

Okay, we're going to begin this evening with the budget workshop, and I think it will become apparent to those participating tonight why we reordered things.

There have been some changes with the manner in which the vote is going to be conducted and I will actually cover that in the budget presentation.

So that if need be, we can meet the necessary timeframes, given a new configuration requirements.

Also, that said participants who are with us online, and we do have several can submit comments and it's on the page that linked to the meeting. But just to put it out there publicly. The link is BOEcomments@menands.org.

I am going to pull up and share my screen with the PowerPoint presentation.

Alright, can people see that? Yes. All Okay.

Alright, so what was expected is that this budget workshop would start with any updates that we had and I will tell you pretty plainly

there are still a lot of things up in the air and I think that will remain the case for for a bit longer. We were hoping for a firm budget date and logistics. I have that and I will share that with you momentarily. Though, we may not necessarily be happy with what we are hearing. At least we know what we have to do now. And I was hoping to share with you this evening, a final budget draft.

I do have a proposed budget draft for you, but we will have more conversation on that as the evening goes on.

So, as I mentioned to you, we have the parameters now that were dictated to us by the executive order, relative to school budget votes. I believe last time we met, we were even uncertain of the date.

There were two dates being put out there. One being June 1 and the other June 9, and at that point in time, it was up in the air whether in person voting would be a possibility, or there would have to be other things considered.

So we have a firm vote date of June 9th and it will be absentee ballot only. Conducted only by mail.

This has some pretty significant logistical implications for school districts and I feel badly for my colleagues in larger districts,

because it's compounded even further.

So, what we need to do to assure that folks can get their ballots back to us. We need to mail out ballots to every eligible voter. It has to have the ballot,

It has to have certain and meet certain qualifications and it has to include the opportunity for the individuals to vote and mail back their vote in a postage paid envelope.

So the first hurdle that it created for us and for many school districts, it required a different postage contract for lack of a better word than we would typically need for return mailings.

We were able to finalize that process today, printing in the quantity that we need, for us,

it's right around three thousand ballots that we need to send out based on our voter register. The printing process

with all of the pieces and parts that have to be in there is very time sensitive and continues to be time sensitive.

That process is pretty labor intensive and right now we always have a skeleton clerical staff, but that's down even further right now with work from home.

We are fortunate in a lot of ways, and you'll hear this at various times throughout the night that our Cap Region BOCES are kind of taking the lead on that and they have coordinated for any district who wants to, as long as we've got

the right requirements at the post office, which, as I said, we finalized today, they can do the printing and coordinate the mailing for us in order to get these out.

So that voters can get them back to us by mail on June, 9th, that kind of bumps up the timeframe in which we, you have to act. So we can coordinate all those things and get it out in the mail on time.

Before I go further, do members of the board have any questions?

No, I'm good. Bill does have a question. Go ahead Bill.

Yes, we're not doing any kind of other registrations for first time voters or do you need to be in the system currently, and we're moving on with those people. We have to mail it. Nobody we know is in the system, which that's the list.

We get from Albany County, and we also will post on our website. If we haven't already the process that you are, not a qualified voter. And I think it's actually up there. We did that last week.

What you have to do to get on that list and then we will get you a ballot. Thank you.

Other questions on that process.

Okay, so that kind of items are need to move forward with deciding what it is we're going to have our voters vote on to that.

And there are still some unknowns that remain we are still uncertain what transportation aid for the current year costs will entail.

Because we haven't been given the guidance or direction definitively yet on, on what we should be paying what we should not be paying in essence, that will be an offset to some extent or another. Because if we're paying less are our aid will go down.

But we'll have savings from this year,

whereas if we're paying more we will get the aid that we anticipated,

I can't imagine,

based on the information we we know now that we're going to have any clearer picture on that,

even before June nine,

the other piece we know there are three take back periods that the governor hasn't acted within what he has put forth that allows him to take back foundation aid.

And the first of those was actually at the end of last month, and we still have no information on what if anything that will entail.

And in my most recent communication from the Council of school superintendents this week, they're saying, we may not have that again before we have to adopt. So it's, it's anybody's best guess, at this point in time.

And we don't know if there will be additional federal dollars. There was some indication that covid four out of the federal government would be geared towards P. K. twelve.

