

# Hawley Public Schools



## Project

41,372 ft.<sup>2</sup> addition    4,068 ft.<sup>2</sup> remodel

### AREAS

high school and elementary school classrooms, gymnasium, walking track, fitness room, locker rooms, storage, heat pump replacement; renovated elementary school music room, high school locker rooms and bathrooms

BUDGET	FINAL COST
\$11.635 million	\$11.615 million

Referendum: November 2013  
Design: November 2013 – March 2014  
Bid phase: April 2014  
Construction: June 2014 –  
September 2015

## Responding to community, district

Hawley Public Schools needed new and upgraded space for a wide variety of academic and athletic areas. "Our district developed a needs assessment, then a plan, then R.A. Morton helped set our budget in pre-referendum planning," says Superintendent Phil Jensen. "They were very responsive to our community, task force and district leaders throughout the process – even shifting some personnel to ensure strong teamwork and productive connections."

Phil explains further: "R.A. Morton was very organized and kept people informed along the way. Our referendum vote received 89 percent 'yes,' yet we wanted a tax-neutral budget while also prioritizing our needs and wants. Plus, we wanted to open in time for back to school 2015."

## Workforce, contractor challenges

As the project progressed, it became clear that the labor force in the Hawley (Fargo–Moorhead) area was very busy, so securing proper manpower to the Hawley school sites was challenging at times. In addition, one contractor was deficient in completing its work, which delayed other contractors from finishing work as scheduled. In these and other situations, R.A. Morton worked through the details to find solutions.

*"right from the start"*



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The project encompassed diverse additions and renovations from doubling the size of the agricultural shop to a new band room, remodeled locker rooms and more efficient heat pump systems.

"Our staff, task force and community were very impressed with the results of the project," Phil says. "Especially senior citizens in the area, who were proud to upgrade the schools where many of them attended and now have grandkids who learn and play in the classrooms and music and athletic facilities."

## R.A. Morton contributions

- Facility Analysis
- Pre-Referendum Planning
- Estimating
- Competitive Bid
- Value Engineering
- On-Site Construction Management – Full-Time
- Project Management
- Project Cost Accounting
- Budget Management
- Schedule Management
- Project Closeout

School started on time in Hawley that fall, including Friday night games on the renovated football field! That's responding to community needs.

