

**FOSSIL SCHOOL DISTRICT 21J**  
**Fossil School District ~ Fossil Grade School, Board Room**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**- 7:00 PM -**

**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018**

<u>Pos</u>		<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos</u>		<u>Year</u>
1	Herb Winters	2019	4	Terry Ignowski	2021
2	Jon Bowerman	2021	5	Marie Mallory	2021
3	Erin McGreer	2019		Corrina Jaeger, Business Manager	
				Brad Sperry, Superintendent	

Attendance  
Board Member  
Erin McGreer  
Jon Bowerman  
Terry Ignowski  
Marie Mallory

Staff  
Brad Sperry  
Melanie Sperry  
Corrina Jaeger  
Mike Mahoney  
Jim Smith

Others  
Rusty Rutherford  
Sami Stockton  
Jon Moore  
Liz Barrowcliff

**1.0 Call Meeting to Order**

\*Director Ignowski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

**\*The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance**

**2.0 Approve/Additions to the Agenda**

**\*Add 8.7 Hiring Sandra McMorran as Cook**

**\*Add 8.8 Discuss amending the agenda item order**

**3.0 Committee Reports**

3.1 Grade School Presentations

\*Mr. Mahoney and Sami Stockton gave a presentation on outdoor school.

\*Mr. Mahoney presented the all grade school Driscoll fish pond

3.2 Co-op Committee:

\*Jim Smith stated the coop committee will meet as needed.

3.3 Fossil Distance Learning Program:

\*Liz – Finished state testing and completed smarter balanced testing and passed out a report that states their average scores against state average scores. Happy that scores reflect efforts, but just a snapshot in time. End of year field trips, teachers meet with parents and looking forward to next year.

3.4 Safety Committee Meeting:

\*Scheduled for next week or so.

3.5 Rattlers Report

\*None at this time – waiting for OSAA final on coop.

3.6 High School Report

\*Written – Jim gearing up to leave for all school trip. Seniors returned from senior trip. Did their presentations prior to going. District track on Saturday in Sherman.

**4.0 Superintendent's Report**

4.1 Superintendent Sperry – one of the duties of superintendent is to teach school board their duties and roles and responsibilities. Look at OSBA instruction manual for boards – hire superintendent, set policy (you should look at these during the meetings), the last is to approve the budget. I want to make sure that you know your role in setting the budget. I do not plan on being there but Mr. Smith will be there. You will have 4 columns on each 2 years ago, last year, this year and next year. Please look at this prior to the meeting so that you are prepared for the meeting. You are elected for the purpose of running the district. Mr.

Bowerman came into my office and complained about the district having 2 administrators and there were community members concerned. When you get the book and are looking at the four columns and you will need to compare 1,2,3 and compare to 4. Look at those items that are added for next year that does not exist now. I hope that now that you are on the board that you are fiscally responsible management to the district.

Other things is that at graduation all the board members come and sit on the stage or in audience. I will be out for Melanie's surgery but Mr. Smith does a great job with graduation but it is important that you are there and the community sees you. I hope that you go to the graduation, it is important.

I will not be at next months board meeting, so this is my last meeting. I would like to make a public statement that I have enjoyed my ten years as superintendent and the community's trust in me. I have left this district better than I found it and will walk out with my head high. I am grateful for a couple of people that have done an amazing job for the district. First and foremost is Bryce Logan, a mentor, example for me, cares more than anyone about this district. He is tremendous man and am grateful I have gotten to know him and call him my friend. Billy Steiwer bless his heart helped me through tough times and he invited me to his house to talk and supportive and a memorable part of my time here in Fossil. And last Carol MacInnes who helped support me and I appreciate my tenure hear and know Mr. Smith will hit the ground running and know he will do good job.

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### **Communications**

4.3 Letter from Sheriff Humphreys

\*In packet.

4.4 Letter from Wasco County

\*Just information.

4.5 Condon/Wheeler Sports Financial Report

\*Just informational.

### **5.0 Consent Agenda**

5.1 Approval of Minutes: April 12, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

\*Director Bowerman made a motion to approve the April minutes. Director Mallory seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5.2 District Financials: April 2018 Financials and EFB Projection: FSD, FGS, WHS, cash balances.  
April Expense Voucher

\*Director Bowerman made a motion to approve the April 2018 Financials. Director Mallory seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **6.0 Audience Input**

6.1 Melanie Sperry commented that Brad won't be here because of Melanie's surgery.

### **7.0 Unfinished Business**

#### **Non-Action**

7.1

#### **Action**

7.2 Charter Update, Second Reading/Approval

\*Superintendent Sperry – all indications are that Jon did great and no changes needed.

\*Director Bowerman made a motion to approve the Charter Update. Director Mallory seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Concrete at the High School

\*Broken concrete and decaying at the high school. Just have a bid for concrete but not removal. Waiting for excavation bid from Thompson brothers. Just a reference that concrete is expensive. Jim is confident that Thompson will give a bid for demolition.