Right now we are moving onto covid five. I am optimistic, but we can't count on anything I will share with the board that Wednesday morning in our daily superintendents meeting we will be have with us.

Paul Tanko, who is a federal congressmen locally, and, you know, obviously we'll share with him our concerns in our needs and hopes that he can bring that forward.

So I guess for us,

again,

in comparison to some of our neighboring districts,

the initial aid figure we got has already been reduced as has,

every ones by an amount,

our amount was not significant.

I mean, twenty, two thousand, seven hundred and sixty dollars is certainly not chump change what it is.

It's a number that knowing we could work within and we had that as we went through the process earlier as well what I've done now. I'm just trying to move, so I can see the screen here.

Last time we met,

you saw this is three separate slides and then as the cumulative slide,

what I've added to it this time,

which I think is important are the dates at the top when I brought the draft one budget to the board that was on February third of twenty twenty before before the situation we are in now.

And at that point, the draft budget would have had a gap with thirty thousand, five hundred and twenty nine dollars in it. At that point.

Also,

when you remember,

when we started the budget process,

this year,

we were looking at kind of three buckets for lack of a better word we were looking at those things that are mandated those things that are driven by our board and district goals.

And then those things that a lot of people have brought to the table as things we would like to have in this draft one budget, it included the mandates and it included those things driven by goals.

It did not include those other things that we might like to have at that point with, with a relatively minimal gap. The boards that we'll bring it back to us in draft too, but show us what it would be.

If we had all of those other things that we had talked about, that we might like to have.

So, on March, nine th, I came back to you with draft two and that included all of those wants and needs in addition to the mandates and the gold driven, which increase that gap sizable to one fifty one, six, ninety four.

Now, remember in all three of these proposals we are under, or at the allowable tax cap.

And the board, even Pre, covid 19, I think, and if I, I forgive me if I'm misrepresenting, you're thinking, but you, you identified that that that gap was too big to close.

And we certainly didn't want to burden the tax pairs to do that. So we were given our orders to go back. And take a look at draft three.

We were going to bring you that draft three on Pre covid 19,

we brought you that draft three post covid 19 and we were able to with minimal changes,

and just reducing those wants and needs are taking them out of the,

the equation get to in essence a balanced budget,

and now I say that cautiously,

because that's with the historic adjustments that we have included.

And that's the assignment of fund balance in the transfer from reserves, which you see at the bottom of the page there.

Before I go any further, and again, I open it up to the board for any questions or comments and I just checked in at present. We have none from the public at this point in time.

Any members of the board to have any questions thus far?

Okay,

okay so again,

what is included in the draft three that we saw last time the mandates,

the majority of the district boards and goals we had had to tweak that a little bit.

I'm somewhat optimistic and some conversations we are having about sharing services that may offset those minimal reductions. And also we had some grant funding that was earmark in the current year.

That because of the circumstances, we just simply aren't going to be able to spend. So we will be able to carry those forward to the next year.

So any of those slight adjustments we had made,

I'm pretty confident we could recapture those but again,

what is not included as those things we might like to do things like athletics,

cosmetic ground improvements and items that.

So, they would be nice to have aren't directly going to impact teaching and learning things like tables and chairs for events. So.

What we know, we know unknowns remain we know that are things we don't know, likely things we will not know. By the end of this week. They are likely things.

We won't know, even if we adopt at the last possible moment, which isn't that far away either giving the logistics of the vote.

This is where I feel strongly, we have an obligation and now more than ever to our children, we are in the business of providing opportunities to kids, regardless of the circumstances.

My recommendation to you tonight is that we should adopt the budget as it was presented in draft three.

This will provide us the capacity to get our kids what they need and what they deserve. Now, someone else a higher power may come along and take some of that away.

But I don't feel as though we should be doing that, because we take it off the table. We can't get it back.

If we adopt draft three at the capacity, we know with the capacity, as we know what to provide the mandated in goal driven things.

We will, and I alluded to it a little bit earlier, continue to seek ways to do it more creatively and cost effectively.

And we will address changes when we're faced with them. I'm sure we're going to be faced with them. They're going to be things that we have planned. That were told we can't do, which could generate some savings.

There are going to be things that we are going to have to do, which we know are going to come with a cost. But the reality now is, we don't know what those things are. I think the greatest good we could do right now is create the capacity.

Do the best that we can do with the decisions that are not ours.

