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7. Description

Site: The original Waverly High School was built in 1926 at 215 3rd Street NW occupying a portion of Block 38 in the Harmon and LeValley Addition. Through the years this 1.7 acre level site has gradually seen expansions and additions – the gymnasium in 1982, three classroom additions in 1982 and another addition in 2006. The large site is located several blocks north of W. Bremer Avenue and the westerly blocks of the downtown business district. The building is surrounded by single family residences on three sides and an expanding east-west linear commercial corridor to the south one block.

This three-story, rectangular plan, brick high school building is an example of a Tudor Revival Style/Late Gothic Revival Style design sometimes referred to as "Collegiate Gothic." Its style is typical of many community and consolidated schools erected in Iowa immediately before and after World War I. The building was designed by Waverly-born architect, Howard Burr, who was practicing in Waterloo at the time. Contractor for the project was Currie Construction also of Waterloo. The architectural firm for the 1981-82 gymnasium and classroom additions was Stenson-Warm-Grimes-Port/Architects, Inc. of Waterloo. Contractor was Claude Gardner Construction Company, Inc. of Waterloo

The original school building's rectangular footprint measured 180 by 131 feet with the long side and front entrance facing east. The foundation is constructed of poured concrete and the 8-inch walls are built of brick for the 1926 building. Brick veneer on block is used for the walls of the 1982 gymnasium addition that measures 98 by 85 and the classroom additions built the same year. For the original 1926 building, the brick selected by the school board was described as "Tuxedo brick" and was produced in Danville, Illinois. Newspaper accounts describe it as a medium shade, or "strawberry shade." The brick walls have a light pink colored mortar. Dressed and carved limestone components are used in the central entrance bay including block walls, the door surround, belt courses, window sills, quoins, carved stone date block and original name block above the entrance, decorative crenellated and balustrade parapet, finials and cornice level clock. Limestone trim is used for the cornice level belt course and for the stepped parapet coping for the balance of the building. The 1982 gymnasium and additions have tall horizontal wood bands for terminating trim and parapet finishes.

The front or east façade is arranged with three center bays composed of the entrance and flanking angular bay windows extending three stories. The center bays terminate with a stone balustrade consisting of three semi-circular arched openings to either side of a large circular limestone clock face. The name and date blocks are set above the elaborate entrance doors between the first and second floors. Carved stone relief in square panels separates the second and third floors. Stone quoins form the vertical edges of the central windows between the first floor and the parapet.

The balance of the primary façade includes three bays of windows adjacent to each side of the center bays with windowless walls comprising the two projecting outer bays. Here, the masonry work includes a diamond pattern of a contrasting the lighter red and a darker colored brick forming a rectangular panel extending two and a half floors. Limestone squares are at the outer corners. A decorative projecting stone cornice molding about three to four feet beneath the parapet extends along the primary façade with nine-pointed star medallions in cut stone as ornamentation in the parapets of the outer

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bays on the primary façade. On the secondary facades, the cornice molding and parapet treatment is maintained with the center three bays projecting from the outer single bays.

Fenestration for the building has been altered throughout the building but with the openings retaining their original proportions. The current windows include reduced height 1/1 aluminum windows with a single, brown enamel-finished aluminum panel above. The wide Gothic arched entrance opening retains the building's original four entrance doors and transom. Each of the doors has a horizontal wood panel below and eight square lights with "X" patternwork in a tall window in the upper door. The transom retains a similar divided light configuration with semi-circular inset arches in the wide Gothic shaped outer stone arch.

Additions were made to provide additional one-story classroom space and a larger gymnasium in 1982. This building plan was accomplished by putting all of the additions on the west side and southwest corner while retaining the east and west façades substantially intact save for window changes. Generous green space has also been retained on the east, north and south facades.

Changes were made to the high school through the year as a result of expanding student enrollments, periodic flooding, at least one fire, and the shift from use as a high school to a junior high school after 1980. Major expansion came in 1981-1982 with construction of the new gymnasium and several classroom additions. The summary below is taken from a Waverly-Shell Rock Schools report, ca. 2010.

