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With the pledge

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I pledge allegiance to the flag.

Unknown Speaker 0:09
America and

Unknown Speaker 0:16
indivisible

Unknown Speaker 0:18
with liberty

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justice. Oh,

Unknown Speaker 0:23
thank you. Okay.

Unknown Speaker 0:26
Next,

Unknown Speaker 0:27
so the St. Lawrence Louis BOCES regular meeting is being recorded.

Unknown Speaker 0:40
Do I have a motion,

Unknown Speaker 0:43
motion,

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second

Unknown Speaker 0:49
discussion. All in favor.

Unknown Speaker 0:54
Carried

Unknown Speaker 1:00
Okay, can we move the agenda up?

Unknown Speaker 1:08
Yes. No.

Unknown Speaker 1:15
There we go.

Unknown Speaker 1:16
Okay. Okay.

Unknown Speaker 1:18
Next item

Unknown Speaker 1:21
is personnel and move personnel.

Unknown Speaker 1:29
Have you had a chance to review personnel?

Unknown Speaker 1:38
If so.

Unknown Speaker 1:40
All in favor? Aye. Aye.

Unknown Speaker 1:45
Terry.

Unknown Speaker 1:48
Next item is the revenue anticipation notes.

Unknown Speaker 1:55
We need a resolution

Unknown Speaker 2:03
Can you pull it up again?

Unknown Speaker 2:08
Thank you.

Unknown Speaker 2:10
Do we have a motion? I'll make a motion. Second.

Unknown Speaker 2:15
Discussion.

Unknown Speaker 2:17
Roger, I'd like Nicole just to provide a short

Unknown Speaker 2:20
summary. Okay.

Unknown Speaker 2:22
Yeah. So we do a revenue anticipation now every year we have one we did last June, for 5.5 million, although the resolution to authorize up to 7 million like we're doing again this year, so that will become due in June. And we'll replace it with this new one. I'm not sure we'll need the full 7 million. But because the project the capital project, we're not sure when that finance is going to come in. We may need cash flow to pay some of those bills. So we went back out with the 7 million in this resolution and then when June comes we'll know better if it's going to be closer to the five and a half million again.

Unknown Speaker 3:02

Any questions on that for me? No.

Unknown Speaker 3:06

Thank you. Any other discussion? If not, all in favor, aye.

Unknown Speaker 3:14

So I need to do a roll call.

Unknown Speaker 3:16

Okay. Yes.

Unknown Speaker 3:21

Yes.

Unknown Speaker 3:23

makalah? Yes. Cartwright.

Unknown Speaker 3:27

Yes. Davis?

Unknown Speaker 3:30

Yes.

Unknown Speaker 3:31

Latimer Yes. McLean. Yes. Miller. Yes. Young?

Unknown Speaker 3:39

Yes.

Unknown Speaker 3:41

And say

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yes.

Unknown Speaker 3:45

Okay.

Unknown Speaker 3:47

Terry.

Unknown Speaker 3:49

Okay, next item is the NY si TCC contracts and we need a motion to approve the NY s TCC.

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contract will

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come on second. Okay. discussion.

Unknown Speaker 4:18

These are standard. So this is nothing new. They listed all of the products that are included in this contract through URI one both both of these.

Unknown Speaker 4:32

If no further discussion all in favor, Aye. Aye. Aye. Carry. The next item is the mo C's employees compensation during closure and we need a motion. I'll make them Sorry,

Unknown Speaker 5:04

discussion.

Unknown Speaker 5:06

So I just want to give you a short summary. We've been talking about this amongst all of the district superintendents at the state level. The district superintendents have been in contact with SCD, and with representatives from the governor's office. The governor's office has expressed that as much as possible, they want to keep people working. Also in the governor's executive orders, he's directed all schools to submit three plans, one for instruction to students, one for delivery of food and school meals, and the final one for childcare. So most of our employees are engaged in carrying out the work that's been designated in those plans. That being said, we worked with Ferrari affirm. We also worked with martial marshals reviewed these and made some edits to these. And essentially, this gives the board the ability and authorizes you to, you know, pay these employees through the end of the year. We're not concerned that at this time, we can't meet cash flow. The we're working closely with the districts they intend to fulfill their commitments and they have all their employees working as well. And you know, are paying their employees even if those employees are working from home. So that's the reason for this. You know, if the comptroller or some other entity came along at a later date, and you know, tried to say, you know, you're gifting public money, this resolution assures that we are not doing that.

