

Board of Education adopts bond resolution

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, the Riverhead Central School District Board of Education unanimously adopted a bond resolution to fund repairs and renovations to the school district. Community residents will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed bond on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020. Voting will take place from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the following polling locations: Riley Avenue Elementary School, Phillips Avenue Elementary School, Roanoke Avenue Elementary School and Aquebogue Elementary School.

Included in the bond are two separate propositions totaling \$97,049,340, of which \$500,000 will be funded through the district's voter approved capital reserve fund.

"We have held numerous presentations and community meetings and have listened to the concerns and wishes of the community," said Board of Education President Greg Meyer. "The board took this information into consideration as we prioritized the needs of our school district to develop a proposed bond we believe is fiscally responsible and addresses our immediate needs to repair and improve our schools. We encourage all residents to vote on Feb. 25."

Proposition No. 1 totals \$88,249,340, of which \$500,000 will be funded through the district's capital reserve fund, covers the construction of additions and/or renovations and improvements to all district schools including the construction of building additions to provide for new classrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium and other space; interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration; roof replacement and/or reconstruction; safety and security upgrades; heating, air conditioning, ventilation, plumbing, lavatory and locker room improvements; improvements to facilities access by the physically challenged and building envelope, paving and walkway improvements.

Proposition No. 2, totals \$8,800,000 covers the McKillop Field synthetic turf conversion; stadium track and field; varsity baseball field and softball field relocation; multiuse courts at Pulaski Elementary School and Riverhead Middle School; parking expansion and bus parking at Pulaski Elementary School; fairgrounds entrance and Riverhead Middle School baseball field improvements.

It should be noted that Proposition No. 2, even if approved by voters, will not move forward unless Proposition No. 1 is also approved.

Prior to the vote on Tuesday, Feb. 25, the board will be hosting a bond forum, conducting building tours and providing a voter guide which will be mailed to all residents. This is to ensure that all residents have the information needed to be informed voters on Feb. 25. Information regarding the bond is also available on the district's website <https://www.riverhead.net>. Please save the date, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 and remember to vote.