

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

REGULAR MINUTES

- 6:00 PM -

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

<u>Pos</u>		<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos</u>		<u>Year</u>
1	Herb Winters	2019	4	Terry Ignowski	2021
2	Kirstie Miranda	2021(run in 2019)	5	Marie Mallory	2021
3	Erin McGreer	2019		Corrina Jaeger, Business Manager	
				James Smith, Superintendent	

Attendance
Board
Marie Mallory
Terry Ignowski
Kirstie Miranda

Staff
Mollie Carter
Brian Anglin
Jim Smith
Corrina Jaeger

Others
Liz Barrowcliff
Jon Moore
Katie Jaeger
Kathryn Ramsey

1.0 Call Meeting to Order

***Director Ignowski called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

**The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.*

2.0 Approve/Additions to the Agenda

***Add New Business Action item 9.5 Approve Amendment #3 to DLS contract.**

***Director Mallory made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Director Miranda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

3.0 Reserved

3.5 Recognition

***Superintendent Smith – Recognize Rob Whitbeck for all the work he did to provide a safe environment for the kids and staff during the winter weather. And recognize Terry our board chair and the school board many staff have thanked for their appreciation.**

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 High School Senior Trip

**Mollie Carter – starting a project based lesson – presenting the students with a situation where they submit proposals to the city council for grant and also give them input. Invite board members to come on May 17 and May 30 to hear their presentations both first and final drafts.*

**Katie and Kathryn gave the itinerary and why they want to go for their senior trip.*

4.2 Fossil Distance Learning Program:

**Liz – Ran the lottery and after adding kids there are a 1000 kids on the wait list. Hire a full time teacher in Central Oregon we have enough kids. Also add a full time teacher in Southern Southern Oregon. This would give us the most saturation point.*

**Director Mallory – How many students are from Central Oregon – 60*

**Director Ignowski – Is that enough.*

Liz – we did more interviews than we ever had – 40 screening interviews – we hired special ed position and next week we finish teacher interviews.

4.3 Safety Committee Meeting:

**Superintendent Smith – committee met and Rob and Jim looking at building. Gutters and AC unit fence needs to be repaired. Flooding in basement coming from north side. Caught dead mice and reset traps.*

4.4 Rattlers Report

**Nothing new – football heading up soon.*

4.5 High School Report

*Wrapping up state testing at all levels, number of the kids are going to Powells on Saturday for reward for the OBOB trip. Number of kids going to Grant County prom in John Day at the Elks Lodge.

5.0 Superintendent's Report

5.1 Working on Budget – We need a volunteer to serve on NCESD budget committee. Terry volunteered to go.

5.2

Communications

5.3 Condon/Wheeler Financial Report

*Bryce Logan stated agreement was that all the money from both programs will be combined and split 50/50 to each school once the coop is ended.

*Superintendent Smith – Michelle has emailed about dividing up funds and uniforms.

6.0 Consent Agenda

6.1 Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

*Director Mallory made a motion to approve the March 14, 2019 Minutes. Director Miranda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 District Financials: March 2019 Financials and EFB Projection: FSD, FGS, WHS, cash balances. March Expense Voucher

*Director Mallory made a motion to approve the March Financial and Expense Voucher. Director Miranda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7.0 Audience Input

7.1 Bryce Logan – here to offer some ideas. I was rep on coop meeting and I went to them and lobbied fairly hard with what they were doing. The issue was not about games or practice but the issue was the structure of the coop (their mind was made up before any board meetings). We offered to change games and practices and it was all about them not wanting to deal with our practices. You now have over the next three years an additional \$60-70 K to not run an athletic program. This whole thing made me aware of the dwindling numbers at the high school. If the number goes down below 10 you will have to consolidate numbers somewhere. I am here to inspire you to recognize the fact to have the building to stay open in the future you need to find a way to get more kids in it. I would suggest that what you are lacking is information out to the public on what you are doing and I think you just need to get the word out if you want to grow. The public needs to know what great things are happening. It may entice people and families to come here and would be attractive to families for better education. First thing is the Fossil community needs to know you are doing great things here along with the entire County. Get something in the paper. Nothing about the field trips. The school needs to grow in order to keep it here and you must get the word out.

Secondly, you need a new website and everything I look at is better than yours but not awesome. Consider investing in a marketing specialist to do website and try to sell your district. I encourage you to do this as a community member if you decide to grow. Somehow you need to find out what the county is doing with the internet and help them making it better.

8.0 Unfinished Business

Non-Action

8.1

8.2

Action

8.3 Capital Improvements/Maintenance Issues

*Discussed the items of the capital improvement list.

*Director Mallory made a motion to approve the electrical bid. Director Miranda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Board agreed to put \$300,000 in Capital improvement budget.

9.0 New Business

Non-Action

9.1

Action

9.2 Approve hiring of .8 Education Assistant

*Superintendent Smith gave a tentative work schedule to look at. Described why we need an assistant and that Angi will be pulled away for Title I for distance learning.

*Director Miranda made a motion to approve the hiring of an Education Assistant. Director Mallory seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.3 Approve Science Remodel Architect Contract

*Superintendent Smith – lots of talk about how small we are and Terry really tried to reach out last year regarding consolidation for the county schools. I talked with Mitchell and we are discussing a County school for all 3 cities. I am willing to take time and a roll in having the conversations to combine the schools. It might be that we hang on to our Ending Fund Balance as seed money for new school for the county.

*TI I think it would be worth discussing with Spray and Mitchell boards and I know it would be an uphill battle. I think it is a discussion we should have even it doesn't work out.

*Director Mallory each community would still have grade school and it would be a county high school.

*Director Ignowski then we have a school here that can be used for other things.

*Jon Moore – I would be interested in pro bono in on those conversations and thinking through some of the issues and have some great ideas on these lines and have done research and would have some ideas as far as what the process would look like. I would love to volunteer to have some answers.

*Director Mallory – big step is getting the 3 communities together and proposals and the biggest hurdle will be agreeing as the communities.

*Table Science Remodel and discuss the county school at the next meeting.

9.4 Approve Reading Curriculum for Grade School

*Director Mallory made a motion to approve the reading curriculum. Director Miranda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.5 Approve Amendment #3 to DLS contract

*Director Mallory made a motion to approve the amended DLS contract. Director Miranda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10.0 Director's Comments

*Corrina gave a brief board member responsibilities and meeting update

*Director Ignowski - appreciates board and ideas

11.0 Adjournment

Next Meeting:

Scheduled Regular Board Meeting
Budget Committee Meeting

May 9, 2019 6:00PM
May 14, 2019 6:00 PM

Board Chair

Board Secretary