That said, I certainly open it up to questions and discussions. We need to decide if, if you are prepared to adopt and if not, I'm going to need some guidance and direction. So we can regroup and come back to you.

And quite honestly, that would have to be later this week.

Jen has a question. Dr long on the slide. That said, what's included in check in draft three you spoke up the majority of the district and board goals were included and I know one thing.

That was taken off as the diversity professional development. I was just wondering if we do end up with more than what we think, what is the process for bringing some of those things back that had to be taken. That's pretty much the particular.

Jen, so that's a good question. And I alluded to earlier some grant funding that will carry forward into next year, because we just weren't in the ability to use it this year, given the circumstances.

And two areas in particular I will talk about one is our title to grant, which is specifically for professional development. So we could generate some funds there. They can be earmarked that way.

And then also, I believe the boards recall this year in conjunction with Watervliet and Mohannason we found out kind of late in the game that we were the recipients of mckenny Vento grant. And that is,.

Certainly captures the inclusivity piece of it and there were some professional development involved in that. It was also some tutoring involved in that for our students. You fall in that realm and again

that money's going to go largely unspent this year.

So, I feel pretty confident between those two pools of money that we could capture that that piece that we may have had to let go.

Thank you. Yes, and I, as I recall Dr along, that was ten thousand dollars, correct? It was ten but it was ten for this year and ten for next year.

So, and we did spend a little bit of that, Jeff, but that's gonna be quite a significant amount of carry forward.

That's the earmarked for that training as well. Yes.

A few questions about the next page should I wait.

You want me to go so I support doing the budget now and getting it going. Right? Because we don't know what's happening at the Fed level or state or how much he's gonna take back.

My question is about the voting, because we have to mail these ballots and it's five days for our community to get it back with a weekend in there that nothing happens on. So, are we doing any other kind of promotion to remind the public?

We should really send in your balance and approve this budget because it's not necessarily just voting. We're in that position, where we really need it approved. And if it keeps into the school, my second question you can follow up the ballots are coming back to the school.

Need to be post marked and into the school prior to five PM on the ninth. Is there an independent person going to be available to watch ballots being opened? So there's no public.

They may think something's going on. And that was a question I had. Alright. So, I got three questions out of that bill. So, let me try and hit all of them one as far as notifying folks.

Yes, actually, I was waiting until tonight's meeting and we are coordinated with BOCES to A send out a postcard to every eligible voter. We will also be doing our budget newsletter. You see, that will be mailed following our budget hearing just as typical.

We will also promote that through every bridge on our Web page through our Facebook page, and I would hope would hope PTA would help us out as well. I would suspect they would.

And it will that that newsletter will look different this year. We actually have the template to fill in the pieces because it would be somewhat of a modified version.

But then, I think we do, have to just like, we normally do encourage people to vote and encourage and explain the circumstances and situation we're in and why that might even be more important remind the board. We cannot tell people how to vote.

We can only encourage them to vote. the third part of your question the mailing again. Once we adopt, we can fill in that template.

It goes off to BOCES and they have timed with their printers in their mail houses adequate time to print it and get it out in the timeframes that are required as far as opening the ballots. Yes, it has to be a public opening.

We all know public, in this way, in this time is very different.

So it would be live streams much like this meeting is being live streamed and we would still have our appointed election officials overseeing that process.

And, as we understand it now, and there's still some clarity coming out, you really can't even start opening ballots until five o'clock on the ninth, even though you may have them for us.

I don't anticipate that's going to be problematic for districts with thirty one thousand voters. That could be problematic.

The other piece, there was a potential option to send out scannable ballots so that when they came back, we could run them through the machine. We are being told by Albany county. It is highly unlikely.

We're going to get a machine specifically now with the primaries being back on and those machines needing to be available for that in the short timeframe. Now between the school budget votes in the primaries. Did I hit all of your questions?

Yeah, she did. That's exactly what I was looking for. And again, I support adopting this tonight to get things moving.

So I have a couple of questions about postmark and dates and absentee ballots, and when they're stamped and when they received, could you explain that process to us? And just understanding a budget that is postmark on July nine does not mean it arrives to us on July.

Excuse me, June ninth.

So,

how does that work if something is postmark to ninth and the receipt is received afterward as well as the absentee balance that come in

after the fact it needs to be here by five PM on June ninth physically present

onsite five PM.

