

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE # 6

As we approach the summer months several other construction projects will be getting underway in addition to the existing ongoing projects throughout the district. Several of these new projects were scheduled during the summer break in order to be ready for the start of the 2013-2014 school years.

At the Primary School three projects have started: (1) irrigation and landscaping project; (2) playground equipment replacement project; and (3) classroom space remodeling project. The irrigation and landscape project is part of the bond package and includes an irrigation system in the front of the school and around the side of the building adjacent to the bus loop along with plants and trees.



The other two projects are being funded through local funds and include replacing the playground equipment with new equipment that is compliant with new safety requirements and regulations, and framing and furnishing three open spaces in the grade level wings to become new classrooms. These spaces were previously open areas used as computer labs but were not very conducive to learning and based on the principal's requested are being enclosed to create three new classrooms. All three of these projects are scheduled to be completed by July 19, 2013.



Like the Primary School, the Middle School has three projects just now coming on line: (1) renovations to the Jim Cooper Auditorium; (2) middle school roofing project; and (3) middle school switchgear replacement project. All three of these projects are part of the bond package. The biggest of these projects is the work being done on the Jim Cooper Auditorium. Currently, demolition work is being done with the old

seating being removed along with other items throughout the facility. The scope of this project includes new cushioned seating, new lighting on the stage and house lights, relocation and upgrading of the light booth, new stage curtains, additional storage space being built, new sound system, and other upgrades to the 50-year old facility. The substantial completion of this project is scheduled for September 1, 2013. The roofing project includes new roofing on the auditorium, gyms and the old section of the building that was not done during the last roofing project. Probably one of the most critical projects is the replacement of the main middle school switchgear that is in poor shape and controls the electricity to the main part of the building and the district's administration building. It has taken over 14-weeks to get the switchgear ordered and delivered and it is scheduled to be switched out during the end of June when the district is shut down for their summer break. The timeframe for the switchgear project is about a week and will be completed no later than July 8, 2013.

One new project at the high school is the band and choir room renovation project that includes a "facelift" to the existing band and choir rooms. This project is scheduled to start on June 3 with the removal of the old ceiling tiles and acoustical panels in the band and choir rooms. In addition, these rooms will be painted along with some minor remodeling work to be done in one of the band practice ensemble room to provide additional rehearsal space. Completion of this project is scheduled for July 19, 2013.



Other ongoing high school projects include the following updated information: (1) Sports Complex Drainage Project -- the dirt work, grading and irrigation system is completed on the practice football field with sod being installed today; another part of this project is drainage work in the home side stadium parking lot to address the drainage issues on both the parking lot and softball and baseball fields.

Phase 1 of the sports complex project is scheduled to be completed by July 19, 2013. (2) Administrative/Counselor Office Renovation Project -- demolition work has been completed and the framing and finishing are ongoing in these areas. We are pushing to have the renovation work done by the end of June so we can move back the

furniture and be ready for the start of the new school year. (3) Natatorium Project -- Currently, the piers have been drilled for the restroom addition and there has been a delay waiting for some redesign work on piers for the patio area by the architect. Inside work is progress in the interior of the Natatorium with electrical and plumbing work ongoing and painting of the walls and ceiling scheduled to start on June 3. (4) Performing Arts Center (PAC) -- the piers drilling (121 total piers) in front of the high school is completed and currently the underground utilities are being installed and along with work starting on the framing of the foundation. The first pour of the slab is tentatively scheduled for June 10. Later this summer, once the slab is completed, work will begin on the erection of the steel framing for the new Performing Arts Center (PAC).



Summer 2013 should prove to be a very busy time for various construction projects throughout the school district. Hopefully, several of these projects will be done on schedule and ready for our students as they report back to school in mid-July. However, there are still other projects in the planning stages and work will soon begin on these projects that should last through 2014. A very busy time for the district but also very exciting times as we work to provide our students with some of the best instructional and athletic facilities in the Coastal Bend!

Please contact me with any questions and concerns you might have regarding any of these projects at (361) 903-6422.

Sincerely,

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