

**Forestville Board of Education Meeting
April 2, 2020 5:30PM-Zoom Transcript**

Carol Woodward: Would like to welcome everyone and would like to call the regular Board of Education meeting to order. Kristin will now begin to record in three, two, one.

Carol Woodward: Next is the approval of the agenda. May I have a motion to approve the agenda.

Dave Caccamise: Motion

Carol Woodward: Okay, second

Mike LoManto: Second

Carol Woodward: Okay. All in favor.

Dave Caccamise: Aye

Mike LoManto: Aye

Michelle Merritt: Aye

Amy Drozdziel: Aye

Sylvester Clearly: Aye

Mervin Fry: Aye

Carol Woodward: Any opposed, and the motion is carried. There is no public comment.

Carol Woodward: Technology and transportation reports are in your packet

Carol Woodward: For the Board Reports, Kristin will email you more information about the BOCES Component Vote date and the information when it becomes available. And our next monthly meeting will be May 7th. Hopefully we'll be back to normal.

Carol Woodward: We will go on to Committee Reports.

Carol Woodward: Syl, could you give us an update?

Sylvester Cleary: Okay, yeah, I really don't have too much to report at this point.

Carol Woodward: All right. Are there any other committee reports?

Carol Woodward: Mrs. Garrett, could you give me your report?

Renee Garrett: Sure. We're going to talk a little bit about the state aid runs that came in today and I'm going to defer to Jennifer Fitzgerald our District Treasurer.

Jennifer Fitzgerald: Okay. So, I just have a couple of new things.

We have received the State Aid runs. They were released last night.

The Foundation Aid is frozen at last year's level and our aids are computed according to the current law formulas reduce the net increase in total state aid. Another thing is that we need to look at is this fiscal year. We are waiting for details on how the state plans to deal with its immediate cash flow. The governor may take out some loans. The state is going to seek to borrow it to address the cashflow needs. A few things that I noticed in the state runs is they have some new terms in there. One of them is the pandemic adjustment and what it does is they put an amount in there and then they take it right back out because the federal government. An example is the federal government gave district \$1.1 billion and the state took \$1.1 billion back. So, like I said, the state aid runs, you'll see an increase, but you'll see the same exact number decreased at the bottom. So, it's basically a wash. They basically gave us our state aid numbers from last year and slightly reduced them on our side. So, it is a reduction. We are going to see probably a 2.5% increase, but I think we're looking at more of like a 3% decrease instead. We will plan to see reductions every quarter. Now they're calling them measurement periods and those measurement periods are April 1 to April 30; May 1 to June 30; July 1 to December 31; January 1 to March 31. We are going to rebuild the budget however we think it's best interest to build our budget after the first measurement period, because what we're hoping is Cuomo stays ahead of the problem The Budget Director said that it would be beneficial if he makes his first cuts in April, during that measurement period. We are going to see significant reductions. We're hoping that he at least puts it in April. So, we have a better understanding of how we're going to look for the year. Renee is there anything that you can think of that I didn't cover.

Renee Garrett: I would just like to kind of reiterate it looks like from the state aid runs that State aid is frozen at last year's level. So, we're going to see no increase in state aid instead as Jen said we are going to see a decrease with a line item called pandemic. So, it doesn't look good for our district and in fact most districts are going to be taking and we probably will be too is looking at a large cuts upfront. Rather than waiting for those quarterly or those measurement periods to happen. I think Jen's right we should really look at building our budget after the first measurement period. I will know more by April 30th. It will give us just enough time to get all the information together before the actual budget vote. Again, the Budget Vote has not been determined yet, the date itself. We just know that it's not going to occur before June 1 so we're waiting for more information on the state about our Budget Vote, the Board Elections and we're going to try to rebuild the entire budget that we've already kind of tentatively created, it's going to be a monumental task and it's going to require a lot of collaboration with our administrative team. And we're going to do the best we can.

Carol Woodward: So, what's the logic for it to be stretch out in quarters and not by months. Why is that being done?

