

## 1918 School Purchase Agreement: Post Bulletin News and KAAL TV Video

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The Post Bulletin news on the 1918 School purchase agreement is below.

KAAL TV discussed it on their TV news show. That video has been uploaded to KARE's Youtube site (many other TV news videos are also there). You can access KARE's youtube site from KARE's home page at:

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**School renovation 'not a done deal'**

**Local News**

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**KASSON — The Kasson City Council on Wednesday approved an agreement that would transfer ownership of the 1918 Kasson school building to a private developer late this year.**

Under terms of the agreement, Sherman Associates, of Minneapolis, has until the end of the year to finalize the \$20,000 purchase of the former school. Sherman plans to renovate the building and convert it to senior citizen housing.

To paraphrase Winston Churchill, this is not the end of the story, but it might be the end of the beginning.

"The renovation certainly is not a done deal," said Randy Lenth, Kasson city administrator. "I think it's got a little ways to go yet, before they can successfully renovate it."

Sherman Associates intends to apply for state tax credits for the project in June, Lenth said, but there's no guarantee the tax credits will be available.

Until then, the project remains somewhat in limbo — and the building remains officially in city hands. But with the agreement signed, city leaders can at least hope the saga is nearing an end, Lenth said.

"Since 2006, it's been a topic here in town," he said. "It's time to move on, one way or the other."

The vacant building is on the National Register of Historic Places, and has been the subject of a tug-of-war since the 2006 defeat of a referendum that would have raised \$3.9 million and converted the 33,000-square-foot school to city offices, a library and meeting space.