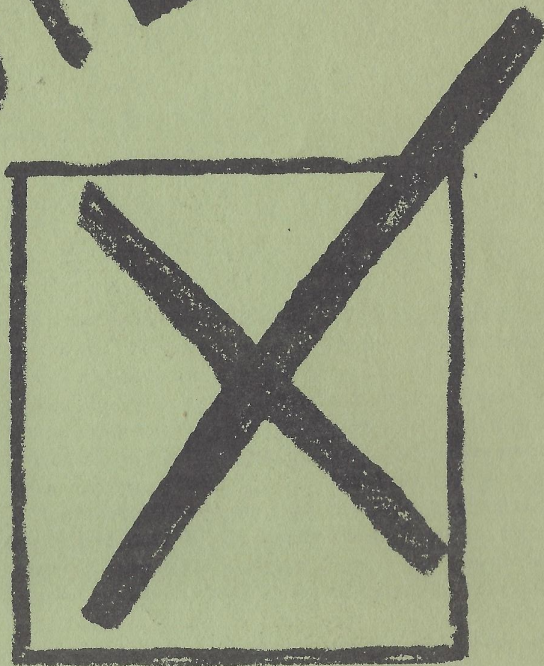


VOTE



# SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

**Tuesday, April 26th**

**Villisca Community School District #2**

**Villisca, Iowa**

## Summary of Bond Issue Financing

Cost: The proposed bond issue is for a sum not to exceed \$197,000, for the purpose of the four proposals listed. It is anticipated that the bond issue would be repaid over a period of 10 years. Based on the approximate assessed valuation of \$52,381,881, it is expected that a levy of approximately 49c per \$1,000 would be required to repay the principal and interest. Voters are reminded that the last bond issue which was to be paid over a period of 20 years will be paid in full by November, 1977. The cost per \$1,000 in an average year on that bond issue was approximately 69c per \$1,000 which means if this bond issue passes, there will be a decrease in the amount to be raised by taxation for the Schoolhouse Fund.

Your help is needed: The proposed plan has been adopted by the Board after carefully considering several alternatives. As a resident and registered voter of the District, you must make the final decision as to our course of action. Your comments and questions are welcome; only by discussing and considering the facts can a proper choice be made as to the future of our educational facilities. Please vote on April 26th.

Below is a copy of the resolution you will be asked to vote upon April 26th. Remember, the polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

“Shall the Villisca Community School District, in the Counties of Montgomery, Adams, Page and Taylor, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds in an amount of not to exceed \$197,000.00, to provide funds to defray the cost of constructing repairs and improvements to the existing high school building [including replacement of gym flooring, replacement of windows, tuckpointing exterior of building and miscellaneous work items], building locker rooms and a storage area, and building and furnishing a shop building addition to the existing high school building?”

We of the Villisca Community School District Board of Education have continually directed our efforts, as have other boards before us, toward keeping our educational facilities in good repair and up to prevailing standards of the time. However, there are certain items in the line of maintenance and Industrial Arts space, which have been too costly to have been paid for from the yearly general fund budget. Therefore, we are presenting the following proposals to the voters of the Villisca Community School District #2.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Education  
Janis S. Enarson, President  
Gene Westerlund, Vice-President  
Joe Northup, Director  
Margaret Shipley, Director  
Harry D. Hall, Director

Item 1: Gym floor replacement. This floor has been a problem since it was new, as lack of a proper moisture barrier and no provision for expansion or movement has caused the maple flooring to warp and erupt in many places. Approximately one quarter of the floor had to be replaced last November, to make the floor useable for this year's basketball season. Free labor was obtained in replacing this portion of the floor but materials alone cost \$2,600. No qualified person has been able to propose a solution to the moisture problem; it is only a matter of time until this gym floor will be beyond the stage where repairs can be made. The gym floor is used for seven out of eight periods each school day for P.E. classes and during basketball season is used for after school practices. Besides normal physical education use, the gym was used for the boys' sectional basketball tournaments, FFA Benefit Basketball Marathon, Farmer-Merchant Banquet, District FFA meeting, Athletic Banquet, S.A.C. Band Concert, Villisca's Parade of Bands Concert, FFA Parent-Member Banquet and the Band Mother's Smorgasbord in the time span of mid-February to mid-April.

**Proposal:** Remove the present floor, install an adequate moisture barrier and a "free floating" type of gym floor which allows for expansion and contraction of the wood surface.



