

**PLANNING FOR  
ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

**SENSIBLE FUTURE  
INVESTMENTS**

**COMMUNITY  
MINDED**



**Capital Project Committee**

November 13, 2017

# Meeting Agenda

- \* Introductions of Committee Members
- \* Review Previous Project
- \* Results of Project Vote
- \* Community Survey Results
- \* Revised Board Parameters
- \* Review Committees Next Steps
- \* Set up next meeting date

# Committee Members

**Goal:** To put together a well rounded committee that can come together to design a capital construction project that maintains facilities to meet educational, health , safety and security, and energy efficiencies needs.

## **Committee members include:**

- \* 3 Board of Education members
- \* Community representatives
- \* Teachers and School Staff
- \* School Administrators

**When applicable, our district's Architects, Financial Advisors, and Construction Manager will be present at committee meetings**

# Previous Project (1 of 2)

## \* Last year...

October 2016 the BOE approved a motion to bring a \$14.6 Million Capital Project to voters that:

- ✓ Addressed aging roofs
- ✓ Mechanical systems in each building
- ✓ Updated and relocated athletic fields at the HS/MS
- ✓ Updated the Administrative Building to bring it up to building codes
- ✓ Purchased adjacent property across the creek for soccer fields
- ✓ Added a building for the Agricultural Program/Storage

# Previous Project (2 of 2)

- \* **\$14.6 Million Capital Project Plan**
  - \* Local community would have been responsible for:
    - \* \$2,379,200 (16.3% of total project)
  - \* The district would have brought forward:
    - \* \$3.6 million from the capital reserve
    - \* \$450,000 from the Food Service Renovation Fund
    - \* \$11,420 from EXCEL Aid
    - \* And bonded \$10,358,580
- \* **No impact to local taxpayers**

# Project Breakdown

- \* The previously purposed plan included investments of:

\$11,969,000- Jr/Sr High School Campus

\$2,458,000- Attica Elementary Campus

\$173,000- Administration Building

**\*Further Breakdown of allocations are provided in your packet**

# Vote Results

“Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this special voter meeting, authorizing construction, reconstruction and equipping of existing school buildings and facilities, acquisition of land or rights in land, site, athletic field and incidental improvements, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$14,600,000; with the expenditure of \$3,600,000 from the existing capital reserve fund for such costs, the issuance of not to exceed \$11,000,000 of debt obligations of the School District therefore, and the levy of a tax in annual installments therefor, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?”

	Proposition #1	
	Yes	No
ATTICA:	211	191
BENNINGTON:	58	116
SHELDON:	48	139
ABSENTEE & AFFIDAVIT BALLOTS:	20	16
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>462</b>

**On December 20, 2016- the project was voted down**

# Community Survey (1 of 2)

- \* March 2017, the district reached out to the community for their feedback on the vote results. The survey asked respondents: how they voted, why they voted that way, if they felt adequately informed about the project and vote, how they received their information, and encouraged the community to provide comments.

231 people responded to the survey. **75**-voted yes **61**- voted no **95**- **Didn't vote**

				Felt Informed:		
<b>Total Responses:</b>	<b>231</b>			<b>Yes</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>52%</b>
				<b>No</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Yes Vote:</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>32%</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>75%</b>
				<b>No</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>No Vote:</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>26%</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>57%</b>
				<b>No</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Didn't Vote:</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>41%</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29%</b>
				<b>No</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>71%</b>



# Community Survey (2 of 2)

- \* Many commented on their surveys regarding the vote, 181 people provided detailed comments on their reasoning to vote...
- \* **Those that voted in favor commented:**
  - \* Our children deserve a high quality local education
  - \* Feel sports are an important part of our children's growth
  - \* Our school needs to continue to invest in opportunities like this to be attractive to existing and potential families
  - \* Feel it is important to continue to maintain our facilities
- \* **Those that were not in favor commented on:**
  - \* The athletic complex
  - \* Feeling uninformed on the details of the project and date of vote
  - \* Distrust in administration/lack of transparency
  - \* Misunderstanding of information presented

# Revised Board Parameters

- \* On September 26, 2017 the Board of Education held a workshop to discuss and provide parameters to the capital project committee.
- \* **Parameters include:**
  - \* Consider options for relocating the Administrative Offices into the High school/Middle school campus with replacement of classroom space
  - \* Incorporate maintenance items at both the Elementary and High/Middle School
  - \* Review of Athletic Complex and Land Purchase
  - \* Review of Agriculture Building/Maintenance Storage

# Why invest now?

We have a positive bond rating

We qualify for low interest rates

We will receive 83.7% back in New York State aid

District has been putting funds into a capital reserve to offset local share

Important to maintain level debt service in operating budget to minimize fluctuating budget patterns

# Next Steps

Develop a vision for the next capital project and prepare a plan to submit to the Board of Education for review and obtain voter approval.

## Next steps:

- \* Establish a timeline
- \* Address community survey results
- \* Review and determine needs vs. wants
- \* Review project worksheet
- \* Start brainstorming options for where Administrative Offices could fit in the MS/HS.
  - \* Consider aidability when making this decision

“Thank you for your service to the Attica Central School District Community by participating on this committee. Often, our schools are the focal point in the community because they house our most precious resource-our children. Your work here is vitally important in planning for the future of the districts facilities and the education of our children.”

Questions??