June June nine th, and that deals for what would typically be an absentee ballot as well so absentee ballots coming in well, it is an absentee out. Okay. Well, no, but someone requests something. Okay. Gotcha.

Alright,

so you mentioned the word qualified and registered voters,
could you please explain to more so,

the public what that means as far as who's getting things because there's been some,

I guess this information that's been out there around qualified and registered voters in a community.

Sure. So the list we are working on mailing to, or who we know to be registered voters in in our confines and that number for us right now is somewhere between twenty, eight hundred and three thousand just to give you a sense in the village. Okay.

Anybody who is registered would be qualified if indeed they are still here in the village. Okay. Just because somebody is.

Well, the FY doesn't mean, they're yet registered and I'm going to use your household as an example. Mr. masline. Since you answer the ask the question daughter turn eighteen yet she didn't. She's already registered. Alright. So she doesn't catch. She is qualified and registered.

So, but, in a lot of cases, those who might be qualified, but not registered would be those folks who just turned eighteen and haven't started the process yet, or folks who are new to the village and haven't identified as a voter in the village.

So, qualified means over eighteen years of age, a US citizen, and having lived in the district for thirty days. Now, the, the, it's highly likely you will have people that are qualified, but have not yet registered.

We have the direction and guidance on our Web page. How they can go about being registered to vote.

Thank you for that clarification and I'm just checking our public

comment to make sure there is none. And I, I see not at this point in time relative to budget.

That's correct. Other questions or comments from the members of the board.

I am in favor I am in favor of moving forward as been suggested as well.

Yeah, I, I'm in favor of moving forward as well.

I'm also in favor moving forward tonight with the budget, as proposed as.

I think that Menands is able to go with the draft three budget. That was proposed in April.

That were pretty fortunate, because it's not all districts are able to do that. So, I thank you for your hard work. Dr long and the office. And, I mean, awesome.

Alright. Thank you.

Everyone I have now the time is six fifty four.

I'm going to stop sharing my screen hopefully and then,

I would suggest that we move right into our regularly scheduled board meeting.

Is anybody opposed to that? Or does anyone need a moment before we do that? I'm good.

Okay, do you want me to ask for a motion to enter into session? Yes please. Okay. Can I get a motion? I make a motion to enterinto a public session with this. Courtney.

I'll second the motion John.

Yes. Okay. Move to roll call. Mr.Masline, here. Mr. Nevins, here,

Mrs. Wilson, here. Mrs. Jaskula, here. Mr. Diefenderfer, here. Okay. We stand for the pledge of allegiance.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.

Our board Clark reminded me to get a flag for tonight, because we were

looking at each other's stomachs last week.

So,

before we get into comments from the public on agenda items,

as we did last board meeting, if we could take thirty seconds for a moment of silence for all those,

that have been affected during this crisis.

And all the people that have lost their lives during this time I would like to take a moment of silence.

Okay, thank you everyone comments from the public on the agenda items, just a reminder for those members of the public in attendance.

This is one of two opportunities disorders forwarded members of the public to come and non inquire about agenda items.

Members of the public also have an opportunity at the end of the evenings agenda to question, ask questions or concerns, or comments on matters not formally noted on the agenda and we do appreciate everyone's cooperation.

I'm seeing one comment actually, it's to me, I believe it's about something that's on the agenda item from, from Charlie dear Mr. Masline

I wish to congratulate the entire board of education for placing a quality candidate for the K principle position. On the agenda this evening quality is probably not a word used often to describe the person I choose to use that term.

Because quite frankly, Jennifer Canavo is the very person you want leading the building, so unique as ours, Jen brings passion, enthusiasm and intelligence to our district.

She understands people, and as a problem solver has always been an advocate for kids and more importantly, an advocate for creating a strong school community.

Jennifer is the right choice. I am pleased she has returned to Menands Charlie.

Just remind folks if you're if you're not speaking, if you can keep your speaker on mute, there's a lot of paper shuffling going on it. Appreciate it. Thank you.

Does anybody else have anything else from the public? I'm not seeing any questions this time. Dr long. Do your seeing anything yourself or?

No, I'm not, but I will again take this opportunity though.

I know it's on the web page where folks logged in, if folks do want to make public comments at this point, or there's a second public comment section later in the meeting they can do. So, at boecomments@menands.org.