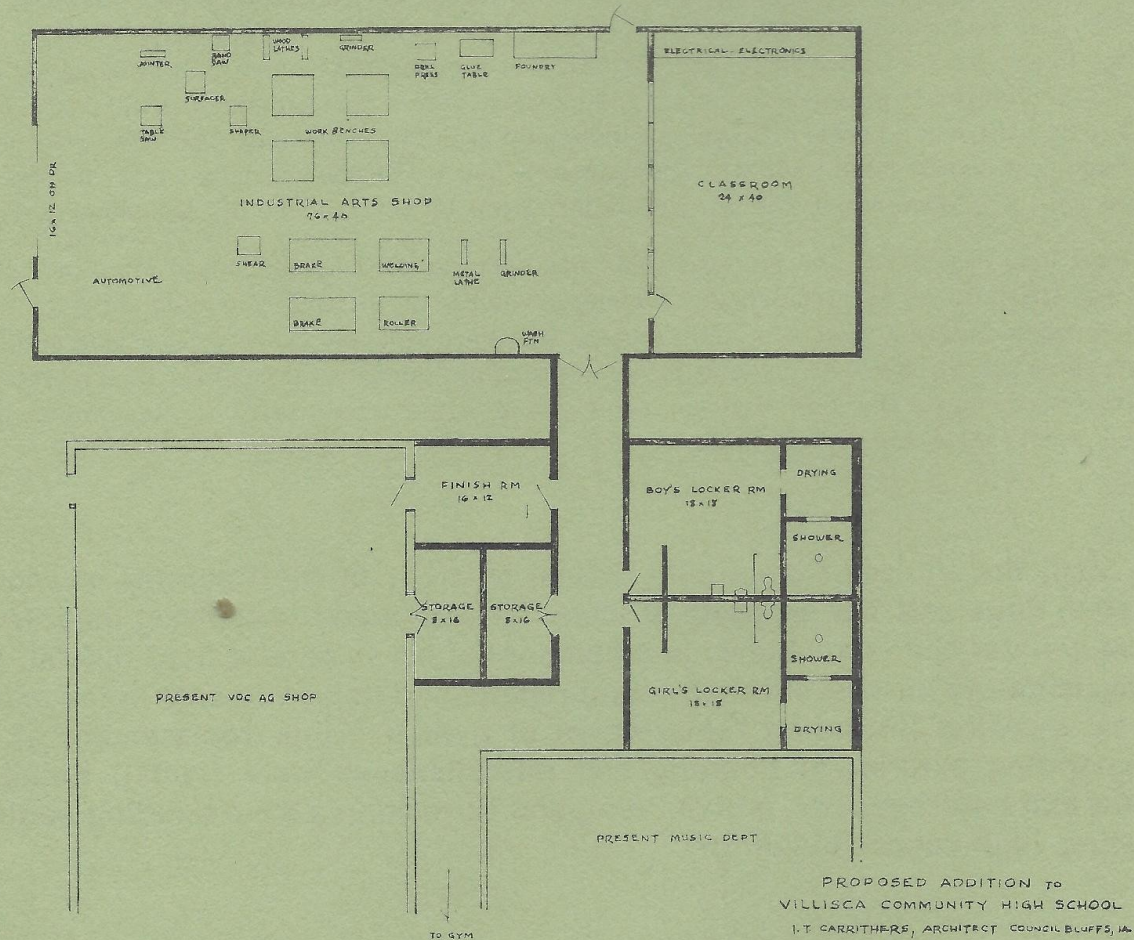
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Item 2: Window replacement for High School and Nodaway School. The windows in these two buildings are heat and energy wasters. Some wood sashes are rotting and are expensive to maintain. Each summer many hours are spent in reputtying and repainting these old windows in an effort to prolong their useful life.

**Proposal:** Remove the old wood sashes and block some of them entirely with an insulated panel and replace the remainder with steel, double-hung 1/2" insulated glass windows. The architect estimates a 20 to 25% savings on heat and little or no maintenance cost. See drawing above.

Item 3: Tuckpointing. The current high school building is 64 years old. After this length of time the mortar between the bricks has become loosened and the bricks are in danger of falling. This presents the possibility of future moisture damage.