Renee Garrett: Not sure, Carol, it may be tied to their fiscal period at the state level, but I'm not sure.

Carol Woodward: It just seemed odd to me.

Renee Garrett: That might be the state's budget cycle when they're doing their projections, but I'm not sure.

Carol Woodward: Okay.

Amy Drozdziel: I have a quick question. For Dave and I since we have to have those petitions, is that just hold off on that as well. Don't worry about that until we hear more about dates and then we'll have a date to have that turned in.

Renee Garrett: That's a great question.

Renee Garrett: Just letting you know that the direction is do not look for any signatures on petitions do not go to door to door, just stay home. And what they're saying is, once they have figured out what the actual vote date is then they'll back up all the deadlines. From there, and that information should be coming out soon. So they're asking the incumbent board members to stay on until they have actual schedule in place and they'll make a decision on what the petitions could look like based on the health and the environment.

Carol Woodward: Yeah, I asked that question last night when we were talking because I thought of that.

Carol Woodward: So, I guess it boils down to, you're going to be on longer than anticipated so it's a good thing. So, do you have anything else, Renee.

Renee Garrett: Just to really kind of highlight all our heroes. Our teachers and the doing a fantastic job getting instructional information to our students in the best way that is possible for each of our families and staying connected with them. We have had boots on the ground in the cafeteria with meal prep and meal delivery getting over 214 meals to families. So, looking at our future and looking ahead over spring break. We're looking at what we're calling a Super pack. Families will get a whole week's worth of food on the Thursday before what we would have had as spring break. Then just kind of kudos to our buildings and grounds staff who continues to do a great job, maintaining and keeping our buildings clean so everybody's really working hard and our administrators have been doing nonstop zoom meetings with lots of different agencies and with each other and just want to thank everybody for everything they've done. Thank you to the board for all of their support, as usual, so thank you.

Carol Woodward: Okay, so we can move on then. Jen, did you have anything else. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt.

Jennifer Fitzgerald: Oh no, oh no, that's perfectly fine. I kind of said everything that kind of is new from the last time we talked, I'm good, thank you.

Carol Woodward: Okay. The next item on our agenda is discussion items, is there any discussion items.

Carol Woodward: Okay. Is there any old business?

Carol Woodward: Okay, now looking at new business consent on your agenda. May have a motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve.

Merv Fry: I move to approve.

Carol Woodward: Second?

Michelle Merritt: I will second that.

Carol Woodward: All in favor. Aye.

Dave Caccamise: Aye

Mike LoManto: Aye

Michelle Merritt: Aye

Amy Drozdziel: Aye

Sylvester Clearly: Aye

Mervin Fry: Aye

Carol Woodward: Any opposed?

Carol Woodward: All in favor. And then the motion is carried.

Carol Woodward: May I have a motion, for the Forestville Board of Education to casts its vote in the annual election of members of the CCSBA Executive Committee for the persons, Sylvester Cleary, Jeanne Oag, Wendy Dymont, Kurt Gustafson and Mary Lee Talbot, who are indicated on the ballot for the July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023 term. Votes will be taken individually.

Dave Caccamise: Aye

Mike LoManto: Aye

Michelle Merritt: Aye

Amy Drozdziel: Aye

Mervin Fry: Aye

Carole Woodward: Aye

Sylvester Clearly: -

Carol Woodward: Is there anything else before we adjourn that anybody wants to talk about anything. I just have a feeling that we're all going to be out for a bit longer.

Carol Woodward: All right. May I have a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Amy Drozdziel: I move

Carol Woodward: Second?

Merv Fry: Second

Carol Woodward: All in favor. Aye

Dave Caccamise: Aye

Mike LoManto: Aye

Michelle Merritt: Aye

Amy Drozdziel: Aye

Sylvester Clearly: Aye

Mervin Fry: Aye

Carol Woodward: Any opposed.

Carol Woodward: And then motion is carried at 5:50pm.

Carol Woodward: Kristin will now stop recording.