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PUBLIC REFERENDUM TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND COMPONENTS AND REPLACE SWIMMING POOL LINER

Public Meeting - Monday, September 19, 2005 @ 7:00 P.M.
Public Vote - Monday, September 26, 2005 from Noon - 9:00 P.M.
E-KCS Auditorium

Proposition #1: Playground / Swimming Pool Relining

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Edwards-Knox Central School District, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase playground components and to reline the swimming pool liner to expend a sum not to exceed One Hundred, Seventy-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$178,000.00) for such purposes, utilizing donated funds in the amount of \$12,766.60, with the balance to be taken from the district's fund balance.

PLAYGROUND AND SWIMMING POOL LINER

Over the last few years the playground at Edwards-Knox has deteriorated and become dangerous, because of the splinters from the pressure-treated wood used in it's construction. At this point it has been dismantled and the only playground equipment remaining for the children are swing sets. The Parent Teacher Association has been raising funds to replace the playground and to date have a total of \$12,766.60. A committee was formed to study different ideas for a new playground and have narrowed their options to various components they feel the children will be interested in.

Also, the swimming pool at Edwards-Knox is approximately 15 years old and is in need of some repair. Recently, blisters have appeared in the lining of the pool and we are at a point where maintenance is necessary. It doesn't seem like that long ago when the school was brand new, but with age comes deterioration and the pool is showing it's age.

At their meeting on August 22, 2005, the Board of Education formally adopted a resolution to bring a referendum to the voters authorizing to purchase playground components and to reline the swimming pool liner to expend a sum not to exceed One Hundred, Seventy-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$178,000.00) for such purposes, utilizing donated funds in the amount of \$12,766.60, with the balance to be taken from the district's fund balance. The costs are as follows:

- 1. Playground \$85,000
- 2. Pool Liner \$50,000
- 3. Architecture \$27,000
- 4. Contineny \$16,000

TOTAL COST	=	\$178,000
ESTIMATED STATE AID	=	\$147,740
PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION DONATIONS	=	\$ 12,766
NET COST TO DISTRICT FROM FUND BALANCE		\$ 17,494

The district's share of \$17,494 will be paid from the available fund balance. Resulting in no additional cost to the taxpayers.

As of this writing, all the unsafe playground equipment has been removed, with the exception of a swingset.



POOL RELINING

The swimming pool at Edwards-Knox is approximately 15 years old and is in need of some repair. Over the years blisters have appeared in the lining of the pool and we are at a point where maintenance is necessary. It doesn't seem like that long ago when the school was brand new, but with age comes deterioration and the pool is showing it's age.

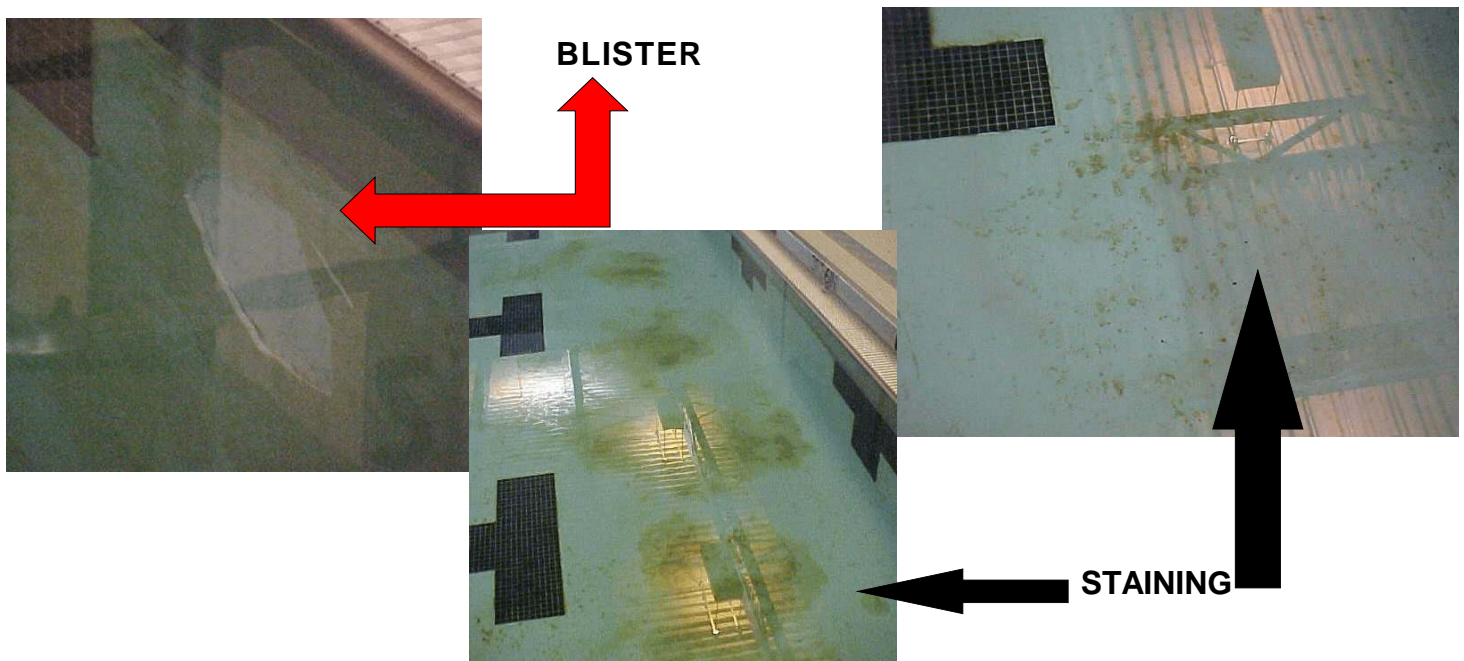
These repairs will require us to drain the swimming pool so that a contractor can do the work. The pool may be closed sometime next summer for 2-5 weeks.