**Proposal:** The mortar will be cut away to a depth of  $\frac{1}{2}$ "', and a new ridge of mortar will be laid between the bricks. This procedure will also include sandblasting the complete exterior of the old building.



Item 4: Shop and locker room addition. In recent years the Industrial Arts program has expanded considerably and presently includes courses for the junior high and also high school courses in electricity, electronics, auto mechanics, carpentry, woodworking, drafting, architectural drawing, and metals. Outside space has had to be rented for the last seven years. Presently the district is paying \$4,020.00 per year for rent; in addition, the district pays the utility bill for the entire building. This rental money and utility payments are paid from the general fund and not from a building fund. The passage of this bond issue would permit the money presently being spent for rent to be used for general fund expenditures such as salaries and instruction supplies. Distance from the school to the IA building also presents problems in supervision of students. Addition of some locker room space would alleviate several problems for the P.E. program and athletic program. During the football season the locker rooms are overcrowded with both people and equipment. The junior high team has no space during the football season. During the basketball season a boys' and girls' varsity game requires that the four teams and the officials be accommodated in two locker rooms.

**Proposal:** Construct an insulated metal building with both shop and classroom space as economically as possible in the area just north of the new addition of the high school. Build a locker room and storage area of brick and block construction in the area north of the band room and east of the Ag shop; this will be attached as part of the present building and includes a finish room for use of both shops. See drawing above.

# SCHOOL BOND— YES

The school bond issue for the Villisca Community School District passed a test at the polls last Tuesday. A rather surprising margin of four to one approved the \$197,000 bond issue. Esther Wheeler, precinct election official gave the following breakdown of the vote.

	Yes	No
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Villisca	284	105
Nodaway	79	18
Morton Mills	56	15

Therefore very soon work will begin on construction of a new Industrial Arts annex, replacement of the windows in the high school and Nodaway building (the latter will use other funds), and replacement of the badly damaged gym floor at the high school. However, first there is some preliminary work -- concerning issuance of the bond and having bids for the construction work submitted.

## School Board Meeting

The meeting of the Villisca School Board was called to order April 25th at 8 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. All board members present; also present were Principal Skavdahl and Carolyn Harter. Minutes read, corrected, and approved.

At 8:20 p.m. the board moved to the library where Mr and Mrs Lawrence Lewis, Mr and Mrs Herb Phillis, Gladys Abbott, and Alma Bewley waited.

Non-certified personnel: Discussion of contracts for positions previously submitted at earlier meetings. A motion was made which was defeated.

Westerlund moved that all non-certified personnel shown on the master list (one cook's job is eliminated) be rehired with the exception of the current transportation director, Lawrence Lewis. Also included in the motion that a Transportation Director be hired that can drive one regular route

and a noon kindergarten route, and that the driver with the least seniority be offered a conditional contract. Votes: Westerlund - aye; Northrup - naye; Enarson - aye; Hall - aye; and Shipley - aye.

At 9:10 p.m. Capaldo arrives.

At 9:15 p.m. Capaldo and Skavdahl leave.

Co-coaching duties in basketball area for 1977-78 school year: Board will advertise for someone with qualifications in Spanish or Industrial Arts who would also take on co-coaching duties.

Board received letter from Joel Patterson asking permission to be released from his contract for next year.

At 9:17 p.m. all audience but Carolyn Harter left.

At 9:19 p.m. Capaldo and Skavdahl returned. Northrup moved, Shipley seconded accepting Joel Patterson's resignation. All ayes.

Principal Skavdahl's report concerning Athletic Director's position for 1977-78 school year. There are as of now three options:

1. Steve Woods feels his academic schedule for next year is too full to assume the position and would probably refuse the position.

2. Return to the original proposal of choosing one of the two men suggested by the coaches in their submitted written statement presented to the board at a previous meeting.

3. Split the duties between the personnel of the school.

A decision on the Athletic Director's position for the 1977-78 school year will be made later, depending upon the new personnel that will be hired for this fall.

Williams and Capaldo left.

The board adjourns to the Superintendent's office.

Obtaining a new Superintendent: The board reviews the applicants, made a list of prospective candidates for further study, and plans on contacting their references. The board will invite the VEA committee to visit with the applicants who visit the Villisca schools.

Westerlund moved, Northrup seconded rehiring Roberta Dickey as board secretary for the 1977-78 school year at the same percentage increase as all other non-certified personnel. All ayes.

The board adjourned at 11:30 p.m.