

## **Ichabod Crane board awards bids for construction**

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A \$7 million capital improvement project in the Ichabod Crane Central School District is underway as bids for roof construction, masonry restoration and track reconstruction, totaling \$494,805, were awarded at a special meeting of the Ichabod Crane Board of Education on July 23.

“There were three prime contracts approve by the board,” said Steve Marotta, district director of facilities and operations.

The board made its decisions to award the bids based on recommendations.

“The bids were reviewed by the district architects,” Marotta said. “They determined the lowest responsible bidder for each contract and made the recommendation to the board.”

Roof construction to replace sections over the 200 wing and auditorium of the high school was awarded to S.D. Caruthers Sons Inc., at a cost of \$204,030, from a pool of two bids, Marotta said.

Western Building Restoration Co. Inc. received a \$187,000 bid for masonry restoration at various locations around the high school building in a competition of four bidders.

Both roof and masonry construction projects are scheduled to begin in August and end before September.

The third contract was awarded to Copeland Coating Co. Inc. for reconstruction of track surfacing. Copeland was the only bidder on the project, at \$103,775.

The reconstruction is scheduled to begin in late fall with a completion date before the end of the year.

The scope of the \$7,007,680 capital improvement project includes technology and infrastructure upgrades. Voters approved the project by referendum.

Planned funding for the project includes a \$5.8 million bond, a reimbursement of approximately 73 percent of construction costs through state aid and a one-time revenue source of \$1.2 million from the district’s fund balance and an insurance settlement.

Additional revenue to be used for project costs will come from the sale of the former Martin Van Buren Elementary School, at \$550,000, along with \$499,996 from the district’s debt reserve.

The next regular meeting of the ICC Board of Education is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6 at the middle school library.