like public recognition?

Sarah Satz: No.

Debra Barbiani: Okay, thank you. We're moving down to item G superintendents report. Dr. Katz.

Ivan Katz: Thank you a lot of exciting things

Debra Barbiani: Thank you.

Ivan Katz: going on in the district. I don't even know where to begin from the efforts of our staff is making from videos recognizing students and staff to mask making and supporting our Greater Community. There are so many wonderful things happening in the district that I am I continue to be proud to serve a district that Continues to display the abdominal Spirit of what it means to be a Fallsburg Comet that said there's at the high school level there. There's work going on to create a video graduation principal Adams is working with seniors. They've got some other ideas. I know that there maybe there's a heard the discussion on a parade or two that may go on at some level. I know those are just a discussion levels, but there's a lot of stuff going on to support our kids and I think that's fantastic and speaking of support we received from the the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and Leadership solving class of 2020 30 gift cards at fifty dollars each to be shared with with 30 needy families, and we're very thankful to the chamber and the leadership class of 24 thinking about Fallsburg. We've also been working with the Liberty rotary who's partnering. I believe with the waldFalsburg Lions and

they're producing extra meals for very needy families that they will be Distributing to 30 families and Fallsburg. I think three times a week for the next few weeks. So those are one of the wonderful efforts going on we continue to serve over a thousand meals. Those a day from our own cafeteria and I could not be more thankful for our cafeteria staff that works day in and day out to make that happen. And of course the transportation folks who are also doing a yeoman's job and getting meals delivered. It really is a grand effort for for kids in the school community and that's the report that was

Debra Barbiani: Good. Thank you. Okay, we're going to move down to our

Fiorella Muscia:

Debra Barbiani: business Report with Mr. Grecco.

+1 845-***-**00: Good evening everyone. I have a short presentation which I will try and share now. now Okay, can you see it up on the screen?

Arlene Hussey: Yes.

Renee Kates: Yeah.

+1 845-***-**00: Okay tonight on the agenda. There is a resolution for consideration to adopt the New York state comptroller's audit report is the five-year order that they come in and do every five years the findings of the report worried that the district should develop and adopt budgets that are reasonably estimate appropriation. The district is stop referring balances is not needed and the district should plan to reduce unappropriated fun. Alice to the legal limit, there are no findings and other areas that they look for other areas include included how the district expects and processes cash has a district processes retiree health insurance and how the district carries over encumbrances from school year to school year. There were no findings there. The corrective action plan which is what the the district's response. Generally the are the district agrees with the findings. They will develop more realistic budgets will appropriate the necessary undesignated fund balance to reduce the need for tax increases will use undesignated fund balance for one-time expenditures and funding of reserves and will continue to reduce the undesignated fund balance to the legal limit. Are there any questions? Hearing none just a brief snapshot of what it's costing the district to provide meals for our students for the month April the costs were ten thousand three hundred seventy three dollars in labor 29 thousand eight dollars of cost of food. \$658 in the cost of supplies 2422 dollars in the employee benefits and two hundred forty nine thousand six hundred and sixty-eight dollars in transportation. The total costs were two hundred thirty dollars. ninety two thousand one hundred and The districting April serve 15,000 178 breakfast meals and 15,000 360 lunch meals. The average cost per Mille was \$19.57. The district has billeld Child Nutrition ninety-nine thousand eight hundred and thirty dollars for those nails. So any questions on that? Well, then let's move on to version 5 of the budget. It we started out the rollover budget was a decrease of two hundred and thirteen thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars or 4.67. 4.4 6% We went through version one version to version 3 version for the budget, which is the last version of the budget we talked about we have since come up with a version 5 of the budget version 5 of the budget is a decrease of four hundred and seventy nine thousand five hundred nine dollars or minus one point zero three percent. Total State a projected for this budget is 23 million one hundred eighty

six thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars. The revenue also includes a zero percent tax. Levy increase. Nice included in the budget are some retirements and elementary teacher who will not be replaced and

+1 845-***-**00: elementary enl teacher in elementary social worker or teacher, which will not be replaced. We're still trying to determine which that will be but the cost for that reduction would be the same whether it's a social worker or an Imra a schoolteacher a secondary math teacher who will not be replaced a

+1 845-***-**00: secondary special education teacher who will be replaced secondary. Speech. Teacher who will be replaced and assistant principal who will be replaced also in version 5 of the budget, we have currently unfilled positions, which were included in the 1920 budget because we haven't found a suitable applicants. We have not filled those positions which include secondary bilingual

+1 845-***-**00: science. Secondary Spanish secondary.

