

Propositions

BUDGET

Shall a budget for Wappingers Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008, in the amount of \$175,653,600 be adopted, and the necessary taxes to meet such expenditures be levied and collected?

1 BUS PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District, Putnam and Dutchess Counties, New York ("District"), be authorized to purchase

the following student transportation vehicles: sixteen 72 passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$95,273.00 per bus; one 7 passenger suburban at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$33,500.00; four 18 passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$52,900.00 per bus; and one four-door sedan at an estimated maximum cost of \$15,400.00; which total estimated maximum sum of \$1,784,868.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by law, and for which obligations of the District may be issued?

Current Fleet

Large Vehicles.....	166
Van Vehicles	73
Wheelchair Vans	9



Number of Students Transported

Public.....	12,415
Private	1,405
Special Education Out of District.....	196
TOTAL	14,016



Requested Replacements

16 72 Passenger Buses.....	\$1,524,368
1 7 Passenger Van.....	\$33,500
4 18 Passenger Buses.....	\$211,600
1 4-dr Sedan	\$15,400
Total Cost	\$1,784,868



2 TURF FIELDS & RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Shall the Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District, Putnam and Dutchess Counties, New York, be authorized to construct improvements to athletic fields at school district facilities, and reconstruct various School District facilities, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,563,472 and said amount or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued?

Earlier this year, members of our school community approached the Board of Education expressing an interest in having turf fields installed at our two high schools. This group, working within a committee structure that also included members of the Board of Education and administration, the District's architect, and construction manager, developed a scope of work and related budget. This work has led to Board authorization of Proposition #2.

What improvements are included in Proposition Two?

- Synthetic turf fields, bleachers, scoreboards, goal posts, and soccer goals at John Jay and Roy C. Ketcham High Schools.
- Community friendly, low-glare lights at Roy C. Ketcham High School's turf field.
- Boiler system replacements and storm drain upgrades at John Jay High School.
- Replacement of steam traps, upgrade of storm drain system, and tunnel asbestos abatement at Roy C. Ketcham.

What research has been done by the District on turf fields?

- The new generation of polyethylene fiber, rubber in-filled systems that the District is proposing to install has been tested by independent agencies and the New England Journal of Medicine, Penn State, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, UMASS, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protections. These agencies have reported no negative findings with respect to toxicity, lead, MRSA or increased injuries.

Who benefits from turf fields?

- 27 District high school and 12 District modified outdoor sports teams will benefit.
- The District fields support programs from three towns, (East Fishkill, Fishkill and Wappinger). These towns field hun-

dreds of teams representing thousands of children, who could have access to these turf fields.

What are the benefits to the District and to the community?

- To provide additional teaching stations in the spring and fall for physical education classes.
- To deliver more consistent and playable field conditions for all athletes.
- To enable spring sports athletes to move out of the gyms and parking lots at the start of the spring season.
- To provide our athletes playable fields in all weather.

Why is the District including select capital projects at the two high schools with turf fields?

- Under the current formula, in order to be eligible for the anticipated 58.3% of approved costs in state aid, each field must be tied to a building project in each of the high schools, and also meet these criteria:
- Projects must be over \$10,000.
 - Projects must be part of the District's Five-Year Plan.
 - Projects should preferably address health and safety or ADA compliance issues.

If the building reconstruction project only has to be a minimum of \$10,000 at each high school, why has the district chosen projects that total \$1.8 million? Important health and safety projects within the District's Five-Year Plan are

strongly preferred by the New York State Education Department, especially when coupled with artificial turf fields.

Will there be any maintenance savings to the District because of the turf fields?

Yes, the cost to maintain a natural grass field per week is approximately \$210. The cost to maintain a synthetic field per week is approximately \$45.

How much maintenance do turf fields require?

Fields need to be groomed every 3-4 weeks on average.

What is the life expectancy of a turf field?

- The top layer of turf, or carpet, lasts approximately 15 years and is covered by an industry average warranty of ten years.
- The most expensive part of the turf fields, the drainage system, does not have replacement issues. The drainage system is under vendor warranty.
- The cost for the carpet is about 25% of the total project cost.
- Children who enter kindergarten in 2013 could have the opportunity to use these proposed fields.

When will the turf fields be ready?

- The anticipated completion date is Fall 2009

What is the tax levy impact of the Capital Project Propositions?

The borrowing authorizations associated with Propositions 2 and 3 amount to \$21,408,110 and would be financed over a fifteen year period. Both of these propositions represent capital construction projects of various magnitudes and would be subject to a different borrowing protocol than would be applicable for bus purchases.

Based upon current aid formulas, should either Proposition 2 or 3 be approved by the voters, there would be no impact upon the tax levy over the life of that borrowing. However, if both propositions were to be approved, the combined tax levy impact is estimated at less than one-tenth of one percent of the 2007-2008 tax levy.

What additional revenue sources, if any, might be identified to help in maintaining the turf fields?

- Usage fees will be charged to outside agencies.
- A Town of East Fishkill grant writer will explore recreation and shared municipalities grants.
- We will continue to partner with the towns to explore other revenue sources.
- We will continue to pursue corporate, business and foundation grants.

Are there many schools in the area that have switched to turf fields?

- Area schools with recently installed turf fields include: Arlington High School (3 fields), Carmel High School, Columbia University, Dietz Stadium (Kingston), Fordham University, Harrison High School, Lakeland High School, Manhattan College, Marist College, New Rochelle High School, Ossining High School, Siena College, Somers High School (2 fields), SUNY New Paltz, Tuckahoe Middle School/High School, United States Military Academy, Walter Panas High School, White Plains High School

3 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Shall the Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District, Putnam and Dutchess Counties, New York, be authorized to reconstruct various school district facilities at a maximum estimated cost of \$15,844,638 and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued?

