

FOSSIL SCHOOL DISTRICT 21J
Fossil School District ~ Fossil Elementary/District Office/via Zoom

WORK SESSION AGENDA

-3:00 PM -

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

<u>Pos</u>		<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos</u>		<u>Year</u>
1	Herb Winters	2027	4	Ben Logan	2025
2	Tyler Wright	2025	5	Joe McNeill	2025
3	Erin McGreer	2027		Corrina Jaeger, Business Manager	
				Jon McMurray, Superintendent	

Attendance
Board
Herb Winters
Tyler Wright
Erin McGreer
Ben Logan
Joe McNeill

Staff
Jon McMurray
Corrina Jaeger
Becky Irzyk

1.0 Call Meeting to Order

***Director McGreer called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

*The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Approve/Additions to the Agenda

***Corrina added 3.5 Surplus Salt Suburban**

***Erin added 3.1 f. sports schedule/adding more school days**

***Director McNeill made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Director Logan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Aye - Herb, Tyler, Erin, Ben and Joe.**

3.0 Unfinished Business

Action Items

3.1 Capital Improvements/Maintenance Issues

- a. 950 B Street Upgrades
*Discussed doing a walk through tonight and then table until the next meeting.
- b. 202 First Street Upgrades
*Discussed doing a walk through tonight and then table until the next meeting.
- c. Tiny homes on 1001 B Street Lot
*Director Wright - Suggested focussing on the new houses and then look at the tiny homes in the future.
*Tabled for now.
- d. Extra space for staff or classes
*Corrina expressed her opinion that the school has no more available space for staff to teach the children and she can't think of any place on the current school grounds to move the district offices. The Shamrock has been remodeled into office space and would make a perfect space for the district offices.
*The board suggested looking at the Shamrock as well.
*The board requested a floor plan of the grade school and Shamrock to demonstrate what the district sees as a layout of space.
*The board discussed using the garage for district office space.
*Director McNeill stated remodeling the garage might be more work then adding new space or a new building.
*Tabled until the next board meeting.
- e. Retaining wall -
*Superintendent McMurray presented two drawings of how the wall would look.
*The board discussed the layout and expanding the parking as much as possible.
*Tabled until next meeting.
- e. Universal gym for all Wheeler County schools
*The board discussed the possibility of a universal Wheeler County gym and athletic fields built in the Service Creek area.
*Echo built a gym onto an existing building in 2019 for \$8.5 million.
*It may be hard to get buy-in from Spray and Mitchell
* May be able to go out for a county bond for the building of the gym.

- *The board wants to keep the Coop a forever thing.
- *Director Logan will speak with Linda Donelly's brother about land in Service Creek.
- *Superintendent McMurray said there is coop meeting soon and he will invite the board to the meeting.

f. sports schedule/adding more school days

- *Director McGreer stated that listening to Lari and Shannon there is not enough hours in the school day.
- *The sports kids are missing at least one day a week.
- *The board discussed prioritizing school and not sports.
- *The board discussed the amount of school time the kids miss for sports.
- *The board asked to reduce the number of games the kids play to as minimal as possible. Play league games only.
- *The board discussed the possibility of a 5 day school week.
- *Director Winters suggested looking at brick and mortar infrastructure
 - i. Grade School Gym Bathrooms
 - ii. Took lockers out of HS locker room
 - iii. Dead spots in grade school gym
 - iv. Tom McNeill is asking Betty to make more curtains for the grade school gym
 - v. Volleyball standards need to be upgraded in both gyms.
 - vi. Expand Bus Barn to fit new bus
 - vii. Add CTE courses like welding
 - viii. FFA program

3.2 ELA/MTSS position

*The board discussed the position and that they would like to see the data showing the improvements from last year to this year.

* Superintendent McMurray stated that testing would not start until the end of April and then it takes time to get the results.

*Director McNeill made a motion to approve the ELA/MTSS position. Director Winters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Aye - Herb, Tyler, Erin , Ben and Joe.

3.3 School promotion ideas

*Superintendent McMurray suggested that the FFA idea would be good school promo. Sending the photographer on school trips and posting on social media and in newspapers would gain attention.

*Director Logan - What is there to gain by putting more information about the school out there?

*Director Winters - We should always think of ways to attract more families to our area.

*Director Wright - School website needs to be updated. It should look more like Spray's website.

*Facebook page should have our school board meetings on it.

*Steve Allen - mentioned that Fossil School District is almost like a private school and he would like to see Arts programming and AI in the high school curriculum. He mentioned what Spray has done and that our kids will need to know how to use AI for their future jobs.

*Superintendent McMurray will reach out to Rosie Day and see if she is available to teach a quarter or so next year.

3.4 Investment of school district money

*The board discussed the idea of investing our annual general fund interest in scholarships for seniors.

*Corrina will draft a document for the requirements of a scholarship.

*Also discussed that students must attend all four years of high school here to receive the scholarship.

3.5 Surplus 2019 Chevy Suburban Salt

*The estimate for repairs is \$9092

*The suburban has almost 130,000 miles

*Director Wright made a motion to approve the surplus of Salt Suburban. Director Logan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Aye - Herb, Tyler, Erin , Ben and Joe.

4.0 Director's Comments

5.0 Adjournment

***Director McGreer adjourned the meeting at 6:02pm**

***The board toured the district houses and the Shamrock and no discussion or decisions were made, just observations.**

Next Meeting:

Scheduled Regular Board Meeting

March 17, 2025 6:00 PM

Board Chair

Business Manager