The present Junior High Auditorium was remodeled in 1980.
Junior High gym, locker rooms and band room addition was added in 1981.
Junior High Auditorium fire was in May, 1984.
Junior High Auditorium was renovated and ready for use in August, 1984.
Installed new windows on north side of junior high in summer of 1981.
Installed new windows on east, south, and west sides of junior high in summer of 1982.
Tuck pointing done to exterior of junior high building in 1984.
Summer, 1998, updated fire alarm system at junior high.
Fall, 1999, installed new wood floor in junior high old gym. Floor was damaged by flood water seepage and backup in July, 1999. FEMA paid for this. No damage to other buildings; however, Southeast was surrounded by water and dry run overflow threatened Irving.
December, 1999, new stage lighting in the junior high auditorium.
Summer, 2001, clock on outside of junior high was put in working order.
Donations were received from junior high students and class of 1939.
Summer of 2007, south parapet was removed and replaced with new brick, office was
remodeled and northwest corner of building tuckpointed and leveled.
Flood of 2008 filled the Junior High gym. All mechanicals were a complete loss. Gym floor
was replaced with a "sports court" floor system.

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8. Significance

The Waverly High School at 215 3rd St NW was built in 1925-1926 and is a good example of a variation of the Tudor Revival Style/Late Gothic Revival Style sometimes referred to as "Collegiate Gothic." It was frequently used for public school buildings built during the era of expanding consolidated school campuses and enlarged high school buildings in Iowa during the 1910s and 1920s. The school is significant as an example of Waverly-born architect Howard Bowman Burr, who designed at least seven community and consolidated schools in Iowa prior to accepting the Waverly High School commission in 1925. As one of three institutional landmarks in the Harmon and LeValley neighborhood, the high school qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the historic district under Criteria A and C.

"Waverly is to have a new high school building." That's how the front page story in the May 7, 1925 *Waverly Democrat* began its special election story about the passage of a \$120,000 bond referendum to build and equip a new Waverly high school. With this affirmative vote, a total of \$200,000 was made available for the school building project – a figure that totaled more than \$250,000 according to newspaper accounts published with the project was discussed in the *Waterloo Courier* in December 1926. A total of 1,126 votes were cast by 604 men and 522 women with a total of 848 votes for the school and 269 votes against. The successful vote for the new high school in 1925 came after an earlier referendum for \$135,000 to build a high school was soundly defeated in 1917. The former high school was located on 6th Street SW.

Waverly native Howard Bowman Burr, then practicing as an architect in Waterloo, was commissioned by the Waverly School Board to design the new high school. He had completed several other design projects in Waverly before the high school commission. These included the residence of Oliver H. Mitchell (9-16-1916 date on the drawings, address unknown), his only local residential project. He did several commercial buildings including Clark Bros. and Bruns Garage (3-1921, address unknown); Charles P. Neuber Store (12-10-1919, address unknown) and the W.W. Clark Store (9-1-1925, address unknown). The Mercy Hospital Nurses Dormitory plans dated 9-20-1924 were nearing completion when the high school design commission was awarded with the St. Josephs Mercy Hospital entrance project plans dated six weeks earlier on 8-1-1924.

The balance of Burr's active practice from 1909 to the 1930s included a wide range of commercial, industrial, institutional and residential projects. Among his residential were dozens of Prairie Style houses and Bungalow designs in Waterloo suburbs and other Eastern Iowa communities. Among his institutional commissions were several churches, fraternal halls, a public library, and eight school projects. Burr successfully recruited projects for both rural consolidated schools and community school districts scattered throughout seven counties of north central and northeast Iowa, all within a half-day's drive of his Waterloo office. They included the following:

•	Liberty Consolidated School, Little Cedar, Mitchell County	5-13-1916
٠	Floyd School, Floyd, Floyd County	7-24-1916
•	Colwell Consolidated School, Colwell, Floyd County	8-16-1916
•	New Hartford High School, New Hartford, Butler County	4-10-1917

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Oran Consolidated School, Oran, Fayette County	2-15-1918

٠	Fairfield District No. 7 School, Dike, Grundy County	4-28-1919
٠	Dinsdale School, Dinsdale, Tama County	4-12-1920
•	Waverly High School, Waverly, Bremer County	7-12-1925

The Waverly High School was Burr's largest school commission and considered among the finest new schools built in the state in the mid-1920s. When construction completed a month ahead of schedule during the summer of 1926, the school was opened for public tours attended by hundreds during the County Fair and for the 1926 Alumni Banquet, both held in August 1926. Work on the school was completed by the Currie Construction Co. of Waterloo a month ahead of schedule.