+1 845-***-**00: new positions that are included in version 5 remember inversion for we included several new positions and Elementary bilingual teacher still in version 5 of the budget Elementary bilingual teacher for the elementary school is also in version 5 of the budget the secondary scene of students has been removed from version 5 of the budget secondary, NL teacher has been removed from version 5 of the budget the typist for athletics and Health Services has been removed from version 5 of the Further reductions in version 5 Material supplies and curricula for the elementary school of a hundred and five thousand forty five thousand dollars in the high school \$35,000 in athletics thirty thousand dollars in special education. twenty nine dollars in technology. Thirty-seven thousand seven hundred We reduced it one after school run will only have one in the 2021 school year, and we've reduced one school resource officer. Again, looking at the revenue the property tax levy would increase 0% or not at all. And the designated fund balance would go from 3 million \$35,000 to 1 million seven hundred sixty seven thousand dollars. any questions

Arlene Hussey: Yeah, I might say hello.

+1 845-***-**00: Yes,

Ivan Katz: Go ahead.

Arlene Hussey: Yeah, do I understand from all this fact no matter what we are not letting go any teachers. We may not be replacing but we're not letting go any teachers that are there now.

Ivan Katz: That is correct.

Arlene Hussey: Okay.

Jennifer Reinhardt: The school resource officer is from what building?

Ivan Katz: We haven't made that determination yet. We just know we reduced one. We haven't gotten into the nitty-gritty details of which one that will work on later on.

Jennifer Reinhardt: Would one be able to do both buildings.

Ivan Katz: Yes.

Arlene Hussey: And as far as the math teacher not replacing a math teacher. What what's going to happen?

Ivan Katz: Well, we hired a bilingual math teacher last year so that hire will carry a teacher who is retiring.

Arlene Hussey: Okay.

+1 845-***-**00: anyone else

Sean Wall-Carty: All right, then just real quick questions you reduce the budget for elementary was that just Elementary supplies really see that correctly or that I wrote it down wrong.

Ivan Katz: Is it was the combination of supplies different flies the tour?

+1 845-***-**00: is there reductions in Elementary School High School athletics special ed technology after school

Sean Wall-Carty: Is there a way you can just give a total number on the reduction that directly impacts the students and though it with like Elementary High School athletic special ed just at all that

Ivan Katz: You're asking for the total

Sean Wall-Carty: Got it. Got it. I'm good.

Ivan Katz: Okay.

+1 845-***-**00: Okay.

Debra Barbiani: Dan the after-school run. Is that eliminating one of the runs?

+1 845-***-**00: Yes, right. Now we have one quarter after four ish and one at 5:30 One of Those runs

Debra Barbiani: Yeah.

+1 845-***-**00: Those runs would be eliminated.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. Okay.

Debra Barbiani: All right. Any other questions from board members for Dan? Okay.

Ivan Katz: I would like to make a statement if I if we can I think that the the budget committee had a really tough road in front of it this budget season because we been budgeting in the dark not knowing what additional Aid Cuts We do know that there were three look meet us. back periods in the next school year for the governor where he could cut a due to the huge financial losses and News in the state of New York the first period was April 30th and no Cuts were made. The next one is July 1st, and then December 31st, and the governor has the ability to make cuts to the aid that we're getting. So the a that we're getting is not guaranteed. It could remain as is it could be cut and would that in mind the budget committee wanted to I mean, even at the beginning of the of the budget season before we were even in the pandemic the budget committee wanted to bring in As low tax levy increase as possible, but given the incredible revenue losses that we had and the fact that we're facing potential Cuts moving forward. We wanted to put forward a budget that was reflective of the capacity of our community and understanding of the financial situation of the school community and we felt that it was best to initially tighten our belts as best we could could without actually cutting positions with the exception of the school resource officer and I think the budget committee did that putting forward a budget with a 0% increase at this time was it was a pretty heavy lift and we had and the cuts that we made to the tune of almost \$900,000 cut a lot of things that in better times. The district would be looking. Forward to but these aren't those times and I think that it is a very very good budget to bring forward and one that's responsible and really takes into consideration the needs of the community. So I want to thank our budget committee for having the wherewithal to to put forward a budget like that and I want the board to know that it's a very well-thought-out budget and one that is considerate and balancing what what kids need versus what our taxpayers are able to afford.

