

Knothole Report

Monthly Update on the WDMCSD
10-Year Facility Improvement Plan

May, 2002

The Knothole Report is provided as a resource to update you on facility improvements underway in the West Des Moines Community School District. These projects are a part of the district's 10-Year Facility Improvement Plan, and are funded through proceeds from the voter-approved one-cent sales tax. For additional information, please contact Kay Rosene, director of School/Community Relations, at 226-2714 or e-mail her at rosenek@home.wdm.k12.ia.us. **The projects below are listed in alphabetical order.**

1. Clegg Park Elementary

The internal technology cabling system is being designed and will be bid and installed this summer.

2. Clive Elementary

Work to stabilize the creek bank behind the facility will be bid in May subject to final details. Selection of an architect for the building addition and renovation is currently scheduled for early next year. However, it is possible that selection will be accelerated. Current plans call for construction to start in 2004 with completion in August 2005.

3. District-wide

Work is underway for the design of a fiber optic loop that would connect all the facilities in the district and provide quality technology connections.

4. Hillside Elementary

While the Traffic Study draft is complete, it continues to be reviewed with city officials to adequately address all traffic issues in the neighborhood of the new school. The schematic design is complete and is within an acceptable range of the original budget. The Design Team will now move into design development, which entails a more detailed description and layout of the building, along with more accurate budgeting of the construction and associated costs.

Preliminary soil testing took place, and the balance of the testing is scheduled to occur once the exact location of the building on the site is determined. The stadium will be demolished sometime after July 1. The grading and footing work for the new school will take place this fall, with bidding during the winter. Construction will begin in the spring of 2003 and occupancy of the school is scheduled for August 2004.

5. Jordan Creek Elementary

A walkway connecting the west side of the school to the new Valley Stadium walkway system and Mills Civic Parkway underpass is sketched and now being reviewed for cost and function. The work will be performed this summer. The internal technology cabling system is scheduled to be revised and upgraded during the summer of 2003.

6. New Valley Stadium (see photos below)

Work has progressed on the masonry for the locker room building, and the majority of the block for the north wall was

set. All underground piping is in place along with footings and masonry for the rest rooms and concession stands beneath the grandstand area. The slab for this area is scheduled to be poured in May and installation of the masonry is scheduled to start in June. Footings for the light poles will be installed as soon as weather permits. Much of the underground material for the field lighting is already on site. Grading of the parking lot has started and paving is scheduled to take place in May. Most underground work is completed. The stadium is scheduled to be ready for use in August 2002.

7. Phenix Early Childhood Center/Valley Southwoods/Westridge Elementary

The internal technology cabling system is scheduled to be revised and upgraded during the Summer of 2003.

8. Stilwell Junior High (see photos below)

Demolition is complete on the second floor and most of the ductwork for heating and cooling has been installed and insulated. Walls are being repaired and replaced, and the majority of the piping in the first floor corridor areas has been installed. The northwest entrance is closed. Footings for that entrance and the footings and slab for the science lab addition are in place. The mechanical room addition has masonry walls and much of the face brick is in place. The roof support structure has been installed and the boilers were placed within the rooms and covered to protect them until the area is totally enclosed. Work on the first floor classrooms and office area will commence when summer vacation starts. All Phase 1 work is scheduled to be done by August 2002.

9. Valley High School

The Design Down (DD) process is continuing and nearing an end. A tour of several east coast schools took place in April. Tours of schools in Omaha, Kansas City and Ohio occurred in May. Three subcommittees are addressing specific areas of programming, operational costs and first time costs related to several alternatives provided by the DD Committee. A report is scheduled to come from that DD Committee in June. For more information on the Design Down process, check the district's web site at www.wdm.k12.ia.us.

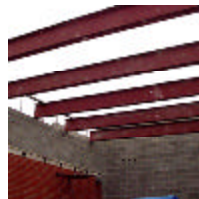
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Mechanical Room Addition - Stilwell



Boiler Room Roof Steel - Stilwell



Locker North Wall - Valley Stadium



Restroom Block Walls - Valley Stadium



Lighting Materials - Valley Stadium

