

WALLER ISD BOND PROJECT UPDATE

Hello! The following is a project overview from Mark Lam of all of our bond projects.

All of our projects are now underway and going well. We have multiple contractors working on multiple sites with staggered start and finish dates to help make the construction process more efficient. All of our work is scheduled to be complete by August of 2017. We have been very busy and expect to have a very busy summer as we wrap them all up and get them ready for a new school year.

H.T. Jones Elementary School

- Construction of the detention pond and site fill (40,000 truckloads) are 99% complete
- Concrete foundation is complete (except for a path for the crane to finish the structural portion)
- Our steel structure and metal decking are underway and approximately 70% complete
- Electrical and HVAC work has just begun inside
- Parking lots and drive ways will be poured in the next two weeks
- Hope to have the building dried in (roof on and walls up) within the next month
- Just started working on the selection and scheduling of all of the furniture and equipment
- School realignments will not begin until the spring when we can get a better picture of student enrollment growth/review enrollment growth projection

Roberts Road Elementary Addition

- Building pad and underground utilities are complete
- Foundation was poured
- Structural steel scheduled to arrive soon
- Replacement of the existing HVAC system scheduled for this summer

Waller High School CTE & Ag Building

- This is a two-part project which includes the new standalone Ag building and renovation of the old CTE building
- Our plan is to get the new building constructed and operational by May of 2017 so that we can use it during the summer while the old CTE building is renovated
- Still, the new CTE building (with its May deadline) is the quickest project to complete so it is the last one we started in this series
- The building pad and underground utilities are now complete and the slab is poured
- The pre-engineered metal building is scheduled to arrive mid-November

W.C. Schultz Junior High School

- We are constructing a new junior high school stadium with a track, tennis courts, and expanding the bus parking.
- We plan to have this ready for use in January of 2017
- The new detention pond is completed and starting to grow grass
- Our tennis courts are poured and will be painted and finished up in the next month
- The track and field have their curbs poured and will be finished within the next few weeks
- The top soil for the field and irrigation have both been installed and the sod has been placed on the field
- The stadium lights were installed recently

- Bleachers will be installed in mid-November
- Renovating the existing restroom/storage building to increase the capacity of the restrooms and create more storage for track and field equipment
- We are looking for a sponsor for the scoreboard

W.C. Schultz HVAC Renovation

- We have another contractor working on the HVAC system at Schultz currently replacing outdated chillers and scheduled to replace interior air handling equipment this summer.

Junior High West Campus

- Engineers currently working on design to replace electrical gear, fire alarms, and HVAC equipment this summer.

Miscellaneous Items

- Purchased a few busses and plan to purchase the remainder this summer
- Obviously, we purchased a site for Jones Elementary
- Purchased a site for Elementary #6
- Have installed new chillers at Waller High School
- Have installed new electronic access control throughout the district
- Have added additional crushed concrete at the stadium
- Purchased 460 Yoga's (new laptops for teachers), 2500 Chromebooks and carts, 350 iPads and carts
- Have upgraded our electronic infrastructure

All in all, our projects have gone very smoothly and while we have stressed over budgets, it looks like we are going to be able to do everything we promised the voters and do that for less than budgeted.

On another note, good news! Waller ISD did not have to raise the tax rate \$.03 as projected after the Nov. 2015 Bond Referendum was passed. The refunding of bonds will have an accumulated savings of \$13.15 million. The series bonds from 2011 through 2016 were included in the transaction and includes the Nov. 2015 bond debt. We plan to pay down some of our debt through 2037 as we incur the savings.

We were all waiting anxiously to see the outcome of the bond election results on Election Day last year. It's hard to believe it was a year ago. Even though we are working on these projects, we have started the conversations for our next bond planning. We hope you will be willing to continue to serve on the next bond planning committee as well. Thank you again for your support.

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