

**Banks Bond:
Banks Junior High (Middle) School Construction
and
High School/Campus Renovation Update
8/16/2012**

The Bond Management Core Committee and the Design Teams have been meeting regularly since July. Here is a highlight of bond/construction plans and events to date:

Our school bonds were sold successfully at a premium, which means we will have an additional \$150,000 to add to the \$10.5M bonded amount. The District closed on the bonds August 14, immediately making bond revenue available for the District to pay for construction and renovation costs as the projects proceed. Keep in mind that all bond revenue will be placed in a separate District account and may only be used for bond directed construction/renovation related projects. This bond money may not be used to hire more staff, add new programs, or increase current budget for supplies, materials and/or books.

After many planning sessions it has been determined that the current Junior High School classrooms and library will be scheduled for demolition **at the end of this 2012-13** school year. The gym, cafeteria, music room and newer bathrooms and locker rooms will stay in place and will be incorporated into the design of the new replacement addition, which will be a two story wing, running parallel to Main Street.

In September of the **2013-14** school year the 7th and 8th graders will have classes in four remodeled portables and three vacant high school classrooms through late March of 2014, when they will move into their new building.

At the start of the **2014-15** school year the new building will open as our new Middle School with 6th graders joining the 7th and 8th graders. The plans are for the 6th graders to be on the lower floor and in a self-contained type of arrangement much like they are at the elementary school. The 7th and 8th graders will be on the upper floor.

Work at the High School will include renovation of the heating system and fire alarm/sprinkler system, new bleachers in the gym, seismic improvements to roof system and also to wall/roof system in the gym and a remodel of a science classroom. Most of the work at the high school is scheduled for the summer of 2013. However, we are anticipating the installation of the new bleachers in the high school gym in March of 2013.

This bond project will also address other areas at the high school and campus to be determined after our upcoming design meetings in August through January. The bond also provides for an emergency access to the elementary school from Oak Way.

We will be holding a public update/informational session regarding the bond and construction/renovation projects on September 10 at 7:00 PM at the Junior High School cafeteria. We will also be discussing the Middle School Concept.

This is a very exciting time for the Banks School District and the Banks community. I greatly appreciate the past and present work of the Facilities Planning Committee and the work of our Design Committees. We have much work to do! However, collectively I am confident that we will be able to deliver a high quality construction product that is on budget and completed in a timely manner. Please check our web page for updates, drawings and design decisions as we move on with our projects.

Please remind your friends and neighbors about the September 10 meeting at 7:00 PM to be held in the Banks Junior High Cafeteria.

For the Bond Core Management Committee and Design Committees,

Bob Huston
Superintendent