

Proposed Facility Improvements Roland-Story School District

Projects

1. High School Auditorium Renovation

- new high efficiency lights and improved sound system
- new seating, carpet, stage curtains, and paint
- add video capability

2. New Athletic Facility

- relocate and build a new football/track/marching band complex at the current outlet mall location
- grass field, track, field event areas, parking lot, concessions, bathrooms, locker rooms, meeting hall

Why renovate the high school auditorium?

1. Safety

- Curtains no longer meet fire code requirements
- Stage lighting is hot and has contributed to students fainting during performances

2. Obsolete Equipment (the auditorium is 25 years old, construction was completed in 1992)

- Some of the stage lighting is obsolete and bulbs can no longer be replaced
- Energy efficiency would be improved with updated lighting and equipment
- The current wireless microphones will be obsolete in three years due to new FCC regulations
- Through normal wear and tear several seats have broken and required repair

3. Increased Usage

- The auditorium is used almost daily during the school year and includes more than 50 scheduled performances, presentations, and meetings
- 45-50% of high school students participate in fine arts each year (163 students in 16-17)

Why move the football/track/marching band complex to a new location?

1. Safety

- Parking and sidewalks are limited causing fans to walk to and from the stadium on busy streets, often after dark
- Handicap accessibility at the current complex is difficult (facility does not meet code requirements)

2. Space Issues

- Limited restrooms for spectators & athletes (facility does not meet code requirements)
- Parking is insufficient (only 275 off-street parking spots available within two city blocks)
- Stadium seating is insufficient (home bleachers-850 total, visitor bleachers-250)
- The school does not own the land where the visitor's bleachers, storage building, shot put, and discus rings are located. The current facility is landlocked and there are no viable options to expand

3. Flooding

- The football field has flooded eight times in the past nine years (June 2008, June 2010, July 2010, August 2010, May 2013, July 2014, September 2015, December 2015)
- Flooding is damaging the track and field surface causing increased costs for repair
- Each flood results in significant school personnel time to clean the track and fence areas
- Flooding caused the canceling of a football game in 2015, resulting in \$5,000 of lost revenue

4. Environmental Issues

- The water supply for field irrigation is insufficient (old well shared with the golf course)
- The DNR substantially limits improvement options in a flood plain, those options are cost prohibitive
- Lack of locker rooms at the field cause teams to regularly use the outdoor areas as restrooms
- The regular sulfur smell from the nearby water pump creates an unwelcoming environment