Completion of the new high school came as lowa was entering an agricultural recession in the 1920s. By 1930, it appears that attendance was not as high as anticipated and the school district took out advertisements in the local newspaper to recruit high school students stressing the fact that students attending from outside of the city of Waverly had their fees paid for by their home districts at no extra cost.

During the early years of the Great Depression, the high school participated in a Federal jobs program known as the Civil Works Administration. From December 1933 until April 1934, painters were retained to complete a major painting project in the school. Eight men were hired under supervision of a professional painter, Arthur Zahn, retained by the school board. Skilled painters received \$1.20 per hour and common laborers received 50 cents per hour. Over the course of three months, \$2,100 was paid out for the decorative painting project. Work included stenciling in the auditorium, halls and stairwells; painting of the gymnasium walls; and refinishing the gym floor. Some of this stenciling was restored during a painting project completed in 1981 at the school

Through the years the Waverly High School experienced periodic flooding as did other sections of the northwest quadrant's Harmon and LeValley Addition. One consequence was discovered 1938 when the gymnasium sub-floor and floor were found to have major deterioration. As a result, the floor was relayed and portions of the gym foundation were rebuilt. Several years later in 1941, local voters approved construction of a new gymnasium-shops building. Shortages of materials during WWII prevented its construction. In 1945 when the project was reconsidered, it was not completed.

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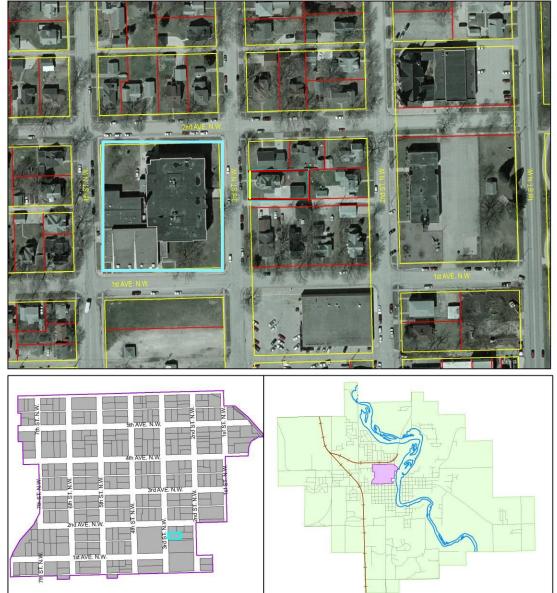
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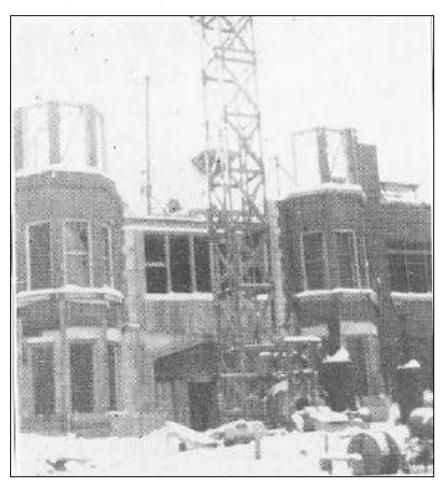


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Historic Photograph: High School under construction, main entrance, looking west (from *1926 Periscope*, p. 76, Waverly Public Library Yearbook Collection)



1926 Periscope's description of new school.

"There will be no swimming pool; there will, however, be a fine, regulation size gymnasium with a twenty-one foot ceiling and seating capacity for about 700 people. There will be a large auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,000, and a fine stage. There will be Manual Training rooms equipped with proper machinery; there will be a large agricultural department; the two large assembly rooms will be separated by a commodious and well-arranged library; the Domestic Science department will be properly housed, and there will be a cafeteria in connection. There will be a class lecture room and two laboratories, a nurses' room and twenty class rooms. In fact, it is believed that the proposed building will meet every requirement of the state department of education and provide splendid facilities for Waverly High School students for years to come."

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Historic Newspaper Account: "Waverly High School Ready for 1926 Start," *Bremer County Independent*, August 5, 1926.



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Historic Photographs: ca. 1930, looking northwest, Waverly Public Library Photograph Collection.