Debra Barbiani: Yes, thank you Ivan. I thought I want to thank the committee as well Mike. Thank you for sharing and the rest of the committee.

Arlene Hussey: Thank you so much.

Debra Barbiani: It was very difficult, but we got the

Arlene Hussey: I love you. I love the way you spell birthday.

Debra Barbiani: work done and we're going to move forward. Okay. Thank you Dan for your report. Okay, we're moving on to the minutes. May I have a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6th meeting as submitted?

Renee Kates: motion

Debra Barbiani: Raburn a second

Mike Weiner: second

Debra Barbiani: There's Mike any discussion on the motion. Hearing none. I'll do the roll.

Fiorella Muscia: Google

Debra Barbiani: Call Mike.

Mike Weiner: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Kathy

Kathy Rappaport: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Joe

JOE EOCS: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: fiorella

Fiorella Muscia: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Jennifer

Jennifer Reinhardt: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Arlene Choose I think she just stepped away. Uh Renee Sean.

Renee Kates: Yes.

Sean Wall-Carty: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: in myself motion carries Okay, moving on to the consent agenda. May I have a motion to approve the consent agenda items K2 through K-10.

JOE EOCS: I'll make the motion.

Jennifer Reinhardt: Moshe

Mike Weiner: second

Debra Barbiani: Joe Mike discussion on the motion hearing none Do the roll call Mike?

Mike Weiner: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Kathy

Kathy Rappaport: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Joe he's a yes Joe.

JOE EOCS: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. Fiorella.

Fiorella Muscia: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Jennifer

Jennifer Reinhardt: Yep.

Debra Barbiani: Arlene She's Renee.

Renee Kates: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Come on.

Sean Wall-Carty: Yes.

Ivan Katz: Renee you're muted I mean

Debra Barbiani: And myself is here.

Ivan Katz: you're muted.

Renee Kates: Oh.

Debra Barbiani: Okay, the motion carries. Okay, now we're down to other action items. And I'll read the motion the board approves the following resolution for the 2020 21 budget pilot boat. So the proposed budget of expenditures of the Fallsburg Central School District for the 2020 2021 fiscal year and the amount of 45 million nine nine zero 5556 thousand amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of tax upon the taxable property of the school district after first deducting the money's available from state aid and other sources.

Mike Weiner:

JOE EOCS: Okay.

Debra Barbiani: As provided by law be approved. That motion Mike. Okay second.

Kathy Rappaport: second second, Kathy

Debra Barbiani: Who is that? Okay discussion on the motion. Okay hearing none. I'll do the roll. Call my Kathy.

Mike Weiner: Yes.

Kathy Rappaport: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Joe

JOE EOCS: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: fiorella

Fiorella Muscia: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Jennifer

Jennifer Reinhardt: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Arlene

Arlene Hussey: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Renee

Renee Kates: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Dawn

Sean Wall-Carty: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: And I'm a yes motion carries. Down to public recognition. I have no recognition at this time now, we're down to board time committee reports and I'll just start with Mike.

Mike Weiner: Nothing right now, but I do want to recognize somebody if I could. I'd like to thank Jane.

Debra Barbiani: Okay.

Mike Weiner: Tingley. This has been really really really good over the last few weeks. I don't know what we would have done otherwise, so I'd like to thank her personally.

Debra Barbiani: thank you Jane.

Arlene Hussey: Thank you Jane.

Debra Barbiani: Thank you Jane. Thanks, Mike, okay. All right. And is that it might your you know,

Mike Weiner: Yeah, that's it. That's it.

Debra Barbiani: okay. I wasn't sure if you want to talk about any other committees we

Mike Weiner: We had a short update you be we had a

Debra Barbiani:

Mike Weiner: We had a short update and buildings and grounds things are progressing. Nothing really major to talk about at this point.

Debra Barbiani: Right. Okay. Thank you, Mike. Okay, Cathy.

Kathy Rappaport: I don't have anything.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. Thank you Joe.

JOE EOCS: Well, I know other than to follow on with Ivan and say that we definitely should get some messaging out in regards to where we stand with the budget and what we've done to try and major problems short of what the governor is going to drop in our lap when he decides to release any further Cuts if he does so, so I think communicating to the community at Large. Is probably beneficial. To demonstrate what what the district is doing to manage the money that it does have.

