

Cheektowaga Sloan Meeting Transcript of April 2, 2020.

OK David if you want to start the meeting with the Pledge we are live.

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.

Meeting called to order.

Roll call:

Mr. Vohwinkel- here

Mr. Sieczkarek- here

Mrs. Dombrowski- here

Mrs. Ferrucci- here

Mrs. McCowan- here

Mr. Smith- here

Mr. Stewart- here

We have a quorum.

We need a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of February 2, 2020 and the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2020. Denise, Denise, Claire and Claire. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? OK and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February 2020 as submitted. Zack, Zack, Denise and Denise. 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 February 2020. Steph, Stephanie, Claire 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 February 2020 as submitted. Denise, Denise, Zack and Zack. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

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

We need a motion and a second to suspend the reading of each warrant payment and to approve payments for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Special

Aid Fund as submitted. Steph, Stephanie, Denise and Denise. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

At this time this Mr. Drescher will address the Board of Education for a budget discussion.

Thank you. I will actually, I hope you all have the preliminary budget and estimated tax rate which was within your packet. I'll just turn you to Page 1. This is really a summary of all of those pieces that we have talked about for the last four months. In reality, it is kind of the summary of those pieces and where we are and it's very important because at the next board meeting will ask the board or possibly ask the board depending on what the state tells us to adopt this budget. If you turn to Page 1 total appropriations for the district for the 2021 fiscal year are \$37,136,645. That is \$236,000 higher than the previous year. If we take away our estimated revenues, those are revenues from state aid, sales tax and several other categories they total \$19,392,000 we are appropriating fund balance of \$2.1 million and appropriating some of our debt reserves of \$100,000. That would leave us a tax levy of \$15,545,546. That is an increase over the prior year of \$243,241. It is just slightly under the district's tax cap our tax cap is 1.6% and the percentage increase in levy is 1.59. If you're looking on page one, you can see we estimate the tax increase for each of the two towns that we serve, Cheektowaga and West Seneca. Unfortunately, we never have the taxable assessed valuation at this point in time when we're actually looking at the budget. That won't be given to us until sometime in July, but I do understand that the Town of Cheektowaga has delayed their reassessment plan, which is very important because that would have changed the picture dramatically. We estimate that this increase in taxes on the average home in the district would be about \$16.80 every home is different there are homes which will be below the normal assessed value and some above that normal assessed value so of course \$16.80 is really just an average for each house in Cheektowaga and can't be necessarily attached to any particular home. I think this budget is very conservative, but of course as you know with what's going on in the world right now there are many risks associated with this budget. It's a very sound and safe budget, but we cannot predict. The Superintendent I have been working on this budget for months and months and months and have been tirelessly watching what the state is doing currently to us. So we think this is a sound budget but of course the State has put out some guidelines which they may adjust our aid throughout next year. With that, we will have to deal with it and make whatever adjustments are necessary but what I think you have before you is a sound and a very solid budget to begin our operations for the next fiscal year. Are there any questions? Thank you.

Thank you Wayne.

At this time, we will resume the agenda.

We need a motion and a second to accept the resignation letter due to retirement from Cynthia Tymorek, Senior Clerk Typist at John F. Kennedy High School effective September 1, 2020. Retirement benefits as per the Clerical contract. Claire, Clarie, Denise and Denise. On to question? I would just like to thank Cindy for all the work that she's done for JFK. Yes, thank you. You're welcome. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried out and so ordered.

We need a motion and second to accept the resignation from Michael Bartoszek, Boys Head Varsity Trach coach effective March 10, 2020. Steph, Stephanie, Zack and Zack. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Jessica Emmerling, certified School Building Leader be appointed as the Director of Special Education and Student Services for the Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD effective April 20, 2020. This position holds a 4 year probationary period beginning April 20, 2020 through April 19, 2024. Compensation and benefits as per the Terms of Employment. I would like to make the motion, this is Claire. And Denise. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Martin Maloney be appointed to the second shift, 12 month Custodian position for the Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD effective March 30, 2020. This position holds a six month probationary period. Compensation and benefits as per the CSEA contract. Gary, Gary, Jeff, Claire – Give it to Jeff and Jeff. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools the following individuals be appointed for the 2019-2020 school year: Kara Rudnick, Modified Softball Coach; and Andrew Chudy, Boys Head Varsity Track Coach. Compensation as per the TAC contract. Steph, Stephanie, Gary and Gary. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and the second to approve the list of non substitutes non teaching substitutes as submitted. Motion? Gary, I'll second Denise, Gary and Denise. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second to approve the recommendation from the CSE and CPSE as submitted. Zack, I'll move Denise. Zack and Denise. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion and a second at upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the following community members be appointed as election inspectors for the upcoming Budget Vote: Irene Domagala, Carol Kubiak, Estelle Lisowski, Patricia Summers, Elaine Weigand, Irene Klosko, Judy Mahalic, Bea Szymkowiak,

Henrietta Szumigala, Doloris Hlavaty. Claire, and Stephanie. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

We need a motion at a second to across approve the following resolution whereas the Board of Education the Board of the Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD, the District has considered whether the alterations, renovations and improvements to the District's, buildings and facilities, as described in the Scope of Work attached to this resolution as exhibit A collectively referred to as the Proposed Action, individually and collectively constitute a Type II action within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, constituting Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, and the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated thereunder 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.1 et seq., including in particular 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5 and any applicable regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education collectively, SEQRA; and

Whereas, the qualified voters of the District are voting to potentially approve the District's, 2020-2021 budget calling for the application of \$100,000 for such purpose with the work on the project to occur during the District's 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

Whereas, the Board has considered the advice of its Architect concerning the Proposed Action and its status under SEQRA, given the nature and extent of the work to be performed; and

Whereas the Board finds the Proposed Action involves the replacement, rehabilitation and reconstruction of structures and improvements in kind and does not involve any substantial changes in existing structures, such action individually and collectively qualify as a Type II Action under SEQRA and are therefore exempt from any further action under SEQRA;

Therefore it be resolved, that pursuant to the applicable provision of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, the replacement, rehabilitation and reconstruction of structures and improvements in kind of the Proposed Action is a Type II Action under SEQRA for which no further environment review is necessary. This resolution shall be effective immediately. We need a motion and second. Denise, Zack. Denise and Zack. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.

Before we conclude our meeting at this time with the current statement.

Thank you, Mr. Vohwinkel.

I would like to say how incredibly proud and humbled I am to be leading our school district through such difficult and stressful times. It has been heartwarming to see how everyone in our school district from the teachers, staff, support staff, administrators, all departments. parents, community and our Board of Education

has come together to make sure that our children, families, our community and even the greater community is supported, cared for and appreciated during this unprecedented and stressful time. Cheektowaga-Sloan is truly a united and committed School District and Community. We will get through this because we have embraced the notion, belief and our District's Vision that together, we can do more. Thank you to each and every one of you for partnering with me and with all of us during this time of such uncertainty.

Thank you, Mrs. Galenski.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Education I just wanted to say thank you to all of our administrators, district staff and teachers for all the hard work that they're doing to keep our students learning as best as they can in this situation. That is not an easy task.

Finally, we need a motion and a second to adjourn this meeting at 6:51 p.m. Gary, Gary, Claire and Claire. On to question. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Carried and so ordered.