Thank you for them, there'll be one other time at the end of the evenings agenda tasks, comments, ask questions or voice comments or concerns at that time. So we'll go.

We'll start with you Courtney as far as approval of the minutes, and we'll just go with the typical roll call we have when we're sitting physically together at a board meeting just to keep things predictable. I guess.

So, if there are no questions about last month's meeting, can I get approval of the minutes? Please.

Be it resolved at the board of education, of Menands Union free school district, accept the minutes of the April. Twenty second twenty, twenty meeting second all in favor. Aye. Aye. Aye Aye opposed? Alright.

resolution carries. Business matters. We have one discussion item this evening on COVID 19.

Dr long is leading that discussion. An update. I do.

I just wanted to share some information and there was a letter or communication that went out to parents today via ever bridge and was posted on the web page, but just a few thoughts.

I I would like to share with the board and those in attendance tonight and, and I did write these down again, because I wanted to make sure to capture them all with the governor's announcement.

And subsequently executive order on may first came news that though, I think we anticipated we were hoping we would not hear that we would be close through the end of the school year as I shared in that communication that went out to our families today.

We would've love to connect with our kids if even briefly we also want to find a way to honor the end of the year traditions and celebrations that are important to Our students are school in our community.

The remains many questions around how we can do that safely and what we will and will not be able to do.

I am somewhat optimistic after listening to the governor today that we may have some more definitive answers by the end of this week, which

will better help us to plan. In addition to planned events.

There are questions around when the building can be accessed and materials, both teachers, and students can be retrieved.

The simple answer at this point is,

we don't know yet that said,

our region in particular,

and our BOCES have been doing significant preparing and planning inclusive of the development of a draft re entry plan and coordination regionwide of purchasing of materials and equipment.

That will be needed to do so inclusive of, despite all of the questions that are still out there our staff continues to engage students and provide great instructional opportunities remotely.

We continue to provide and deliver meals daily, and we are working with families to provide daycare options and particularly for our, our families of essential workers.

Not only have we had to begin to think about the end how we end up this year, but beginning to look ahead and plan for what opening will look like for next year.

Again, there are many unknowns, and I want to show the board and our community that we're reviewing all the available information and guidance, and will make decisions and plan in a very thoughtful way. And that is additional information becomes available.

We will share it out with all stakeholders.

I certainly understand that not knowing and not having answers is difficult and I appreciate everybody's continued patients as we work through this together.

In challenging times in the certainly is one of them I do try to find the silver linings where I can with the students unable to return to the building. We haven't been able to get a jump start on the capital project work that was scheduled to begin this summer.

And we actually anticipate at this point that that will finish ahead of schedule.

So, that's all I have at this point in time again, lots of information we don't know as soon as we have that information, we will share it out with with families.

Okay. Thank you. Doctor along.

So, we'll move along to business officer information and close for the information of the board copies of warrant numbers. Fifty one and fifty three fund day and number twenty one and number twenty two H fund.

Are there any questions about that?

I don't see any, so we'll move along to business office for approval budget transfer April of two, twenty, twenty.

There is one any questions about that budget transfer.

Yeah, that's the green paper, you know, the green sheet is for the budget adoption and that's just a little farther down on the agenda. Just a little farther down.

Yes gotcha.

There are no questions. Can I get a resolution Please? be it resolved at the board of education, of the Menands Union free school district approve the enclosed budget transfer for April twenty, twenty.

Second, all in favor Aye, Aye, Aye Aye. Opposed? resolution carries, lets move along to the treasurer's report for the

month of April.

Twenty twenty. Are there any questions about that report?

Can I get a resolution Be it resolved at the board of education of the Menands union free school district approve the treasurer's report for the month of April twenty twenty second, all in favor.
Aye, Aye.Aye, Aye Opposed?

Resolution carries,

we will move to the green sheet now under business matters under Jeff if I could in here for just a minute,

just for members of the public to let them know that the agenda that is posted will be updated to reflect this additional green sheet.

Thank you for that. So, under business matters. This is business office for approval. Well, this is for the twenty, twenty, twenty one based on the information in the materials discussed during the bird or workshop earlier this week this evening.

The more will adopt the twenty, twenty, twenty one budget. Are there

any questions? Not can I get a resolution?

