BOARD LEADERSHIP REPORT

Committee: Finance Committee

Date & Time: 11/19/2020

Member reporting: Shawn Clark

Anticipated BOE Date: 12/10/2020

Reports:
Meeting held via zoom. Members Present: Lorrie Burrows, Shawn Clark, Mike Hale, Jesse Williams& Lynn Rhone
Community Members present: Mark Mattison, Tom Olsen, Christine Crowley. Lorrie discussed the budget impacts on
the revenue/expenditure side and the impact from a potential outlay project. Christine Crowley from Fiscal Advisors
thn explained a potental $8m, $18m & $34m project and how each of those would impact the budget. The operating
budget utilizes revenue from capital projects to offset expenditures. If taxpayers were to turn down a building capital
project it would ultimately efffect the revenue of the the operating budget. Discussion was held regarding transporation
aid. A memo was received from the State Education Department regarding reimbursement for school districts for
Discussion:
March through June of 2020 when the Governor closed down schools due to COVID 19 on March 16, 2020. The
State Education Department is stating that even though we still paid employees for transportation and food service because the
Governor told us we had to the State Ed laws say that we are not eligible for payment of aid becuase we did not transport
children. The financial implication to the district is approximatly $400,000.00. Multiple lobbying groups including
NYSSBA, NYSUT, NYSCOSS etc are reaching out to the state regarding this. They are pushing for if it happens
at all that it would be done utilizing the 5/1/2020 date when the Governor said we would not be returning at all for the
remainder of the 2019-2020 school year which would then result in a loss of approximatly $200,000.00 in aid funding.
There has been less talk about a 20% take back on aid but they are finding other ways around it like above.
Recommendations: