

# **Fabius-Pompey Central School**

***“Enter to Learn - Leave to Serve. Striving for Excellence in School, Community, and the World.”***

## **FACILITIES RENOVATION PROPOSAL**

A project to improve and maintain the facilities of the Fabius-Pompey School District

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING** – Tuesday, October 6, 2009 – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Middle School Library

**VOTER REGISTRATION** – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. any school day with the School District Clerk, up through 4:00 p.m. on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The School District Clerk is located in the District Office.

**VOTE ON CAPITAL PROJECT** – Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Middle School-High School Auditorium Lobby and Pompey Hill Fire House

**Voter Registration and vote on the Capital Project** will be held at the Fabius-Pompey Middle School-High School for residents of the towns of Fabius and Cuyler, and at the Pompey Hill Fire House for residents of the towns of Pompey, LaFayette, and Cazenovia.

**Voter Qualifications are:**

1. Citizen of the United States.
2. Eighteen (18) years of age.
3. A resident of the District at least thirty (30) days prior to October 20, 2009.

**Absentee Ballots** for the October 20<sup>th</sup> vote are available in the Business Office. To receive absentee ballots by mail, applicants must make a request in a letter signed by the applicant and received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election. The letter is to state the address at which the applicant resides and to which the ballot is to be mailed. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact the District/Business Office at (315) 683-5301.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

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### **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Timothy P. Ryan – 683-5301

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

Peter Mahunik – 683-5301

### **PRINCIPALS**

Robert Hughes – 683-5811 – MS-HS  
Andrea Nardozi – 683-5857 – Elem. School

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## **FACILITIES REVIEW**

Early in 2008, the F-P School District contacted Robertson Strong & Apgar, Architects, (RSA) to provide a comprehensive study to assist the Board of Education with long-term facilities planning. A review of facilities like this is completed every 5 years. The study provided will give us direction to help us preserve and upgrade the District's buildings and infrastructure enabling us to meet the needs of our students and the educational program. The report also included components of an independent energy study, which was completed by Robson Woese, Inc. To prepare this report, RSA visited each of the buildings several times to conduct inspections and talk with District personnel.

The report that was submitted to the Board of Education in July of 2008, included items that are practical and essential to maintain a safe and productive learning environment for our students. The items in this report were of a physical nature such as roofing, electrical, and plumbing as well as educational programmatic/functional needs that affect space and use of the buildings. RSA estimated the total immediate and future needs at \$6.4 million.

During the past year, the District staff and the Board have carefully reviewed the report recommendations regarding the needs of our facility. The result of this year-long review was development of a proposal for a capital construction project targeted primarily to maintaining our buildings and provide facility updates for the safety of our students. A big part of the project is partial roof replacement on both school buildings, which is estimated at over \$1,200,000. With consideration to the general economy and the economic conditions of families within our District, the Board felt it important to limit the project to items that were identified as an immediate need or of high importance. The total cost of the items in this project is not to exceed an amount of \$2,415,000. Other than cost for some minor incidental items and some specific legal costs, by maximizing all State aid available, the local cost to tax payers should be 0.

In a resolution adopted by the Board on August 18, 2009, there will be a special public vote on October 20, 2009, for the proposition.

There will be a special public presentation on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, to talk about the project and answer any project questions. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and have questions, please feel free to contact any Board member or contact the District Office and speak to Timothy Ryan, Superintendent, or Peter Mahunik, Business Administrator.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$2,415,000**

The major expenses of the proposed project are necessary maintenance items, including partial roof replacements on both school buildings, as well as work that needs to be done on the façade of the Elementary School to ensure it remains weatherproof.

Other work is necessary to address safety concerns. These include, but are not limited to, renovations to the Elementary Nurse's Office, as well as the replacement of the elementary playground. This project will also include fire alarms in the Bus Garage.

Another aspect of this proposal are projects that will provide long-term savings from either a maintenance perspective or an energy perspective. They include a water softener for the boiler system, updates of the electrical system in the Elementary School, and the installation of occupancy sensors for the lights.

## ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS

**Q. Why do the schools need new roofs?**

A. In short, they leak. Both roofs were installed in 1987. Over the last few years, we have done a good job of patching the roofs when needed. We are at the point where patching is no longer feasible.

**Q. What do you intend to have done to the Elementary School façade and why?**

A. The Elementary School was built in 1931. Most of the work on the outside of the building is masonry work. It will include repairing or replacing damaged bricks and regrouting. This will ensure our building remains weatherproof. It will not change the appearance of the Elementary School.

**Q. Why is there a proposal to replace the playground?**

A. The playground was built in 1985 out of pressure-treated wood. During the last few years, the wood has begun to seriously splinter resulting in injuries. We have investigated a number of options for encasing the current playground but none have proven to be practical or cost effective.

**Q. Why is the Elementary Nurse's Office in need of an update?**

A. Hygiene, treatment, and confidentiality are the main reasons for this proposal. The Nurse's Office is very small, which is problematic with the many intensive nursing care needs of our students.

- There is limited space available for wheelchairs.
- The limited space makes nursing care of students in need of chronic treatment such as tube feedings very difficult.
- Students requiring more intensive nursing care have equipment that needs to be stored such as suction machines, nebulizers, tube feeding cans, and so forth. Currently, there is very little storage space.
- Limited space makes separation of ill students from students requiring first aid treatment impossible.
- The only source of running water is located in the bathroom, and is inaccessible when the bathroom is in use.
- There is no area to make confidential phone calls or to have confidential meetings with parents and students.

## ANTICIPATED PROJECT TIME LINE

<u>Step 1</u>	Referendum (Public Vote) – October 20, 2009
<u>Step 2</u>	Final submittal of plans to the State Education Department – Anticipated February 3, 2010
<u>Step 3</u>	Results of State Education Department Review – Anticipated May 12, 2010
<u>Step 4</u>	Advertisement for construction bids – Anticipated June 26, 2010
<u>Step 5</u>	Award of Contracts – Anticipated July 3, 2010
<u>Step 6</u>	Construction starts – Approximately July, 2010
<u>Step 7</u>	Construction completed – Approximately January, 2011

## **COST AND REVENUE SOURCES**

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,415,000

### **REVENUE SOURCES**

(1) New York State Normal Building Aid = 88.2% or \$2,129,884

(2) Excel Aid = 11.8% or \$ 285,116

Total = 100.% or \$2,415,000

**Building Aid** – is available through New York State for approved school projects related to new construction, additions, and renovations.

**EXCEL Aid** – Expanding our Children’s Education and Learning aid in response to the Campaign for Fiscal Equity court case, provided \$1.8 billion for New York City and \$800 million for other schools as part of the 2006-2007 state budget. The intent is to offset the local contribution for approved Capital projects.

### **Will there be any additional cost to the taxpayers?**

It is the District’s best estimate that the cost not covered by aid will be minimal, if any. The District has consulted every possible resource to verify this project meets the guidelines for state aid. The answers have come back that the components of the project are completely aidable. From the Public Vote to the completion of the project, personnel at the State Education Department may change. Changes could result in slightly different interpretations of the aidability regulations. In the unlikely event that a portion of this project ends up not being covered by state aid, the District has reserves on hand to cover the cost of those items not aidable.

### **PROPOSITION**

Shall the Board of Education reconstruct the Middle School-High School and Elementary School roofs; reconstruct the Elementary School façade; and acquire and install health, safety and energy improvements throughout all District facilities, all to include related site work, utilities, mechanical, plumbing and electrical, original furnishings, fixtures and equipment, architectural fees, and all other costs incidental to such work and expend therefore a total sum not to exceed \$2,415,000 which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for the costs of the Project by using available State building aid (including Excel Aid) and, to the extent necessary, the levy of a tax which is hereby voted in the amount of \$2,415,000, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,415,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that voting upon the foregoing Proposition will be by voting machine and will take place on October 20, 2009, at the Fabius-Pompey Middle School-High School in the town of Fabius, New York (for all District residents of the towns of Fabius and Cuyler) and at the Pompey Fire House in the town of Pompey, New York (for all District residents of the towns of Pompey, LaFayette, and Cazenovia) between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. prevailing time.