



Hematite Highlights

ISHPEMING SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Building Sinking Fund Renewal

The Board of Education has placed a 2.5 mill **renewal** of the sinking fund on the November 3rd election ballot. The proposal is for 15 years. This is a renewal of the sinking fund that was approved by the voters in 1995 (4.5 mills is what the voters approved in 1995 - the Board is only asking for a 2.5 mill renewal). Section 1212 of the Revised School Code limits the use of the sinking fund to the construction and repair of school buildings and the purchase of real estate. The sinking fund is required to be audited by an independent auditor.

The sinking fund is the only source of revenue for the repair of our schools. The State does not help with school repairs and improvements.

Some examples of completed projects using sinking fund:

Birchview School

- High efficiency Boilers
- High efficiency hot water boiler
- Exterior door replacement
- Remodel/rebuild office area
- Gym light replacement
- West wing hall/classroom floor replacement
- Roof
- Heating controls/piping
- Wiring for Internet access

C.L. Phelps School

- Remodel/replace computer lab
- Remodel library
- ADA handicapped restrooms
- Elevator tower
- Roof
- Entry area (North Street)
- Exterior Doors
- West windows
- Boilers
- Domestic hot water heating boiler
- Wiring for Internet access

Ishpeming High School/Central School

- Remodel science rooms — chemistry, physics, biology
- Pool piping/pumps
- Handicapped accessible restroom (Central)
- Rebuild I.H.S. front entry
- Roof repairs
- Pool drain repair/safety covers
- Computer lab
- Emergency boiler fire tube replacement
- Repair/remodel old gym locker room
- Replace boiler piping and exhaust stacks
- Wiring for Internet access

Examples of Future projects that need to be done over the next 15 years that can only be completed if the sinking fund is renewed:

Birchview School

- Replace classroom doors/entry with ADA compliant security doors
- High tech fire alarm system
- Electronic door security
- Replace original floor tile in classrooms and halls
- Replace existing roof (2015)
- Replace front entry pavement/sidewalk
- Repair exterior brick/mortar
- Ventilate office area
- Replace classroom univents

C.L. Phelps School

- Electronic door security
- High tech fire alarm system
- Replace original linoleum floor
- Replace gym lights
- Replace roof (2012)
- Replace tile floors in gym lobby and locker rooms
- Storm drains in east play area
- Repair exterior brick/mortar
- Replace windows

Ishpeming High School/Central School

- Electronic door security
- Replace classroom doors with ADA compliant security doors
- Thermostatic controls
- Boiler efficiency repairs
- Dedicated high efficiency boiler for pool/old gym area
- Replace/insulate roof (2016)
- Rebuild/replace soffit, fascia, cupola
- Repair exterior brick/mortar
- Replace windows
- Replace old gym floor
- Exterior concrete repair

Athletic Facilities Complex

- Rebuild tennis courts

Bus Area

- Driver area/restrooms

Without the sinking fund, none of these projects can be completed.

A few reminders:

- This is a renewal — not a new tax.
- Renewed at 2.5 mills not the original 4.5 that the voters approved.
 - Can only be used for construction and repairs.
 - Audited every year by an independent auditor.
- Only funds available for building repairs — State does not help.

If you have questions, please call Superintendent Stephen Piereson or Business Manager Anthony Bertucci at 485-5501.

Whether you vote yes or no, be certain to vote. Your vote is important! The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. If you need information on your voting location, call Ishpeming City Clerk Jenifer Rajala at 485-1091 or Ishpeming Township Clerk Susan Jandron at 485-5411 or check the Election Notice published in the Mining Journal on October 27, 2009.