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CLARA CITY – Voters in the MACCRAY School District rejected a \$20 million bond issue tonight for a new elementary school and an auditorium/theater in Clara City by a tally of 733 in favor to 1,067 against, according to unofficial results presented to school board members.

Frigid temperatures and icy roads did not keep 1,800 voters from the polls for the hotly contested issue. As expected, voters in the original Raymond and Maynard districts rejected the proposal, while those in the original Clara City district supported it.

The unofficial numbers showed Raymond voters against the measure by a count of 50 in favor to 464 against the bond issue. Maynard voters opposed it by 132 in favor to 361 against.

Clara City voters carried it by a 479 to 165 count.

The MACCRAY School Board had proposed the bond issue to build an elementary school attached to the high school in Clara City, along with an auditorium and theater. The measure included funding to help the Raymond and Maynard communities find new uses for the elementary school buildings, which would be closed with the building of a new, single elementary school.



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