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We offer College Preparatory; Agriculture; Physics; Chemistry; a fine Commercial course; Manual Training; Glee Clubs; Free Instruction in Band and Orchestra, with free use of larger and more expensive instruments; Home Economics; Normal Training; Declamatory; Extemporaneous Speaking; Debate; Football; Basketball; Track. The Waverly Public Schools will open Monday, Sept. 1, for registration, beginning at 9 o'clock. Short class periods will be held and school will be finished at noon. Students may purchase their books and other supplies Monday at the office.

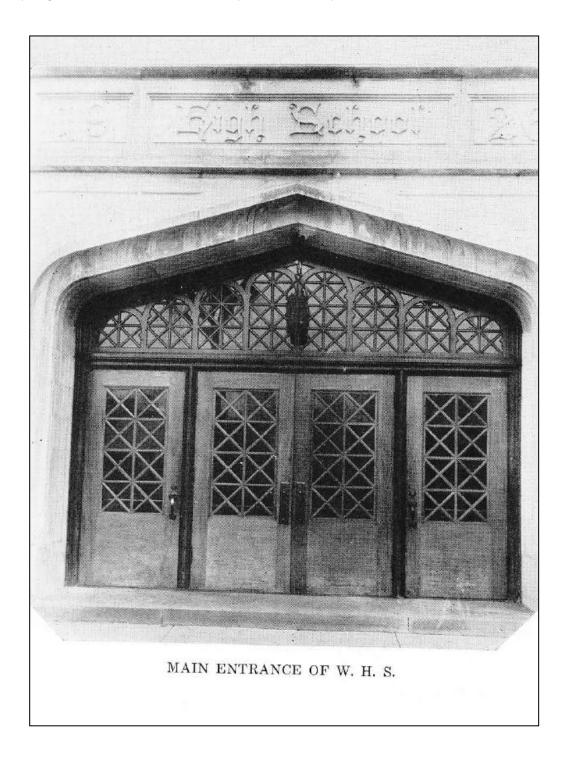
Pupils desiring work are asked to report at the office of the superintendent.

Decide Now to Go to Waverly High School

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Historic Photographs: Main entrance, looking west (from page opposite Dedication, 1929 *Periscope*, Waverly High School Year Book, Waverly Public Library School Year Book Collection).



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Historic Photograph: 1981 construction project (Waverly Public Library Photographic Collection), looking northeast.



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Photographs: 215 3rd St NW, looking southwest and northwest, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/16/2011.



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Photograph: 215 3rd St NW, entrance bay detail, looking west, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/16/2011.



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Photograph: 215 3rd St NW, brickwork detail, south bay of east façade, looking northwest, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/16/2011.



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Photograph: 215 3rd St NW, rear along 2nd Ave NW, looking southeast and along 4th Street NW, looking south, Marlys Svendsen, photographer, 11/16/2011.



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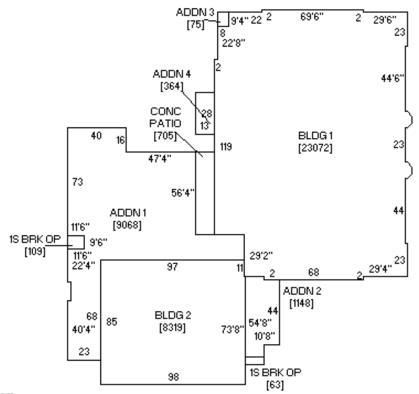
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Building 1: School - Class Room, Solid Brick - 8", 3 Story, Built - 1926, 23072 SF, Bsmt - 4830 SF, HVAC - Hot Water, Roof - Rubber Membrane/Stl
Addition 1: School - Class Room, Brick on Block - 8", 1 Story, Built - 1982, 9068 SF, Bsmt - 0 SF HVAC - Hot Water, Roof - Rubber Membrane/Stl
Addition 2: School - Class Room, Brick on Block - 8", 1 Story, Built - 1982, 1148 SF, Bsmt - 0 SF HVAC - Hot Water, Roof - Rubber Membrane/Stl
Addition 3: Warehouse, Brick on Block - 8", 1 Story, Built - 1982, 75 SF, Bsmt - 0 SF HVAC - Hot Water, Roof - Rubber Membrane/Stl
Addition 4: Shop, 1 Story, Built - 2006, 354 SF, Bsmt - 0 SF HVAC - , Roof -

Building 2: Gymnasium, Brick on Block - 8", 1 Story, Built - 1982, 8319 SF, Bsmt - 0 SF, HVAC - Hot Water, Roof - Rubber Membrane/Stl



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