

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE # 5

The long awaited start to the pier drilling and foundation work at the new PAC Center got underway this past week. One of the most expensive components to this new addition is the foundation that includes the piers and slab. This project is using an “auger pier system” which is a specialty drilling process that required equipment to be brought to the construction site from Florida. Thirteen piers were drilled the first

day with 20 piers projected to be drilled daily until all 142 piers are done for both the PAC and Natatorium projects. The depth of these piers range anywhere from 40 feet to 75 feet as specified on the plans and drawings by the architects. We did have a problem this past Friday, while drilling one of the piers, a water line was nicked causing a leak and water had to be shut off for the campus. Repairs took most of the day resulting in school being dismissed early due to no water and the inability to use the restroom facilities. Later that same day the drilling bit snapped while drilling a pier. This bit was unrecoverable and resulted in a new bit having to be ordered and shipped to the job site. This has caused some setbacks, but the subcontractor has



increased their work day to make up for lost time. Next week work will begin on the underground utilities in preparation for the slab and foundation. The current schedule shows the foundation finished by late June with the erection to follow of steel beams and supports.

While work is being done on the outside of the building, work is also proceeding on the renovations to the high school administrative and counselor’s offices. Framing has begun with sheetrock schedule to be put up next week. The renovations to these offices are scheduled to be completed by late June 2013.

In the Natatorium overhead electrical work is nearing completion in preparation for overhead painting of the steel beams and structure scheduled for next week. Once the painting is completed, new light fixtures will be installed. A major component of the Natatorium renovation is addressing the deck drainage. This process has started with core drilling through the slab for the new deck drains. The Natatorium remodeling is scheduled to be finished by September 2013.



The third project that is currently underway at the high school is the sports complex drainage project. Demolition of the old softball field has occurred and site work and grading are currently being done. The next phase of this project will be the installation of the irrigation system and the laying down of sod in order to provide enough time for the grass to take before fall football practice starts in mid-July. Currently the district is working with the architects in developing the overall layout of the baseball and softball fields and the new FEMA dome that will be located between the two fields



to serve as a concession area, restroom facility and dressing rooms. Construction on the fields should start this summer.

In addition to these projects, work has started on the fuel tank project at the Transportation Barn. This project is relocation and removal of the below ground fuel storage tanks to above ground tanks.

Other projects include the Primary School Landscaping Project is scheduled to start May 23, 2013. This project includes addressing irrigation and landscaping around the front and bus loop side of the Primary School. Also, major renovations to the Jim Cooper Auditorium are scheduled to begin June 1, 2013.

As you can see we have a lot going on with construction projects popping up everywhere throughout the District. These are very exciting times here in Tuloso-Midway!

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Sumner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rodney" being more prominent than the last name "Sumner".

Rodney Sumner  
Assistant Superintendent for School Operation Services