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Coxsackie – Athens Central School District

What Repairs and Renovations Would be Made in the School District?

Coxsackie, NY, November 17, 2009 – Voters of the Coxsackie – Athens Central School District will cast a ballot on a resolution for a \$7.4 million Repair and Renovation Project on Monday, December 14, 2009. Voting will take place at the Coxsackie Elementary and E. J. Arthur Elementary schools between 1:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2009.

This project would carry out essential repairs and renovations at all schools.

Roof Replacement. Roofs dating back as far as 1978 are in need of replacement. The majority of roof replacement (84,000 square feet) would occur at the high school, with lesser amounts being replaced at the elementary schools. In all, 130,000 square feet of roofing requires replacement.

Boiler Replacements at Elementary Schools. Two boilers at each elementary school date back to when the buildings were opened in 1966. The boilers are 68% efficient. The original equipment in Athens would be replaced with two, 86% efficient oil fired boilers. The boilers in Coxsackie would be replaced with a 96% efficient Patterson Kelly Mach gas boiler and an 86% efficient gas/oil cast iron boiler.

Health and Safety Upgrades. Entrances at all schools would be upgraded to provide enhanced security. Some rescue windows in the High School and older section of Middle School would be replaced. Fire rated doors would be replaced and smoke detectors would be upgraded consistent with requirements of the State of New York and State Education Department (S.E.D.).

Exterior Repairs and Door Replacements. A large section of brick would be repaired and repointed at the High School and exterior doors and frames would be replaced in the same building.

Heating and Ventilation and Pneumatic Upgrades to Digital Controls. Heating and ventilation in classrooms and hallways of the 1953 and 1971 sections of the Middle School and one classroom in the High School would be upgraded. Remaining pneumatic controls would be changed to electric, and digital (DOS) controls would be converted to a Web browser to improve system speeds and reliability.

Lighting Replacements. Classroom and hallway lighting in the High School along with 1953 and 1971 sections of the Middle School would be replaced and occupancy sensors installed. The main distribution panel at E. J. Arthur Elementary School would be replaced and emergency transfer switches would be installed on both campuses. Generators could then be connected when campus buildings were used as Red Cross Shelters.

25 Kilowatt Solar Panels on both campuses. Solar panels would be installed on the roofs of the High School, Cocksackie Elementary, and E. J. Arthur Elementary schools. This part of the project would save the district 3% of electrical usage at each meter each year.

Updated information about the Repair and Renovation project can be found on the school district's website at www.cocksackie-athens.org. Residents are encouraged to call the district office at (518) 731-1710 with any questions.