

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE # 8

It has been a couple of months since my last construction update; since that time several projects have been completed while others projects have just started. Hopefully this update will get you caught up on the status of our construction projects throughout the district.

The majority of the interior work on the Natatorium was completed the first of September and the District started using the facility for swimming practice and meets at that time. Work is wrapping up on the patio area and new restroom additions to this project. Currently the contractor is finishing up on punch list items to complete this project. The Natatorium renovations included re-plastering and new tile work in the pool, shade structure over the resized patio area, new bi-fold doors accessing the patio, new diving board stands and diving boards, new lighting,



acoustical panels, new sound system, additional storage space, a new judges and timing room, new retractable stands, painting of the ceiling and walls as well as other remodeling to the existing facility. In addition, this project will include a major landscape project from the gym entrance to the tennis building in front of the Natatorium; plans and pricing are still be worked out with construction starting in January 2014. The

landscaping project will probably take 60+ days to complete weather permitting.

Over the past several months the shell of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) is starting to take shape. The CMU walls are almost finished with the plumbers and electricians installing their pipes and conduit as the walls are being constructed. Structural steel and roof decking installation has started in the entry and gallery area of the building and duct work is being hung below the decking along with the installation of HVAC equipment on the second floor before the roof is installed. The contractor will be erecting huge steel trusses over the seating area within the next few weeks. Part of this project includes upgrades and sizing of the current chill water system; currently the cooling tower and chiller pads foundations are being erected along with piping on the roof of the building. During this past intersession one of our switchgears to serve the PAC and chill water tower was replaced with a larger unit and is back fully operational. Brick work has started on the PAC loading dock area and a section of the front of the building that ties into the old building. We are still on schedule to complete work on the PAC by the end of March 2014. If you have not driven by the front of the high school you are missing out seeing this magnificent structure being erected.



We have had some delays in our Sports Complex Project over the past couple of months due to the weather; however, work has progressed on the both the baseball and softball fields. The first part of this project included site and drainage work before the fields were laid out. Irrigation has been installed on both fields along with fencing and mow strips around the outfield. Prep work for the spectator stands has been complete with piers being drilled and cement poured in preparation for the stands being delivered and starting to be assembled over the next several weeks. Work is also underway on the foundation for the dugouts, bull pens, batting cages and other storage facilities. Weather permitting these projects will hopefully be

completed by February 15, 2014. Part of this project includes a FEMA Dome that will also serve as dressing rooms for baseball and softball, restrooms and concession facilities. Final plans for this dome have been submitted to the State for approval and work will begin in spring 2014 with completion scheduled for fall of 2014.



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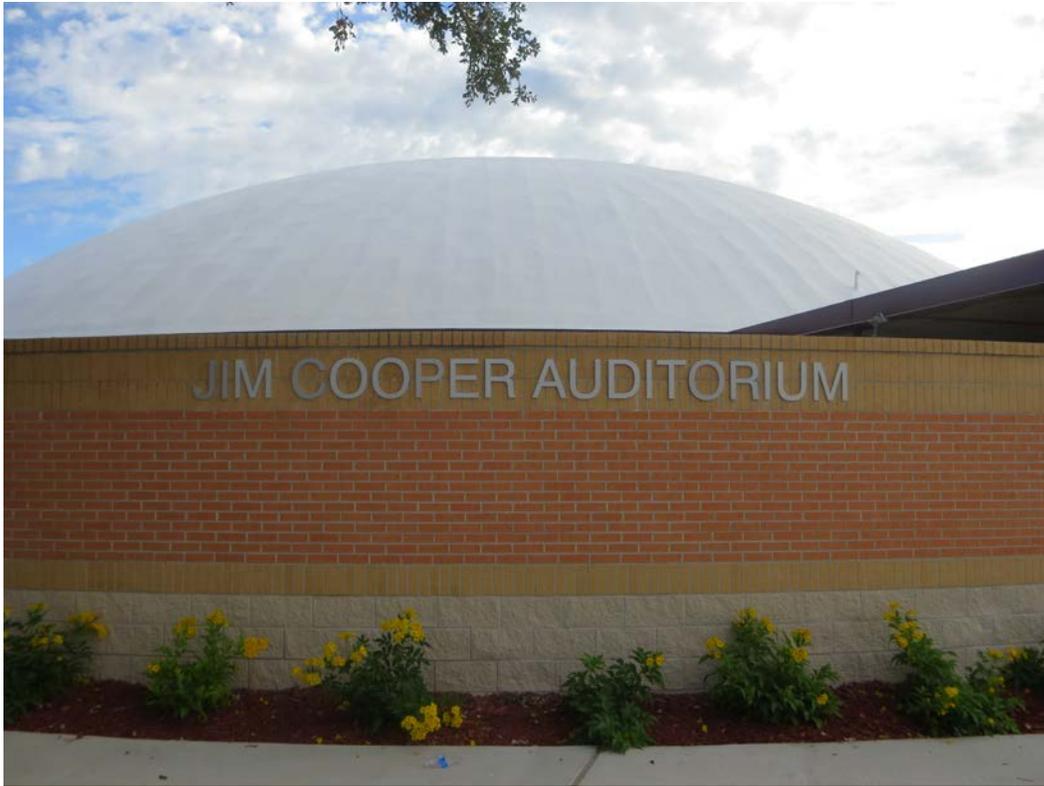


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Renovation work to the Jim Cooper Auditorium is substantially completed and the first activity was held this past week when the Middle School Choir performed their fall concert. Renovations include new seating, stage ramp with handrails, carpeted isles, LED house and stage lighting, a new sound system (went from two speakers to ten speakers), new stage curtains, major remodeling of existing dressing rooms, increased storage capacity, a state of the art projection unit and landscape work around the outside of the facility where students congregate before school, during lunch and after school. A rededication ceremony for the Jim Cooper Auditorium is

planned for Friday, November 15, 2013 at 6:30 pm. This ceremony is being held on the 20th anniversary of the untimely death of Mr. Cooper who was the Asst. Superintendent at the time of his passing in 1993.



Other miscellaneous projects include: (1) the second phase of the Primary School landscaping project along the bus loop side of the building. This project included underground irrigation and trees and other shrubbery; (2) a new 8-foot security fences was installed around the back perimeter of the Primary School and playground area; (3) substantial completion of the fuel tank project at the Bus Barn including the removal of the old below ground fuel storage tanks and installation of above ground unleaded and diesel tanks with electronic dispensing controls; (4) work on the roof of the Middle School auditorium, gym and old flat-roof section of the building. This project has experienced several setbacks and delays with work being conducted after hours when students are not present. This project should be completed in early December; and (5) during the past two intersessions we have replaced 35 roof top air-conditioning units on the Intermediate School. This project required a crane to lift and set these new units on the roof of the building and was done during intersession while no students were present in the building. We have two more units to replace and this will complete the A/C replacement project for the Intermediate School.

“What is exciting is to see these projects being completed and our students being able to use these wonderful new facilities,” said T-M Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Nelson. She added, “Our students deserve it and I am so thankful to the taxpayers of the District for allowing us to provide some of these much needed renovations and projects throughout the school district. We can’t wait for the spring to finish up with the PAC and Sports Complex. We don’t have time to rest and are currently are in the planning process for the second FEMA Dome and classroom additions at the Intermediate School, district wide security intrusion and camera project and construction of a new Ag-Barn Facility at the high school.”

As you can tell it has been extremely busy around all our campuses with all these renovation and construction projects. The months ahead should prove to be just as exciting as projects are completed and new projects move from the planning and drawing board to the start of the construction process. 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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rodney Sumner
Assistant Superintendent for School Operation Services