

Voters say yes to MVTHS referendum

\$19.8 million bond referendum passes with 4,340 votes for and 2,915 votes against

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MT. VERNON — It was a jubilant crowd at the Elks Lodge when the final results were tallied for the Mt. Vernon Township High School referendum question — a

resounding yes to building a new school at a new location.

The Vote Yes for MVTHS Committee gathered at the club to await results on Tuesday night, with about 200 residents in attendance.

“It does my heart so good that this community proved tonight they want to compete, prosper and grow,” committee member Brandon Bullard said. “Now, after these numbers, I know I will do everything I can pos-

sibly do to make it happen. And, there are a lot of other people who feel the way I do.”

The referendum to allow the board to bond \$19.8 million to build a new school at a new location if school con-

struction funds become available passed with 4,340 votes, to 2,915 no votes.

Eddie Vaughn, one of the members of a group opposed to the referendum, Friends of Mt. Vernon High School, said the vote was

disappointing.

“We got the word out on our end the best we could with the limited budget,” Vaughn said. “We had a good effort on our side to

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spread the information. The voters voted what they thought was right for Jefferson County.”

There was a huge, passionate group against the referendum,” Bullard said. “I can only hope we can team up and continue to fight for what’s right and beneficial in this community with the same passion and vigor that we fought this campaign.”

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High School Superintendent Mike Smith said as early as today he would be contacting the Capital Development Board to let it know the community had approved the referendum and the local match for school construction funds.

“Not only is this a landslide, but a huge victory for the community and its children,” Vote Yes for MVTHS Committee member Matt Flannigan said. “It’s thanks to a large group of motivated and dedicated people and the wisdom of the people of Jefferson County.”

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