

FRIESLAND STATE GRADED SCHOOL

BUILDING COMPLETED 100 YEARS AGO – 1923-2023

The first school building in Friesland (called Randolph Center at that time) was built in 1868 on the corner of North Madison Street and East Winnebago Street. That is where the Friesland Community Church Parsonage is located. The school was called Joint District # 3 of Randolph Center and was built with a stone basement to be used as the Town Hall of Randolph Township. (See picture below)



The second school building was also built on that site further to the north of the current shelter. It was a two-room school. The original school building was moved to the lot where the water tower stands. It became the Town of Randolph Town Hall. (See picture below)



The Village of Friesland was not incorporated in 1920 when discussions began regarding building a new larger school building which would accommodate the growing school population. Therefore, the Town of Randolph Board 's Building Committee made all the decisions.

Several meetings were held to discuss the possibility of a new building for the growing enrollment. The first proposed building would house 6 classrooms. After the cost was assessed, the decision to build the school with four classrooms. This was passed by the building committee. On October 5, 1920 a vote was taken on the following sites:

1. Present Site - Corner of N Madison + E Winnebago
2. Schuchardt Estate Site – 113 S Madison Street (3 acres)
3. Cupery Site

After no majority was reached, a second vote was cast. The results were #1 – 28; #2 – 29; #3 – 0. The Schuchardt Estate Site was chosen.



BUILDING PROJECT INCOME 1921-1923:

3/16/1921	State Trust Fund	\$ 22,726.10
6/2/1922	Interest	\$ 615.32
7/14/1922	Donation	\$ 5.00
8/22/1922	Sale - Former Site	\$ 4,960.00
9/8/1922	Refund-Abstract	\$ 10.00
4/5/1923	Loan	\$ 1,500.00
6/7/1923	Loan	\$ 300.00
6/8/1923	Loan	\$ 250.00
6/14/1923	Loan	\$ 300.00
<u>6/22/1923</u>	<u>Loan</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:		\$ 30,766.42

BUILDING PROJECT EXPENSES 1921-1923:

Appraisal	\$ 68.88
Survey	\$ 20.00
Land Purchase	\$ 2,100.00
Legal Fees	\$ 99.00
Architect	\$ 653.00
Building Committee	\$ 235.25
Insurance	\$ 52.20
Contractor	\$ 17,360.80
Building Materials	\$ 4,656.88
Plumbing	\$ 201.55
Heating	\$ 3,017.12
Electric	\$ 968.64
Well Drilling	\$ 450.62
Miscellaneous Labor	\$ 206.35
Fencing	\$ 153.77
Slate Black Boards	\$ 45.31
Window Shades	\$ 159.60
Office Expense	\$ 30.21
Freight	\$ 26.44
<u>Constable Mileage</u>	<u>\$ 3.65</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 30,509.27

In 2023 dollars the cost would be approximately \$535,802.36 for just the building itself.