

On the same day they vote for president, La Crosse taxpayers could be asked to spend 15-million dollars to build a new north-side elementary school.

The La Crosse school board has voted to draw up referendum language which could be put on the November ballot. Board members would have to decide by August 24th whether to actually have a referendum. The immediate goal is to replace Franklin Elementary in north La Crosse, which some board members have described as 'decrepit' and structurally bad.

The referendum discussion was the main item of business on a shortened school board agenda last night. Electrical problems in the Hogan auditorium forced the board to move its meeting to a second-floor room, and board president Connie Troyanek said the building's electricity could be shut down at any time.