For many years we have wrestled with iron and calcium in our water, causing staining on the walls and bottom. Cleaning these stains is hard on the surfaces of the pool. The remedy is to reline the pool. There are different ways to accomplish this and one is to replaster with the same material called Marcite, which typically has a 1-2 year warranty. A flexible PVC material is similar to the lining in a home pool and conforms to any shape, but is much thicker and tougher. This material carries a 10 to 15-year warranty. Also, there is a fiberglass system that completely covers the current structure in fiberglass layers, creating a pool within a pool. All three repairs have their good and bad points, but we are recommending the PVC type liner, mostly because of the installation time and the ease of repair. We estimate the cost of these repairs will not exceed \$50,000. Once made, these repairs should last for 10-15 years.

We have seen many years of service from our pool with countless children being taught to swim and develop lifeguards that might not otherwise have the chance. To keep our pool from deteriorating further, we should be proactive in it's upkeep.

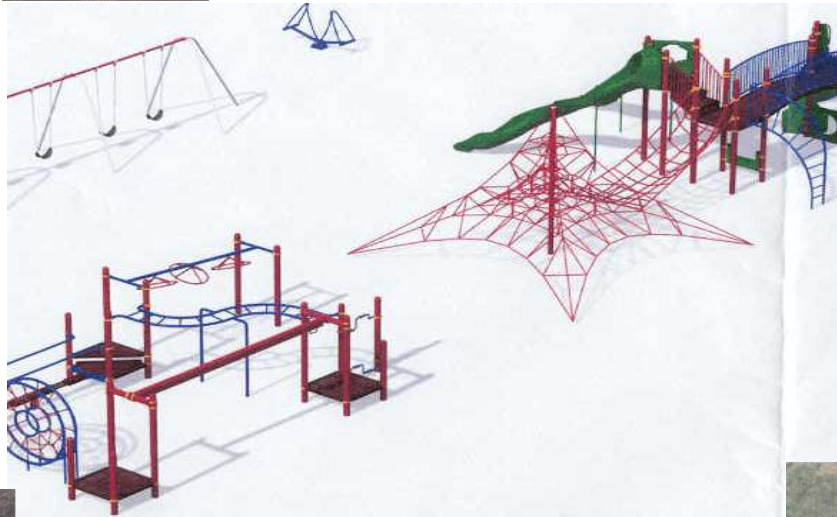
A public hearing on these two propositions will take place on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the district's auditorium. The vote for these propositions will be held on Monday, September 26, 2005 in the auditorium, from Noon to 9:00 P.M. We look forward to seeing you at the September 19 hearing to give you details about the playground project this relining project and the finance plans we will use to pay them.

Therefore, as a result of these two events we feel we can pay for these two projects from State Aid and from the fund balance, without increasing taxes to district residents. Please come to the meeting on September 19, 2005 so that we can discuss this with you.



PUBLIC VOTE TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND COMPONENTS AND RELINE SWIMMING POOL

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