

High Point to discuss renovations

School board will answer public's questions at Monday's meeting

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SUSSEX BOROUGH — A new roof for a building wing, new doors, windows and a new ventilation system are just some of the upgrades High Point Regional High School officials are considering placing on the January ballot.

The High Point Board of Education plans to discuss the possible upgrades and will be taking questions and comments from audience members about the project at Monday's school board meeting.

Superintendent John Hammum stressed the project, and its cost, has yet to be finalized.

"The idea is that we are looking for input as we put this together," he said. "We don't want to make it look like we've already decided on everything."

The list of possible upgrades includes a new roof over the wing of the building that houses the foreign language department and some special education classrooms, replacing the school's doors and windows, installing new equipment in the science labs, which haven't been updated since the school was built in 1964. Installing a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, also the original system installed in the building, security system upgrades and upgrades to the athletic facility and

If you want to go

Who: High Point Regional High School Board of Education.

When: 7 p.m. Monday.

Where: High Point Regional High School, 299 Pidgeon Hill Road.

sewer treatment facility.

Although the school has estimates for each project, officials said it's too soon to release a total cost.

"We haven't decided what projects will be included in the referendum, so therefore we haven't decided on the

final cost," Hammum said.

"As far as the taxes, our goal is to have the taxpayers realize a reduction in their taxes and the reason for that will be the amount of the grant funding we receive from the state, as well as the fact that we are retiring present debt," Hammum said.

By June, the district will have retired the debt from three other projects — 1989 and 1991 building expansions and a 2000 lease purchase, he said.

In addition, some of the proposed upgrades may be eligible for state aid, which could reduce the district's portion of the cost by about 30 percent, he said.