Be it resolved at the board of education of the Menands Union free school district approve the proposed twenty, twenty, twenty, twenty one budget and the amount of nine million, eight hundred and twenty four thousand, three hundred and seventy dollars. Second

All in favor. Aye, Aye, Aye Opposed?

resolution carries. one other thing on that green sheet, the property tax report card adoption that we'll need to do with this time.

Can I get a resolution, please? Be it resolved that the board of education, of the Menands Union free school district, adopt the twenty, twenty, twenty, twenty one property tax report card.

Second, all in favor. Aye, Aye, Aye. Opposed?

Resolution carries. We will move along to, on the white sheet. Now, the donations we have three of them Stewart's shops for camp Chingachook for three hundred dollars CSArch to assist in enhancing the remote learning process.

Some hotspots that we, they, we purchased for five hundred dollars. community resource Federal credit union for the yearbook club and the amount of two hundred dollars can I get a resolution? Please

Yes, okay. Be it resolved at the board of education of the Menands Union, free school district, accept the donations as listed.

Second, all in favor. Aye, Aye, Aye. Aye Opposed? Resolution carries. I would like to say thank you for the donations from those three organizations.

Very much appreciate your assistance during a very difficult time. And if I could chime in here again, I'd like to thank folks for their generosity and their outreach.

They reached out to us and in the case of CSArch, knowing some of our students needs in the donation to the yearbook committee is going to allow us to offset the cost or help.

Some students who may have not otherwise have been able to purchase the yearbook.

I was actually just thinking of my middle schooler. Is there a form that goes home for the yearbook? They're working on that now? They were waiting for this final dollar amount was so they could adjust. Okay. Gotcha.

So we'll move along to personnel matters. We have appointments, K-8 principal. Jennifer Cannavo Can I get a resolution Please?

absolutely Be it resolved that,

the board of education of the Menands union free school district does here,

by a point, Jennifer Cannavo to a four year probationary appointment in the tenure area of administration effective July, first, twenty,

twenty salary will be in accordance with the terms of employment agreement.

Mrs. cannavo's probationary period will begin on July first twenty, twenty, and will end on June thirty of twenty, twenty four. Second favor. Absolutely. All in favor Aye, Aye, Aye, Aye Opposed

Resolution carries congratulations Mrs.Cannavo. Welcome back to the team. Welcome. And Jen is in attendance at the meeting. I believe the public meeting, right?

Now, I'm just looking through my list. I can see here.

And I think we actually made arrangements for her to be able to chime in here, I see her if she would like to join us and and acknowledge her appointment.

That would be great. Thank you for letting me join in this evening.

I just want to thank the board of education for this opportunity to return to the Menands. I am incredibly excited at the possibilities and the opportunities to come back to the district that I called home for many years.

I am incredibly excited to reconnect with families that I had the opportunity to work with and get to know many of the families that I haven't had a chance to work with yet so thank you.

I look forward to it and I appreciate and support and a chance to come home. Thank you. Jen, thank you. Yes, I also like to take a second. Just to.

Thank everybody was on the search committee for, I think, a search and trying times and unusual circumstances. I know there were members of staff and faculty and board and members of the public.

So, thanks to everybody who navigated that process for us.

Also, thank you to all the members of the public and staff and

students, we had lots and lots of surveys and we were very glad to be informed of the questions and such during that process.

So, thank you to the community and this school community, as a whole for their helping assistance in this process. Okay, we've have our board of education matters.

We have CSE/CPSE recommendations a resolution be resolved with the board of education of the Menands Union free school district approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations as submitted

Second. All favor, Aye, Aye, Aye, Aye opposed? solution carries.

So we will go along to health services contract.

You will find copies of the twenty,nineteen,twenty,twenty services contracts for students attending private or parochial schools in the following districts,

North colonie Central school district twenty three students in the amount of sixteen thousand.

Seven two hundred and seventy nine dollars and forty cents North Greenbush common school district two students in the amount of four hundred and sixty eight dollars and eighty eight cents and the South colonie Central school district for students in the amount of three thousand, eighty six dollars.

And twenty four cents, residence of the students have been verified.

Can I get a resolution? Be it resolved at the board of education, of the Menands Union free school district approved the twenty, nineteen, twenty, twenty health services contracts for students, attending private, parochial schools as listed.