Table until next meeting.

7.4 Maintenance Garage

\*Superintendent Sperry – district needs to protect their investments and you need to move on the garage.

Rusty – LED lights, no plumbing, electrical included, 220, permits and engineering are not included, would say permits are about \$1000. We hope to keep engineering at The Dalles. Director Bowerman commented that we need an eye wash in there should. Five foot front apron and four week job.

\*Director McGreer – I am overwhelmed with spending money. And I think we need to look at budget.

\*Director Bowerman – I think we need to move on advertising for bids

\*Director Bowerman made a motion to advertise asap to approve the maintenance garage. Director Mallory seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **8.0 New Business**

## **Non-Action**

8.1

8.2

8.3

## **Action**

### 8.4 Counseling Services

\*Jim Smith – we need more counseling support for adolescence stuff, currently we don't pay for the services but the county has a grant to cover us. This gives us our own 24 hours and the sheriff's office still wants to continue the 5 hours through the grant.

\*Director Ignowski– I say we need this badly working with high school kids. I think it would be the best well spent money we have spent for a long time.

\*Director McGreer – How many high school kids? 23-24, grade school – 29 high school. 53 kids best estimate. Looking at \$54000 for first year but would go down \$12000 next year.

\*Superintendent Sperry – I agree we need a counselor for our kids and to help them. What will a counselor do all those hours for this few kids. What will the counselor do?

\*Jim Smith – She sees 8 kids one day a week and I would argue with you that she needs to see them more than once a week. She won't be with a student during those 24 hours, but I guarantee she will keep busy. She will still go into the classrooms as she currently does.

\*Director McGreer- she is currently 10 hours, but would move to 24.

\*Jim Smith – placement meeting will answer some of those questions regarding funding

\*Director McGreer – the hiring of the music teacher is a surprise to me. How many staff members are at the high school. 5 teachers and 4 grade school teachers and full time title one teacher. Do we want Herb to have a vote.

\*Director Ignowski – they want an answer so they know how to position this person.

\*Jim Smith – the staffing will be taken out of our hands and Alicia will be placed somewhere else,

\*Director McGreer – do you have trust in her and are confident?

\*Jim Smith – yes, I would not be here otherwise. This will be an annual contract up for renewal each year.

\*Jim Smith – she wants to do school based counseling but CCS says she cannot do that, so I will continue to do that.

\*Director McGreer – I feel we are top heavy with the number of staff for the students. I don't feel that we are being measured and don't take time. I don't like coming to the meetings and having to vote on the items. I feel that we need to deal with business and want to be more measured about it. I did not feel that we are given enough information in the packet to make decisions at the meeting.

\*Jim Smith – Reinvest the savings of administrator into better services for our kids.

\*The presentations are interesting but are taking up time and we don't get to what matters.

\*Director Ignowski – maybe let them present them quarterly.

\*Director Ignowski – I have seen them in action with these kids and if we can help the kids that are having problems and get into the lower age kids ahead of time then we won't see the problems that exist.

They are getting the services from where they need to get them from so we need to give it to them. This would be the best money spent.

\*Director Bowerman made a motion to approve the counselling services. Director Mallory seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 8.5 Surplus Ipad 1593

\*Director Mallory made a motion to approve the surplus of ipad 1593. Director Bowerman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 8.6 Approve Budget Committee Members

\*Director Bowerman made a motion to approve the budget committee members. Director McGreer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 8.7 Approve the hiring of Sandra McMorran for Cook position

\*Director Mallory made a motion to approve the hiring of Sandra McMorran. Director McGreer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 8.8 Discuss order of the agenda

\*We can move committee reports to the end. Cut down on the number of presentations to every 3 months.

\*Director Bowerman – we passed a motion as a board that we wanted public speaking as part of the curriculum. It is part of the state standards since 1996. I think it is important.

\*Communications are there for the reading, but you don't have to talk about it.

\*Consent agenda does not need to be discussed but if you have questions ask them.

\*Superintendent Sperry – if a parent comes in and wants to make a complaint you must shut them down if it is on personnel.

\*Melanie Sperry - Presentations – for elementary you might want to go to the classrooms and see the presentations from the students.

\*Jim Smith – I don't plan on adding any more positions ever.....except one, but it will be a replacement/addition.

## **9.0 Director's Comments**

\*Superintendent Sperry– I failed to thank Liz and Jon for their contributions, support and friendship and all their work and sorry I missed you but you are recognized for where we are right now.

**10.0 Adjournment**

8:48 pm adjourned

**Next Meeting:**

**Budget Committee Meeting**

**May 15, 2018 7:00PM**

**Budget Hearing**

**June 14, 2018 7:00PM**

**Scheduled Regular Board Meeting**

**June 14, 2018 7:00PM**

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**Board Chair**

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**Business Manager**