

Hansen School Community Gymnasium

Hansen School District 415 | Hansen, Idaho, USA

22 mm

Scope of Work

- Value Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Dome Construction
- Foundation Construction
- Stem-Wall Construction
- Additional Steel & Concrete Construction

Dimensions & Features

- Exterior wall: 4.3m (14ft) tall
- Domed roof: 36.6m (120ft) in diameter. Total height of building is 9.75m (32ft)
- Low-profile dome design
- Integrated parapet gutter

Qualifications

- All-Weather Construction
- ACI Certified Shotcrete Nozzlemen
- Type I (Fire-Resistant) Construction
- Exceeds IBC Seismic Criteria



An acoustic ceiling was installed within the dome to absorb sound.

Overview

An integrated gutter system prevents ice damming and directs precipitation away from the foundation. A walking path around the gym floor allows community members to use the facility for exercise.

Hansen School District 415 in Hansen, Idaho, contracted Dome Technology to build an auxiliary gym, funded in part by a \$1 million anonymous donation. The gym features a domed roof 120 feet in diameter built upon a 14-foot insulated-concrete-form stem wall. Total floor square footage is 11,310, and features include a regulation basketball court, an exercise room, a walking track, ADA-compliant bathrooms and locker rooms.

A dome is a conventional building with an unconventional building method. To construct the dome, a PVC airform is attached to the walls, then inflated to provide the necessary shape. Concrete and reinforcing steel are placed to the inside of the airform until the roof is superior in its strength. The building requires no interior walls or trusses for support.

According to district superintendent David Carson, the new gym will make it easier for students and community members to schedule practice time and community events. "We were able to get a good facility at the price point we were looking at," Carson said. "This will be used as a community center as well. Anytime you can have a second gym, it helps in a lot of ways."

District officials expect lower utility costs with the dome versus traditional construction, Carson said. According to Dome Technology sales manager Daren Wheeler, the gym will not need to be conditioned because the dome's concrete shell will absorb the energy during the day and discharge it back into the building during the night.

According to Dome Technology, the dome's indefinite lifespan makes it a wise investment for the long term. "It's highly sustainable in that it's never going to have to be replaced as far as the building envelope goes," Wheeler said, adding that when complete, the gymnasium will significantly exceed current building codes for seismic and wind loading.

"For nearly four decades we've relied on a collaborative approach with companies—they're in the driver seat, and we help navigate. In every project Dome Technology incorporates innovative technology to maximize system performance with an economical solution," said Bradley Bateman, Dome Technology CEO.

