

New Paltz Central School District Capital Project Q&A #2

Q: What are the anticipated annual costs of maintaining the pool?

A: The annual cost is approximately \$87,000. We would pay an estimated \$60,000 for utilities which includes heating the pool and building, electric for running the pumps, lighting, and HVAC and dehumidification of the area. Chemicals and routine testing required by the state department of health would cost us an estimated \$17,000. The cost would increase if we opened up the pool to outside groups.

Q: What are the anticipated annual costs for staffing the pool?

A: The estimated annual cost for staffing the pool is \$170,000. The cost for a swim instructor is between \$100,000 and \$120,000 per year including benefits and the estimated cost for lifeguards is \$50,000 per year. It is not the intention of the school board to require students to take swim lessons as part of their PE program. Therefore, the PE teachers will be busy teaching their PE classes so they will not be available to teach any swim electives. In order to staff swim electives, we will have to hire an additional PE teacher who is also a certified swim instructor. Having this PE teacher would allow us to offer 5 swim electives per day, although since we have block scheduling they would really have three electives one day and two electives the next day. Obviously, if we wanted more swim electives we would have to hire another swim instructor. We would also have to hire a lifeguard to cover these 5 classes since a PE teacher can't teach and lifeguard at the same time.

Q: Once the pool is open is there a plan to let the community use the pool?

A: It is the desire of the school board to make the pool available to the community for recreational use before and/or after school when the pool is not being used by our students or swim team.

Q: What are the anticipated annual costs of maintaining artificial turf at the Floyd Patterson field?

A: The cost is approximately \$8,000 per year. We will be using manufacturers that provided PFAS free recycled crumb rubber turf.

Q: What are is the annual costs of maintaining grass at the Floyd Patterson field?

A: The cost is approximately \$15,000 per year. This includes labor & fuel for mowing, seeding, paint & labor for striping the field, maintaining the sprinkler system, and electric for running the pumps to water the field.

Q: Why didn't we include solar in our capital project?

A: It was determined that based on the amount of money we pay for electric, the return on our investment didn't make it a cost effective option.

Q: Why didn't we include heat pumps in our capital project?

A: It was determined that based on the amount of money we pay for electric, the return on our investment didn't make it a cost effective option.

Q: Why isn't there anything included in the project related to security?

A: We believe that our schools are secure and the breaches that occurred in the past were not due to unsafe/unsecure buildings but due to people allowing unauthorized people into the buildings.