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Oh, okay.

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Roll Call.

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Cartwright.

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Yes. Davis?

Unknown Speaker 7:12

Yes. Latimer Yes. McLean. Yes. Miller. Yes. Young. Yes. anxiety.

Unknown Speaker 7:24

Yes.

Unknown Speaker 7:29

Okay. Next is the moseys clothes for students. We need a motion to present that resolution. So move, second

Unknown Speaker 7:49

discussion.

Unknown Speaker 7:52

So Roger again just to summarize. Again this is a resolution really is So wise for the for the postseason put into place, even though you know these measures and the closures in particular are outlined in the governor's orders. The governor has also issued language around the 180 data requirements. So, and especially given the fact that he's done this two weeks at a time, you know, we'll be rapidly approaching another possible extension. Again, this covers the vo C's, you know, in terms of our meeting, our school, our school day requirement, once we get through this and depending on where we are with days.

Unknown Speaker 8:41

There's this rule Call roll call. So

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my last call.

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I will call one car, right?

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Yes. Eva's?

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Yes.

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Latimer. Yes. McLean. Yes. Miller

Unknown Speaker 9:00

Yes, young

Unknown Speaker 9:01

Yes. And say

Unknown Speaker 9:04

yes.

Unknown Speaker 9:08

Thank you.

Unknown Speaker 9:11

Now we're down to the consent agenda. I move the consent agenda. Second

Unknown Speaker 9:19

discussion.

Unknown Speaker 9:22
This pertains to donations

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and

Unknown Speaker 9:29
the financial report. Any further discussion?

Unknown Speaker 9:36
If not, all in favor,

Unknown Speaker 9:38
Aye. Aye.

Unknown Speaker 9:40
Aye. carries.

Unknown Speaker 9:44
With that we move on to

Unknown Speaker 9:49
the reports.

Unknown Speaker 9:54
Mr. Safeco first. Why'd

Unknown Speaker 9:58
you have no report this evening

Unknown Speaker 10:04
Okay, yeah, no, we've been, we've been pretty much working, as Tom said, with school districts on those plans. I think in our end of the building, the instructional plan has been one folks have been working mostly on and providing for our teachers resources to instruct students online. And, you know, we've been very encouraged by the outcome so far. I mean, we really have moved the needle years in the last two weeks with regard to delivering with technology that's been available to us, and really not having the opportunity for teachers to leverage that to the best of their ability. I really feel that, you know, one positive of this crisis will be that when we come out the other end, we'll have a whole workforce of teachers who have enhanced skills at delivering tech or delivering instruction in different ways. So, you know, we're working with them, trying to support them, taking phone calls and kind of plugging the holes as we go along. But just very encouraged by everyone within our organization, within the school districts, the parents and the support that we've received, everybody's pulling in the same direction. It's been very encouraging. But pretty much we've been working with the district since the last time we met, just kind of scrambling to keep up with the day by day changes that are coming our way.

