Four for three school board seats

The Kingston City School District’s Business Committee of Education will have three open seats at the end of the current school year, and all three incumbents will face off against a single challenger at the polls later this month. Of the three incumbents, the Rev. Arthur L. Coston Sr. of Kingston is the longest serving member, seeking into Dietz Stadium to the Thomas Allen Corporation for the district’s $162 million budget proposal for the 2016-17 school year, Michael placed fourth overall with enough votes to make comments in lease agreements with the district.

May 19 on everything from abatement work and hazarduous materials removal, to millwork and casework, to various mechanical and general contracting work. “We’ve had a good turnout so far, and we’re kind of in the early stages of the bidding period,” DeLima said, adding that he expected to be able to make recommendations to the school board at their June 1 meeting. Abatement work is expected to get underway over the summer, while the mechanical components are still being reviewed by the State Education Department, and bids wouldn’t be likely to be reviewed for that work until sometime in the year. “That works isn’t due to begin until the following summer, so we have a bit of leeway and we can get good value,” he said. “We’re monitoring the bidding market, we’re planning, and starting to look at drawings, constructability, biddability, dollars and cents, to make sure it will all come together and we can have the complete system in place.”

The Second Century is due to take on a few more concerned parties this month, when a student shad-owing program begins.

According to Serodan, students applicants from Kingston High have been interviewed, with two of them starting a 14-hour program in May where they would work along with pre-construction sessions, monitor the bidding process, and get an inside look at other aspects of the capital project. The top two candidates will work through the midsummer, with the next two beginning their course in August. Students chosen for the project will have to complete a 10-hour OSHA training course before they’re allowed supervised visits on construction areas.

“We’re really excited to start that program,” Serodan said.

Bus driver of the year

The McHudson Transporta- tion Supervisors Association (MHTSA) has named Ethan Allen Transportation school bus driver Andrea Whitaker “2016 Ulster County Bus Driver of the Year.” The award, which recognizes Whitaker’s dedication to her profession, was presented in conjunction with Operation Safe Stop Day, a program that brings together local school districts and law enforcement agencies to cooperate in reducing the number of motorists who illegally pass school buses that are stopped to pick up or drop off school children.

While she has been working as an Ethan Allen Transportation in February 1989 and for a time in the early 1990s, Serodan’s daughter, her father, Andrew Aurigemma, when he served as a manager with Ethan Allen. Whitaker also worked through three generations of Allens at Ethan Allen Transportation, including Bree M. Allen, who today serves as the Kingston-based school bus company’s regional leader.

“Andrew has that winning combination of being stern when safety is at stake yet always caring and com- passionate with her passengers. She makes sure they know and follow the rules — including no bullying,” said Bree Allen. “She rarely misses a day of work and her driving record with us is exemplary.

Church dinner

The St. Remy Reformed Church will set out a fundraising spa- ghtetti dinner next Saturday, May 14, from 4-7 p.m. at the St. Remy Firehouse.

The meat tossed salad with choice of dressing; spaghetti with meatballs, garlic and oil or butter; choice of dressing; spaghetti with meatballs, garlic and oil or butter; choice of dressing; spaghetti with meatballs, garlic and oil or butter; choice of dressing; spaghetti with meatballs, garlic and oil or butter.