

C'ville Asks To Revise \$1 Million Bond Issue

By MARIE MCGEE
Permission to remodel as well as to construct new additions to Clarenceville schools will be sought from district voters in the June 14 school election.

Involved is \$1 million that remains from a \$3.5 million bond issue passed in 1965. The original bond issue earmarked the money for the construction of a new high school auditorium and several additions to existing school buildings and provided funds

for furnishing and equipping the improvements. It also provided funds for site development and improvement of the building and equipping of playgrounds, but doesn't include remodeling projects.

However, the district's decreasing elementary school population prompted the board of education to take another look at its long-range building program.

"At the time the bond issue passed, Clarenceville's student population was projected at 5,000 by 1971," explained Supt. of Schools David McDowell. "It was essential at that time that the bond issue provide money for additions to buildings rather than to renovate."

"Time has proven the projection to be too high," he continued. Enrollment is not expected to exceed 4,000 in the foreseeable future, the superintendent said. Clarenceville's current enrollment is 3,838.

All the enrollment loss has been at the elementary school level, he noted. The junior high enrollment has stabilized and the high school enrollment continues to increase.

"WE FEEL at this time that a portion of the \$1 million left from the original bond issue can be spent more wisely if it is used to alter existing space rather than building new additions," McDowell said. "This cannot be done unless the original proposition is reworded."

He emphasized that voters will not be deciding whether or

not the board has the authority to use the \$1 million, but only if some of the money can be used for renovation purposes.

He said the board was advised by the Municipal Finance Commission to have the original bond issue rewritten to encompass renovation.

The board is studying plans for the following additions and renovations if the proposition is approved:

EDGEWOOD SCHOOL. Renovating three classrooms built in 1935 and a classroom into a new library-instructional material center, and add a fire exit corridor. Cost is estimated at \$19,000.

GRANDVIEW. Enlarge the present library into a media center by remodeling two adjacent classroom areas for an estimated cost of \$106,000.

JUNIOR HIGH. Remodel five classrooms to provide facilities for band and music department and remodel one classroom and library workroom to provide additional media center space. Estimated cost is \$146,500.

HIGH SCHOOL. A new auto shop is planned as well as new locker and shower facilities for the swimming pool at a cost of \$385,000.

Other athletic department improvements would be a junior-senior high fieldhouse with shower and locker facilities and additional bleachers. Cost was estimated \$119,000.

Proposed improvements to the board of education office call for adding to and renovating the present storage area into a data processing center with a new roof and flashings; and an updated heating system. Estimated cost was \$50,500.

In addition to voting on the rewritten bond proposition, Clarenceville voters will also be electing two trustees to four-year terms on the board of education.

Candidates are two incumbents: Thomas C. Wilson and Dr. Samuel Prisk; Winfred Max Kirschke, William C. Van Dike, Mrs. Dorothy Sjogren, Mrs. Marilyn Rowens, and Mrs. Gertrude Walsh.

Rhoda Weiss MSU Speaker

Rhoda Weiss, a Livonia senior at Michigan State University, will give the valedictory address at the commencement ceremony for graduating students on June 13.

Miss Weiss, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Weiss, 1949 St. Francis, Livonia, is a journalism major with a minor in economics. Her special emphasis is in political science, history and black studies.

Miss Weiss began her journalistic career while a Clarenceville High School student, writing sports for the Old Farmington Enterprise. As a student at MSU, she contributed a number of public affairs articles to Observer Newspapers. On July 1 she will go to work for the Yonkers (N.Y.) Herald Statesman, a daily newspaper.

MISS WEISS recently was chosen one of the 50 outstanding seniors in the class of 1971 and also was selected as one of the 50 outstanding women on campus.

Miss Weiss has been an active student at Michigan State University. She is a member of Del Phi, a senior women's honorary which meets weekly with faculty, administrators and politicians.

She has served as president of Theta Sigma Phi, a national professional organization of women in journalism and communications, and she is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, a professional organization of

men and women in journalism.

AS A MEMBER of MSU's Journalism Student Advisory Committee, Miss Weiss was co-editor of a journalism undergraduate handbook. At present she is assistant editor of Bulletin for Urban Planning, a national quarterly for professional urban planners. Her other activities include: resident advisor for two years; University chorus; membership in Alpha Delta Pi, a social sorority; interfraternity council and former director of information services for the Associated Students at MSU.



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