Unknown Speaker 11:41

So I don't have a formal report either, you know, Darren, and I didn't link anything for you. Just to you know, ride Darren's coattails a little bit these this has been an extraordinary time period. I'm sure you know, at least in education, none of us have ever seen anything. Like this, the, you know, the governor's issued 13 executive orders to this point. And so I think for two weeks anyway, it felt like the rules were being changed on almost a daily basis. And it you know, I think everybody's given the governor praise, you know, and they should in terms of his handling of this, it's just, it's sort of the way it has to roll out. As I know, a lot of you have probably seen his press conferences, which are usually in the morning. And, you know, those are fairly lengthy and at times detailed, and so he gives those press conferences, and then really the rest of the state just goes into a mad scramble. People are waiting for the written executive orders to come out and to interpret the language. Typically, I V at the end of each day, just as we're meeting now with the 30 six other district superintendents, we try to make sense of, you know, the governor's executive orders and what's happened and what's required of us. And then I try to relay that on to our superintendents. So it's, as Darren said, it's changed greatly changed the nature of our work. But I would agree with him, like, you know, everyone has just done a fantastic job. And it's difficult to grasp, unless you've seen how people have stepped up in this crisis. And I will mention it tonight in in the annual meeting in my report, you know, that employees have literally just recreated the entire educational system in two weeks time. So it's been something to watch. Again, my communications, what I'm finding is it's hard for me it's a challenge for me to communicate with everybody that I need to so we've been trying to You know, sort of break that out so that, you know, I'm communicating with DSS. And then I provide direct communication to superintendents, Rebecca has really taken on the task of handling communications for a lot of the districts as well as for the BOCES. I've been in communication with all of our union presidents. But it also sounds like I really need to, you know, one of the things that's been difficult is you kind of lose track of time, in this period that we've been in by I need to start reaching out directly to all the employees. So I think we're going to make that shift in the next week. I've been sending you those detailed reports on the weekend typically. And so what I think I will probably do is, you know, my goal will be to send an update to employees and to simplify things a bit and try to streamline the message I made from now. on, try to get the employee update on Friday and then also send that on to you. So, you know, look for that in the next few days. The capital project, the capital project is pause, I guess I will say for right now, Kevin may talk a little bit more about it, you know, in terms of the details, but one of the challenges in this period going through the governor's executive orders is to try to figure out what is essential business and what is non essential business.

Unknown Speaker 15:40

One thing that we have, you know, figured out is that school districts and policies are we are in fact, local government. So we are essential business, but some guidance came out last weekend, basically saying, school construction projects were not essential business. We've since gotten clarification. on that, we think that we can move forward with a capital project. So we're going to call Mike Leahy and chris chris and

probably Rob gray in the next couple of days, hopefully, and talk through with them. When we need to verify that right that we can, in fact, move forward. And if we can, then we need to examine with the architects with the construction management firm. Does it make sense in this time of great now to come, you know, to still go out and bid and sign contracts? And what does it do to our timeline? And most importantly, what does it do to our costs? So we'll try to, you know, get to that decision in the next few days or perhaps

Unknown Speaker 16:44
next week.

Unknown Speaker 16:51
Okay, thank you.

Unknown Speaker 16:56
Moving along, how about an update

Unknown Speaker 17:03
Mr. peretta?

Unknown Speaker 17:06
Yes. So just to clear the year buildings have been clean, they're fairly well empty just to get that kind of housekeeping sort of business out of the way, we've disinfected everything. And we're in a continual process of doing that anytime buildings are rendered. We have a pretty controlled system for how the buildings are rendered right now and we're keeping track of as best we can. On March 24, we had our first pre bid meeting at Northwest tech. It began there at 1030. And we had a fair turnout. I want to say there was 15 to 20 people there contractors. We in we did maintain social destiny saying we asked we had tables all spread out kind of like we are now we had people with wear gloves when they walk around buildings. And so we try to maintain protocols and try to keep business going. There hasn't been too many questions that have turned out turned up yet from those walkthroughs. And we so we've got both Northwest and Seaway. We're done on the 24th. And Southwest was done on the 26th. There weren't any different players at Southwest, but not everyone that was at Northwest and Seaway went to Southwest. And speaking with Mike and Chris, there, Mike and Chris and Rob, there's been a pretty pretty good turnout as far as the contractors that have pulled plans from plan in print. So they've got the plans, even though they didn't go to the buildings. And in speaking with thrive, some of the bigger players that we weren't anticipating were going to throw their hat in the ring are looking to throw their hat in the ring so that that should keep the pricing competitive on on the larger players. And, you know, I'm pretty optimistic. If this goes forward. You know the least we've got a lot of people at it.

Unknown Speaker 19:03
So the

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proposed bid opening for the project is April 16. And we're well, we should have the EPC. Open prior to that on the 15th. We're looking into extending that a bit.

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So

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any questions?

Unknown Speaker 19:26
Just the one, the building was closed in March for meetings, I'm assuming that continues, as long as schools are down.