Brinkerhoff Elementary School

REPLACE:

- Exterior Cafeteria Doors
- Rooftop Vents on Entire Roof
- Classroom Sinks and Cabinets
- Art Room Sink and Trap
- Wall Padding and Base in Gym
- Classroom Floor Tiles (East Wing)

INSTALL:

- HVAC Controls for Boilers

Evans Elementary School

REPLACE:

- Boiler (one of two)
- Boiler Piping
- Classroom Sinks and Counters
- Sidewalk

- Steam Traps in Tunnels

INSTALL:

- HVAC Controls for Boilers

UPGRADE:

- Exhaust Fans and Ventilation
- Fire/Intrusion System

PERFORM:

- Complete Asbestos Abatement in Tunnel

Fishkill Elementary School

REPLACE:

- All Windows

INSTALL:

- Elevator in Bell Tower

UPGRADE:

- Enlarge Front Parking Lot
- Regrade Playing Fields

PERFORM:

- Asbestos Abatement in Tunnel

Fishkill Plains Elementary School

REPLACE:

- Classroom Sinks, Faucets and Counters

- Replace/Repair Sidewalk
- Gym Molding with Rubber Base
- Gym Heaters
- Exterior Doors - New Wing

INSTALL:

- Solar Block on Windows in Art Room

UPGRADE:

- Resurface all Parking Lots

CONSTRUCT:

- New Basketball Court in Back of Building

RENOVATE:

- Restrooms for American Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance

Gayhead Elementary School

REPLACE:

- Drywells
- Exterior Stairs and Handicapped Ramp
- Exterior Doors Phase I

UPGRADE:

- Resurface Middle Parking Lot
- Resurface Upper Parking Lot
- Connect to Municipal Sewer

PERFORM:

- Asbestos Abatement in Tunnel

John Jay High School

REPLACE:

- Roof Drain Piping
- Sidewalk/Curbing Near Flagpole
- Main Storm Drain Piping
- Hall Lockers - Phase 3 of 4 Phases
- Baseball Backstop
- Steam Lines in Tunnel

UPGRADE:

- Regrade Physical Education Field
- Electrical Service in Career and Life Sciences Room

- Electrical Panels
- Fire Alarm Systems
- Pave Main Parking Lot Front
- Municipal Water Hook-Up
- Ventilation/Unitventilators
- Public Address/Clock System
- Science Room Air Regulators
- New Field by Sewer Plant
- Blacktop Access Road to Boiler Room

RENOVATE:

- Restrooms for American Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance

INSTALL:

- Cafeteria Doors Tied into Fire Alarm System
- Irrigation on Baseball Field
- HVAC Controls

Roy C. Ketcham High School

REPLACE:

- Darkroom Art Room Sinks

UPGRADE:

- Pave Student Parking Area
- Pave Student Parking Lot Rear
- Repave Front Parking Lot and Extend up to Fuel Tank

- Resurface Roof/ Extend Warranty
- New Utilities for New Serving Line
- Corridor Lighting Upgrade
- Upgrade Gym Ventilation
- Fill in Old Dry Wells on Football Field

Kinry Road Elementary School

REPLACE:

- Boilers
- Library Carpet with Tile
- Exterior Doors
- Classroom Doors

UPGRADE:

- Hook Up to Municipal Sewer
- Electrical Service
- Interior Stage Curtains
- Pave Kinry Road Entrance
- Expand and Resurface Staff Parking Lot
- Repave Both Blacktop Play Areas

INSTALL:

- HVAC Controls

Myers Corners Elementary School

REPLACE:

- Classroom Floor Tiles
- Water Heater

- Library Carpet with Floor Tile
- Main Office Door

UPGRADE:

- Redesign Student Drop Off
- Cafeteria Floor Abatement
- Ventilation/Unitventilators
- Renovate Restrooms
- Remove Underground Liquid Propane Tanks
- Blacktop by Boiler Room
- Relocate Basketball Court
- Blacktop Walkway to Flagpole
- Blacktop Swale for Drainage

Oak Grove Elementary School

REPLACE:

- Cafeteria Windows
- Sidewalk

UPGRADE:

- Relocate Play Area and Parking Lot
- Resurface Teachers' Parking Lot

Sheafe Road Elementary School

REPLACE:

- A Section of the Blacktop Playground
- Concrete Front Entrance Area and Sidewalk

UPGRADE:

- Renovate Restrooms for American Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance
- Expand South Parking Lot
- Create Parking on Circle Edge
- Blacktop Basketball Court and Playground
- Install Fence Behind Playground

Vassar Road Elementary School

REPLACE:

- Windows - All
- Floor Tiles - Classrooms
- Fire/Intrusion Alarm
- Stage Curtains

UPGRADE:

- Install Dry Wells for Roof Drains and Repair
- Complete Sidewalk Project in Front
- Construct New Sidewalk (Center Section)
- Construct Additional Parking in Old Playground Area
- Upgrade Temperature Controls
- Resurface Parking Lot

WAPPINGERS

Central School District

2008-2009

BUDGET PROPOSITIONS

BUDGET

1: BUSES

2: TURF FIELDS

3: CAPITAL PROJECTS

VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

POLLING LOCATIONS

- Fishkill Elementary School
- Fishkill Plains Elementary School
- Gayhead Elementary School
- Myers Corners Elementary School
- Vassar Road Elementary School
- Wappingers Jr. High School

