



SAMANTHA BRIX PHOTO Roof repairs at Briarcliff Elementary School are slated to be completed by the first day of the 2011-12 school year.

Repairs on the gymnasium roof at Briarcliff Elementary School are one step closer to completion after the Board of Education agreed at Tuesday's meeting to submit an environmental review application to the state education department.

Shoreham-Wading River school board president Jack Costas said before the meeting that the district hopes to secure a building permit by mid-May and construction is slated to be begin June 25, the day after school lets out.

"The architects are confident that the gym will be ready for occupancy by the opening of school on September 7," Mr. Costas told Northshoresun.com.

Briarcliff Elementary School closed for a week in March after a ceiling tile fell in Briarcliff's multi-purpose room, which also serves as a gymnasium. Students were shuttled to the district's two other elementary schools for classes while the roof was being temporarily fixed.

Also at the meeting, the board made adjustments to an unrelated health and safety improvement project at Briarcliff Elementary School, including the installation of piping protection and valves, and labor and materials for automatic vent shutters.

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