Unknown Speaker 19:40
Yeah, yeah, I actually forgot something Roger, from from my report, and you've sort of touched on it, which is, even though we're considered a central business, we really are encouraged as much as possible to, you know, allow as many people as possible to work from Home. So, you know, we're pretty much down to a skeleton crew here. You know, moe and I have been coming in every day. Darren's been coming in every day, Nikki's here most days, Lori's as usual, all over the place that hasn't really, you know, change your work too much. She's working all the time and everywhere. But I do think there have been a couple of days where I've said to people, hey, go home, you know, and, again, we're not subject to the non essential business percentages. You know, that was just sort of intuition on my part, saying, I don't know I you know, on certain days, really, I think, to maybe in the last two weeks, it's like, Okay, if you really don't need to be here, go home. And I I think we'll see what happens on April 15. But I think, you know, essentially after tonight after the annual meeting, We are going to be a little bit more vigilant about that. You know, and say, Hey, if you if you can be, you know, you folks are you're you're all doing it now experiencing it now. It's not ideal. It's not perfect. But again, we're trying to take all the mitigation factors seriously, I think we will be when I have the DS Zune calls every day, you know, the majority of the D ss, appear to be at home. And I do think we have some other policies that are, you know, mostly if not completely shut down. So, again, we don't have a lot of people here and a lot of people when they do come in, they're just coming in for like a portion of a day where they need to access something here physically. But it's a great question, Roger, we'll, you know, we'll continue to monitor it, but you know, we are central for now.

Unknown Speaker 21:56
Okay, thank you.

Unknown Speaker 22:02
We do not have any presentations tonight. Are their own other is the annual meeting? review?

Unknown Speaker 22:13
New, we want to review that

Unknown Speaker 22:18

now, or we have reviewed it.

Unknown Speaker 22:23

We've discussed it. Do you click on that? I mean, it's Laurie can open it up if you if it's your pleasure and

Unknown Speaker 22:36

she can just quit, you know, sort of

Unknown Speaker 22:44

go through quick summary. Yeah.

Unknown Speaker 22:53

Yeah. So, one of the things you'll hear me do in the annual meeting is so you already see this? superintendents and board members received it. Members of the public did not. They will have access to it after the meeting tonight. So hopefully you've had a chance to look at what Lori's scrolling through. And you also have the link on the regular agenda. You know, where the where the budget is laid out for you. You'll hear my remarks tonight. Again, they're only voting on the administrative component. And as all of you know, just to kind of hit the highlights, you know, that budget will be presented tonight, districts will vote on April 20. But that's a relatively small portion of our budget, and it's almost entirely retiree health insurance 76% so that won't change. After tonight. Well put it this way. It will increase and the program budgets as you know, you know, we put up a proposed budget. And then, you know, in districts submit their a seven, we look at the services that they actually purchase throughout the year. So we've got that three column, you know, what were the actual expenditures last year? When we looked at the seven reports in June, what is the current budget right now, what have districts spent to this point? It's kind of confusing. It's unfortunate the state makes us lay it out in that three column way, but that's what it is, and then what we're projecting for next year. One thing you should know as well, the final commitment forms were due last Friday. But because of the unusual circumstances that we're in, we've pushed that off until this Friday. In a typical year, we might have one or two districts that are sort of stragglers that were you know, calling up and saying can we help you? And can we get that in? And normally all it takes is that last phone call to get a, you know, a last district or two. And so, you know, hopefully that's where we're at this year. Obviously, it's a lot more difficult budget. And, you know, we're we're in sort of the same position districts are, which is we don't know where our program budgets are going to be right now. districts will, you know, districts got their eight runs today. They'll submit their final requests, and, you know, then we'll see what we get for services.

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Okay, thank you.

Unknown Speaker 25:46

If there are no further

Unknown Speaker 25:51

meeting necessary Now, let's adjourn.

Unknown Speaker 25:56
Make a motion.

Unknown Speaker 25:58
You have a second Do we have a second?

Unknown Speaker 26:08
Or you can unmute yourself?

Unknown Speaker 26:11
I didn't hear what he said Second.

Unknown Speaker 26:16
Okay. All in favor?

Unknown Speaker 26:19
Aye. Aye. All right.

Unknown Speaker 26:24
So

Unknown Speaker 26:26
are you awesome?

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