Ivan Katz: To that end. I'd like to add that we're going to be putting forward Dan and I and hopefully members of the budget committee. We're going to be doing to Google Hangout sessions one for our staff and one for the community to discuss the budget and what we've done in to to Joe's Point answer any questions from the public and let the public also be aware about potential Aid cuts that may be coming our way. So I would ask we have It together yet, but I thought it would be a good idea and so soon as And so soon as we set a date I will notify the committee and I'd love to have you attend and we will basically put forward the presentation that Dan did tonight plus maybe a few other small items to answer any questions that may come up from the public. And this of course is in addition to the official budget presentation that takes place in a couple weeks.

Debra Barbiani: What day is the that's the public hearing right Ivan you're talking

Ivan Katz: Yeah, yeah.

Debra Barbiani: about. Yeah, okay. Alright and that will be you'll have that information for the Google Hangouts available for the community.

Ivan Katz: Yeah, Dan and I are going to meet tomorrow and I'll ask mr. Weiner if he has any preference and then we'll put together a couple of dates. I'd like to do them. Maybe one early one and maybe one later one so that folks can chime in but more on that tomorrow.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. Good think that's a very good idea. Thank you Joe for bringing that up. I appreciate that. We need to reach everyone.

JOE EOCS: Yeah as much as possible.

Debra Barbiani: Yep. Okay. All right. We're down to fiorella.

Fiorella Muscia: No, nothing at this time.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. Thank you, Jennifer.

Jennifer Reinhardt: Nope, nothing at this time.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. Thank you, Arlene.

Arlene Hussey: Nothing right now.

Debra Barbiani: Okay, thanks Renee.

Renee Kates: Nothing, of course, I'm like volunteers, but because I'm on the wellness committee. I would just like to ask a question about now. We we need to nurses now, is that correct?

Ivan Katz: Yes, we get we just had a resignation from the elementary nervous and we

Renee Kates: right

Ivan Katz: are advertising and we will need to hire to School nurses in the district.

Renee Kates: Okay. Thank you.

Ivan Katz: Mike

Mike Weiner: Yeah, I just wanted to mention the senses. I forgot a few minutes ago and it's crucial that everybody feels that out in the public. Our numbers are low, and we need to get that filled out. Hopefully everybody will do that.

Ivan Katz: Yeah, we've been advertising it on the website and we can't stress that enough. get is based on the census and having an accurate census. So please everyone urge the folks around to fill out their senses because it does make a difference in our community and the funding that we get overtime.

Arlene Hussey: Where do you get a copy of that? Because I think I got that in Florida, and I don't remember if I even filled it out.

Ivan Katz: If you go to work, it's right on

Mike Weiner: It's online.

Ivan Katz: line. You can just go to our website hit the census link and it takes you right to the census and you fill it

JOE EOCS: awesome

Ivan Katz: it out and a few minutes online.

Arlene Hussey: Okay, good. Thank you.

Debra Barbiani: Okay, great. Thank you Sean. Do you have anything?

Sean Wall-Carty: I just wanted to let everyone know I've heard a lot of great feedback about the BCS staff and how they are handled the student personal belongings pickups at the school Radha parents and community of come me. They really compliment how fast and efficient it was and they have actually won't allow them to Falls work was on the ball and it was a really well run process. So Elements to everyone that was involved in that as a feedback in the community has been extraordinarily positive.

Debra Barbiani: That's great. Great. I'm glad to hear that Shawn. Thank you for sharing that with us.

Fiorella Muscia:

Debra Barbiani: Alright, um, we're going to move down to old and new business. None. Do we need an executive session by anyone? If not, we'll move forward to adjournment.

Kathy Rappaport: ocean

Mike Weiner: second

Debra Barbiani: Was Kathy and Mike?

Jennifer Reinhardt: Yep.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. All right hearing no discussion on the motion roll. Call Mike.

Mike Weiner: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Kathy

Kathy Rappaport: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: No.

JOE EOCS: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: fiorella

Fiorella Muscia: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Jennifer

Jennifer Reinhardt: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Arlene

Arlene Hussey: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Hey.

Renee Kates: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: John

Sean Wall-Carty: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: myself is a yes. Thank you. Everybody. Have a good evening.

Arlene Hussey: You too.

Sean Wall-Carty: Thank you.

Renee Kates: Thank you.

JOE EOCS: Good night, everybody.

Kathy Rappaport: Bye.