Second, All in favor Aye, Aye, Aye Aye. Opposed? resolution carries. so we have an employee compensation during declared pandemic emergency

governor Coumo Has issued executive orders, requiring all schools to be close through the end of the two thousand, nineteen two thousand and twenty academic year to reduce the spread of the corona virus slash covid 19.therefore, the board authorizes salary payments to all hourly board of education appointed staff.

Excluding substitutes, specifically AIDS, lunch AIDS and the cashier through the end of the mandatory closure period, pursuant to applicable New York state executive orders Can I get a resolution.

Please? Be it resolved that the board of education of the Menands union free school district approves salary payments for all hourly

board of education appointed staff,

excluding substitutes, specifically teacher, lunch, AIDS in the cashier through the end of the mandatory close your period pursuant to applicable New York state executive orders.

Second. All in Favor Aye, Aye, Aye Opposed? resolution carries. move along to the school district calendar for two thousand, nineteen two thousand and twenty clear.

This is a modification. Yes. So go ahead. Yes, so I need a resolution please.

What is this regarding? Sure, Jen?

According to the, not the most recent iteration of the executive order,

but the one that originally extended us,

maybe the third one in districts were told,

they need to continue instruction over what was otherwise considered a break periods .

That was good Friday in April break, though. We don't yet have definitive information.

That's one of those unknowns I alluded to that could ultimately change our end date for lack of a better word and bypassing this resolution.

We wouldn't need to bring the board back together to approve that I would be able to, to go ahead and do that based on what we're told we can or we can't do. Okay. Thank you.

Be it resolved that the board of education of the Menands union free school district approves the authorization of the superintendent of schools to modify the finance union free school district two thousand nineteen, twenty, twenty calendar as approved by the board of education.

Second, all in favor Aye, Aye, Aye, Aye Opposed? resolution carries, we'll move along to matters class size update as of April 10, twenty twenty.

Twenty. Twenty correct that's the configures yes. Okay. It looks like we have a total of three hundred students. Okay. Superintendents comments.

Alright. I have one listed. I am going to add one if, if the board will grant me that already. The first is I want to acknowledge Courtney as board members.

You folks have the opportunity to participate in professional development opportunities,

provided through the New York state school boards Association,

and there's a recognition program when,

when you take the opportunity to do that and reach certain benchmarks and Courtney,

this should have been in your packet.

I hope it was Courtney has been recognized for her participation in leadership training up to a level of seventy five points. So, thank you for accessing that training on behalf of our school in our district and congratulations on your achievement.

Nice work Courtney. Thank you. Congratulations.

And if I could, Jeff, I would like to add here and I posted quite a bit during the week on our Facebook page, but I would like to acknowledge that last week was teachers, appreciation week and this year more then

ever it was highly deserved. also, Wednesday was school nurses appreciation so I would shout out to our school nurse and also to nurses in front line workers everywhere for all the extra they have all been doing.

Our teachers are staff, our nurse essential workers throughout the state in in light of what we are facing.

Thank you Dr. long. Okay. We'll move along to information material. In June. Second. Twenty, twenty will be our budget hearing, which is a Tuesday at five thirty.

Next regularly scheduled word meeting is Monday, June eighth at six thirty.

June ninth is the two thousand twenty is our budget vote in absentee about only.

That's information for the board move along to miscellaneous and I would, I would echo what Dr long is saying, you know, beyond teacher appreciation week.

I would just say, as I've said, maybe an email and such to, thank you to all the, the teachers and the support staff and the administrative staff on leadership for all the work that you're doing during this very unprecedented time.

It's very well recognized by us as well, as others around the state. You know, it's, I'll say it again, it really is unprecedented times. You really had to pivot and learned to do a new job in a lot of ways.

And I thank you for all of your on behalf of all the board, thank you for all the work that you're doing, and continued to do on behalf of all school children.

And I'm sure that you're also home many of you, you know, doing that for your own children and such and you're doing it beyond the work hours and pretty much twenty, four, seven, seven days, a week, and a lot of ways. So, thank you that.

What you're doing for all children, whether they can say it or not are very appreciative of that. So, once again, thank you for all that you do every day and continue to do, especially during this precedent a time.

Second thing I would have is just seeing it all over Twitter and everywhere fill out your census everybody fill out your census. We're apparently we're ranked very low in the fifty states. We are somewhere in the forty still just a couple of weeks ago.

