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At this time we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to begin our meeting.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

I call this meeting to order.

Roll call:

Mr. Vohwinkel – here

Mr. Sieczkarek – here

Mrs. Dombrowski – here

Mrs. Ferrucci – here

Mrs. McCowan – here

Mr. Smith – here

Mr. Stewart – excused

We have a quorum.

Thank you.

We need a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2020. I move, Denise I'll second, is that Steph? yes, Stephanie. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second to approve the Treasures Report for the month of March 2020 as submitted. Zack, Zack and Claire. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second to approve the Student Reports for March 2020 Denise, Claire. Denise and Claire. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second to approve the School Lunch Report for March 2020 as submitted. Motion Gary, Stephanie. Gary and Stephanie. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion at the 2nd to approve the Appropriation Status Report for the period ending March 31, 2020 and the Revenue Report for March 2020 as submitted. Claire and Denise. Claire and Denise. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

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We need a motion and a second to suspend the reading of each warrant payment and to approve payment for the General fund, School Lunch fund, and Special Aid fund as submitted. Gary, motion, Zack. Gary and Zack. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

At this time Mr. Drescher will address the BOE for our final budget review.

Thank you.

You received the budget last time which was considered the final budget. We've been reviewing this for some time now, several months. I just wondered if there's any questions of the Board before we ask you to approve this budget. Of course there are many issues right now pending related to funding from State & sales tax etc. But whether those are answered or not this is actually the best budget we could put forward at this time fully funding current operations, and we may have to deal with whatever progresses from New York State. Any questions at all regarding the budget?

Wayne, this is Gary. Do we have enough funding for this one?

Well, right now it is funded exactly as we are given from New York State. If adjustments are made, we have been - I hate to say planning for something like this 'cause you can never plan for what is occurring right now, but we have been putting funds aside for the last six years. There are always cycles of up and down and we've been very fortunate the last few years to put reserves in place to plan for a down year. Of course nobody planned it to be quite as down as it looks right now, but yes, we are ready to deal with next year already.

Are we using a lot of our reserves?

No, in fact we're not using any reserves we're using unreserved fund balance at this point in time. We are really only using \$100,000 of debt reserve, but that's really a required use of funds 'cause those were leftover from an old project. So we're using what we're required to but we are using no reserve funds in this budget. Good, but next year is probably going to be reserves for the fact that they may go back off the 50% or a percentage next year not get as much.

Well, I kind of wish the governor wouldn't throw around percentages 'cause one day he was saying 50%, the next day 20%.

Oh, Okay.

There is a lot of issues related to funding and unfortunately we don't have any answers at this point but we have been preparing for this, not necessarily this pandemic of course but for a down year for some time now. The Superintendent has always supported let's get ready to first of all do what we need to do for students but second of all keep our community stable and solid. As you know an up and a down swing in a tax rates doesn't do anybody any good. So were planning, the

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Superintendent and I have been planning for the good of our students and for our community for such a down year.

Well, I like to thank both of you for the fine job that you are doing then.

I think we would all like to thank you once again for doing what you have done.

Thank you so much.

Any other questions at all? Great. Thank you.

Thank you, Wayne and Andrea.

We will resume our regular agenda.

We need a motion and a second That be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD Board of Education adopts the BOCES administrative budget for 2020-2021 as presented at 3,568,412.00. Gary, I'll move. Was that Denise or Stephanie? It was Denise, sorry. OK so Gary and Denise. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second to cast a ballot for Mr. John W. Sherman from the Tonawanda City School District as a Trustee for the Board of Cooperative Education Services for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Denise, Zack I heard Zack and then Denise, Correct. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second to cast a ballot for Mrs. Janet McGregor-Plarr from the Frontier Central School District as a Trustee for the Board of Cooperative Education Services for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Gary motion, Steph, second. Gary and Stephanie. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion at the second that shall the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the proposed 2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$37,136,645.00 and to levy the necessary tax. Claire motion, Claire, I'll second, Denise. Denise. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second to adopt the Real Property Tax Report Card for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and submit the same to the New York State Education Department. Gary, was that Gary? And Stephanie. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second to approve the following budget transfers:
\$50,000 from Budget Code C2860.410-02 School Lunch Fund – Purchased Foods

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Sattelite to Budget Code C2860.410-19 School Lunch Fund – Purchased Foods – SSO (Covid 19)

\$18,000 from Budget Code C2860.410-02 School Lunch Fund – Purchased Foods

Sattelite to Budget Code C2860.450-19 School Lunch Fund – Materials & Supplies SSO (Covid 19)

\$48,000 from Budget Code A9060.800-00 General Fund Medical Insurance to Budget Code A2110.473-01 General Fund Charter School Tuition (WW)

\$21,000 from Budget Code A9060.800-00 General Fund Medical Insurance to Budget Code A2110.473.-03 General Fund Charter School Tuition (JFK Middle School) and

\$53,000 from Budget Code A9060.800-00 General Fund Medical Insurance to Budget Code A2110.473-04 General Fund – Charter School Tuition (JFK High School). Gary, motion, Denise second. Gary and Denise. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

At this time the Board of Education does need to go into an executive session. Before going into the executive session I just like to let the members of the public know that the Board will come out of executive session only to adjourn the meeting. The Board will not be taking any further action in the meeting. So at this point you can log off of the meeting if you'd like to.

So we need the emotion and a second to go into executive session at 6:44 PM for the employment history of particular people, matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal and removal of particular people, and collective bargaining negotiations. Denise, Claire. I heard Denise and Claire? Yes. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

(Executive Session)

Alright, at this time we need a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM Gary motion, Stephanie. I heard Gary and Stephanie? Yes. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.