

Cedar Mountain Public Schools



Project started: October 2014
Completed: August 2015

Project

22,200 ft.² addition 4,300 ft.² remodel

AREAS

kitchen, commons, administrative offices, classrooms, media center, HVAC upgrades, add fire sprinklers to the existing building; kitchen upgrade at Franklin Elementary

BUDGET	FINAL COST
\$9.6 million	\$9.264 million

Balancing history with modern needs

One of Cedar Mountain Public Schools' buildings was first completed in 1896. There had been additions and remodels along the way, yet the district had "kicked the can down the road long enough," in the words of a school board member, as quoted by Superintendent Bob Tews.

Bob explains further: "We wanted to balance the historic value of the facility with our needs for modern education. By the time we sought a construction management firm, we were on "Plan K" from our architects. Our referendum vote had received 74 percent "yes," so we had good community support.

"We interviewed three construction management firms. R.A. Morton was not the lowest bid, but we established a good connection with their team."

Ideas to solve challenges

That teamwork became vital as the project began. The budget had been set before R.A. Morton started working on the project, yet as estimates came in, it was clear the project would exceed the set budget.

"right from the start"



“R.A. Morton listened to concerns from our team, including our school board members, then brought us ideas. One solution was to secure alternative facilities bonds to supplement the budget. R.A. Morton’s connections were vital to making this work. They also ensured that work stayed on schedule, including inspections to help us open in time for the first day of school that fall.”

— BOB TEWS

Superintendent, Cedar Mountain Public Schools

R.A. Morton contributions

- Estimating
- Value Engineering
- Alternate Funding Suggestions
- On-Site Construction Management – Full-Time
- Project Management
- Project Cost Accounting
- Budget Management
- Schedule Management
- Project Closeout

Step-by-step to the first day

“R.A. Morton was truly part of our team. We met weekly for most of the project, and one of their staff members really became part of our community. They also took care of the tough work in keeping the project within its tight schedule and set budget,” Bob explains.

School started on time at Cedar Mountain that fall in upgraded and enhanced facilities. That’s balancing history with modern needs.