Please encourage your neighbors, your friends, your family to fill out their census. It is critical for all the services that we provide as well as other community services and we don't do it. We don't get money. We don't get support. So, it's very important that we do that.

I know Bill has been very active in that mission about the village beyond. So I'm sorry if I steal your thunder bill but I know you echo this, just fill out your survey for your senses. It is very important. That you do it, you can do it online to.

It's very simple. So please do it. That's all I had today. If anybody else had anything else.

Jen, yes,

Dr. Long I was just gonna ask and Jeff,

I do believe you brought this up at a board meeting and I was just wondering I know I have to go into training later this month and I was just wondering what was going on with our staff and faculty for training.

Sure. And I'd say Ed law two D has never been pushed quicker to the forefront in this time of remote learning. So certainly, that is one of those trainings we need to add, but it's an important one too.

I will say this is where our partnership with South county who we shared tech services with has become really invaluable,

because we're going to really be able to partner with them on making sure we're compliant but also with the training also.

And I've spoken to both these in the work that they are doing in the background. They are really looking at some.

Heightened professional development opportunities for staff, as we roll into the summer and not knowing what we will face next year.

So certainly aware of the need and the requirement it is still in the works as to how we're going to balance using both our partnership with South county and on how to do that.

But to our teachers credit, you know, we mentioned this early on, in when we were trying to pull everything together as Jeff mentioned, and now they all know, to ask before they use, can we use this three? Okay.

So, I think again, a silver lining, it's heightened awareness around the need to do it and it's really to protect our kids.

So there may be some inconveniences along the way,

but necessary and conveniences,

and for folks in the public who may not know Ed law two D,

has to do fully kicks in in July of this year and it has to do with protecting students,

private data.

And information around using digital platforms.

For that anybody else have anything.

Okay, we'll move along to public comment. Please note during the public comment sessions, members of the community may address the board on agenda and non agenda items.

The board president may limit remarks of individual speakers a reasonable time, because must identify themselves in the topic on,

which they would like to make remark. One comment here.

Vanessa Macardo, the is still looking for nominations for the executive boards. Three open positions are for president treasurer. And Secretary information is available on the website at W. W.

WMenandsschoolpta.com slash nominations dash elections. The will have its last virtual team meeting for the year on June tenth attempt. Excuse me at nine six thirty.

Oh, it's six, thirty PM Eastern time. Excuse me? Thank you Vanessa.

Vanessa, I assume that's also going to be on the website post. We will also posted on our our school website for that meeting.

Hopefully everybody can attend. Any other comments it all from the public. I don't see any in the email.

Any Dr. long? I do not see any. Okay.

So, what we're going to do next is we do have an executive session to go into right now and we may actually take action after this executive session.

That came under a different video calendar invite.

So, if everybody could go to that, and you want to probably mute as well, as take your video camera off for, you can actually disengage and can re engage the the meeting once we come back. Yeah, I think the best about.

I think the best bet is for people to leave this meeting and then rejoin it. So there's no confusion I will stay in the public meeting. And again, we usually tell members of the public if indeed we will are not planning to come back.

The possibility does exist, that will come back and take action.

So you are welcome to stay on and just watch dead air for a little bit while the conversation takes place. I will actually stay in and make sure that the meeting stays open as the host. Sure.

So, then, do we need a motion to enter public or executive session? Yes, we do.

We do yes. Okay. I'll make a motion to enter executive session, second. All in favor Aye, Aye, Aye, Aye opposed?

Alright, we'll see you an executive session at one moment.

So we need to re, enter public session. Okay. I'll make a motion to re, enter public session. That's Courtney. I second.

All in favor, Aye, we're back.

And do we need to take any action, or are we just gonna go ahead and adjourn? Jeff we can go ahead and adjourn. We are. We're good. Do we have anybody in the public with us? Still? We still have a few attendees.

Yes, I don't have that for my screen, but for those of you that are out there, we do appreciate you coming this evening and attending, and we're glad to see attendance improving, even in this remote world.

So, I just need a Motion to adjourn. I'll make a motion to adjourn second , all in favor, Aye closed.

You're ready for participating and coming not Jean. I was told, we need to let, you know, who made the motion to adjourn executive session. Courtney was the extension with the second for that.

Okay, thank you. Alright. Have a good night. Everybody thanks.