The special virtual meeting of the Tawas Area Board of Education was called to order by President Bacarella at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, through Google Meets or a teleconferencing method.

Roll Call:

Present: Freel, Ulman, Klenow, VanderVeen, O’Connor, Bruning and Bacarella
Absent: None
Tardy: None

Administrators Present: Klinger

PUBLIC COMMENTS – INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS
Mr. Bacarella asked if there were any public comments on agenda or non-agenda items. There were no comments.

The Board began a workshop to discuss budget scenarios for the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Klinger said we anticipate a large cut to our foundation allowance for next year, and a possible pro-ration to the 2019-20 foundation allowance. He said three budget scenarios have been presented for the board to review. The board is required to adopt a proposed budget at next Monday’s meeting so the levy sheets can be completed and provided to the local taxing units. The budget can be amended at any time throughout the year.

Mr. Klinger proposed several different options to cut expenditures from next year’s budget. The board discussed whether they want to plan for the “best case, middle of the road, or worst case” scenario when choosing which budget option to adopt next week. The board also had suggestions of areas that might be trimmed to help with the proposed deficit. In the end, the board decided to go with the “middle of the road” budget scenario, which includes an $800 cut to the foundation allowance for the 2020-21 school year. They understand that the budget may need to be amended sooner than usual to reflect what the State actually does with the foundation allowance.

ADVANCE PLANNING
Motion by Klenow, support by O’Connor to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.