



Special Election February 8th

Capital Project,
Board Of Education Member
To Be Voted On

Newark Central School District residents will vote on a proposition at a special election February 8th that, if approved, should not raise taxes but authorize a \$15.4 million capital project that would address boiler, air conditioning and related improvements in all five school district buildings.

Ed Gnau, NCS D Assistant Superintendent for Business said the proposition, passed by the Board of Education last month, would cost \$15,430,000 and include installing air conditioning at Lincoln, Perkins and Kelley Schools, as well as HVAC work at the High School and Middle School to allow for the possibility of installing air conditioning at those locations in the future.

“This would provide filtered and cleaner air for the students at the elementary and primary levels as well as a more conducive learning environment for the students in these buildings,” he said. *“These three buildings are multi-story buildings so in the spring, summer and early fall they are much warmer for students in the upper levels than one story buildings. The project would also replace the aging boilers in all five (5) of our instructional buildings as they are needing more repairs each year to prepare for the heating season and repair work during the heating season.”*

Gnau anticipates no impact on taxpayers from the project because the district would use \$2.9 million in anticipated revenue from the American Rescue Plan; \$1,535,000 from the NCS D’s Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining cost of the project would be covered by New York State building aid.

“Upgrades addressed in this capital project would not only improve our facilities, but enhance the instructional and learning environment in our schools,” Superintendent Susan Hasenauer said. *“Since there is no anticipated impact on taxpayers, this would be an opportune time to move forward with making these improvements.”*

The proposition follows:

“Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this special voter meeting, authorizing reconstruction and equipping of existing school buildings and facilities, including, without limitation, boiler, air conditioning and site and incidental improvements, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$15,430,000; with the expenditure of \$1,535,000 from the existing Capital Reserve Fund for such costs, the issuance of not exceed \$13,895,000 of debt obligations of the School District therefore, such indebtedness to be offset and reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of Federal aid received, and the levy of a tax in annual installments therefore, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?”

Also in the election, district voters will elect a Board of Education member to fill the vacancy created in October with the unexpected passing of BOE member Shannon Nash who was elected to a three-year term in May. The successful candidate’s term would expire June 30, 2024 unless he or she was re-elected to another 3-year term in the May 2024 annual election.

In order to become a BOE trustee candidate, individuals must have been a resident of Newark for at least one year prior to the upcoming February election; be 18 or older; a U.S. citizen and be able to read and write. Persons interested in running for a seat on the BOE must file a nominating petition with a minimum of 25 signatures by qualified NCS D voters. They are available at the NCS D office located on the fourth floor of the Municipal Building at 100 East Miller Street or online at <https://www.newarkcsd.org/cms/lib/NY01000239/Centricity/Domain/30/BoardPetitionPacket.pdf>

The deadline for filing a petition is 5 p.m. January 10th.

Voting Feb. 8th will be held at Newark High School from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m..