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Lake Shore Central School District Moves Forward on Capital Construction Project Initiative

Working with project team of architects and construction management

Angola, NY (January 20, 2017) The Lake Shore Central School District continues to move forward with its Capital Construction Project initiative with the latest step happening at the most recent Board of Education Meeting held on Tuesday, January 17. Representatives from Young + Wright Architectural and Campus Construction Management presented their findings after working closely with the Building Facilities Committee. The Committee included Superintendent James Przepasniak, Board of Education members, administrators, and district staff. Working together, both groups examined research derived over the course of the past year to best identify what is most needed across the District.

The process began in December of 2015 with the state-mandated Building Condition Survey where each campus across the District, including Transportation, was thoroughly examined to identify areas that needed repair, renovation, or replacement. It was determined that a great deal of the infrastructure of the District was in need of repair or replacement. In addition, in the fall of 2016, a survey was created and distributed to the community to gauge their input for the implementation of a Capital Construction Project to move forward. Over 400 respondents agreed changes, improvements, repairs, and enhancements were needed.

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Throughout the late fall and early winter months of 2016, the project committee decided that a 1-2-3 approach was necessary to prioritize between building must haves and desired upgrades. The first includes such things as roof replacement, masonry repairs, restoration of building walkways, parking areas, and replacement of electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. The latter refers to remodeling public spaces such as gymnasiums, auditoriums, and instructional spaces.

“The overall goal in planning this Capital Construction Project has been to address District needs in the areas of building integrity, safety, instruction, and efficiency,” said Przepasniak. “We are following a very meticulous timeline to ensure we are identifying areas of high concern while also taking into heavy consideration the necessities that will aid in classroom instruction.”

The District and the Project Team are still in the information gathering stage, and this was outlined in Young + Wright’s presentation at the Board of Education meeting. A walkthrough of each building covering three elementary schools, the middle and senior high schools, the W.T. Hoag Educational Center, and the transportation building highlighted areas of serious concern, spaces that would enhance educational opportunities with upgrades, and other items that can be addressed in a future plan.

“We have identified areas in and around our campuses and buildings that require immediate attention, but we are still prioritizing needs at this time,” commented Przepasniak. “Proposing a project of this scope requires thoroughness on the part of each person involved in the decision making process. I am confident that the Project Team is moving forward in a positive direction and the Board of Education will be prepared to adopt a proposal that best addresses what is needed in the District.”

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Next steps include further discussion about the Capital Construction Project at future Board of Education Work Sessions. The next Work Session is Tuesday, February 7 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Shore Middle School and will include conversation between the Project Team and the Board.

In March, the Board of Education will act on a proposed referendum that will be included in the Annual District Budget vote May 17, 2017 that involves our annual transportation proposal and Board of Education member elections.

For more information about the Lake Shore Central School District, please visit: www.lakeshorecsd.org.

About Lake Shore Central School District

The Lake Shore Central School District, also known as Evans-Brant Central School District, is located in southern Erie County. It is 65 square miles and includes the Towns of Brant, Evans, and Eden, as well as the Villages of Angola and Farnham, and a portion of the Cattaraugus Indian Territory. There are five school buildings with an enrollment of approximately 2,600 students, Kindergarten through 12th grade in the 2015-2016 school year.

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