At its Sept. 29 meeting, the Kings Park School District Board of Education voted unanimously in support of a capital project bond resolution that will go to the community for vote. The Board has authorized a vote date of Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015. If approved by voters, a maximum of $41,442,515 may be borrowed over a period of 15-20 years. The proposed capital project bond referendum will address the need for repairs and renovations, safety and security upgrades, athletic updates and curricular issues to meet the demands of the district’s more rigorous curriculum.

If voters approve the proposed project, all six buildings within the district would see building improvements, including roof replacements, bathroom renovations, and door and hardware replacements, as well as asphalt and pavement upgrades, as necessary.

Plans also call for auditorium upgrades, gymnasium renovations, and the creation of a multipurpose athletic field and accompanying concession stand/comfort station at Kings Park High School. Additional high school renovations include upgrading the library to provide for 21st-century student research and learning needs, and resurfacing and upgrading the high school track. The full listing of projects can be found on the district’s website, www.kpcsd.k12.ny.us.

“We have spent several months reviewing the needs of the district and are excited to officially present this plan to the voters of our community,” said Board of Education President Pam DeFord. “Our Facilities Committee has worked diligently and collaboratively at making sure our district continues to meet the growing needs of our children and community. This has been a community effort to ensure our district can continue providing for the educational needs of our children in a safe, secure environment.”

The total anticipated cost of the project is $41,422,514. Of this amount, 62.1 percent of allowable building expenses will be funded through New York State building aid. For the average assessed home in the district, the project will cost taxpayers an estimated $153 per year.

“This bond project will ensure the structural integrity of our buildings for years to come, as well as raise the level of pride in our school district,” Superintendent of Schools Dr. Timothy Eagen said. “Our students deserve better, and this project is about rebuilding Kings Park pride.”

On Dec. 8, community residents will have the opportunity to vote on the proposal. The vote will be held from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Kings Park High School Back Gym. For more information on the building renovation and construction project, please visit the district’s website at www.kpcsd.k12.ny.us.