

USD 380 Voters To Decide Scaled Down Bond Issue

(KMZA)--Vermillion USD 380 patrons will face a reduced bond issue during the November 7th election.

The Board of Education during an August 28th special meeting voted 6-1 to place a \$1.35 million bond issue on the ballot to provide safety and security measures at the district's three attendance centers in Centralia, Frankfort and Vermillion. Board member Royce Becker cast the lone no vote.

According to the district's web site, the funds would be used at each building to develop secure entries, move the office spaces to the front entrances, provide access controls on exterior doors, new interior classroom locks, and address camera coverage deficiencies.

Superintendent Mischel Miller says the items were the board's priority from the beginning.

If approved by voters, the bond issue would be paid off over a five-year period and require a projected 6.5 mill levy increase.

The district's voters on August 1st turned down an \$8.25 million bond issue by a more than 430 vote margin. It would have addressed the safety and security measures and created additional classroom space at Centralia and Frankfort along with building a new gymnasium at Centralia.

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