

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

REGULAR MINUTES

- 6:00 PM -

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

<u>Pos</u>		<u>Year</u>
1	Herb Winters	2027
2	Tyler Wright	2025
3	Erin McGreer	2027

<u>Pos</u>		<u>Year</u>
4	Ben Logan	2025
5	Joe McNeill	2025

Corrina Jaeger, Business Manager
Jon McMurray, Superintendent

Attendance

Board

Erin McGreer

Ben Logan

Tyler Wright

Joe McNeill

Staff

Jon McMurray

Corrina Jaeger

Angi Humphreys

Others

Liz Barrowcliff

Jon Moore

1.0 Call Meeting to Order

***Director McGreer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

*The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 Approve/Additions to the Agenda

***Director McNeill made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Logan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

3.0 RESERVED

3.5 Recognition

***Superintendent McMurray recognized the reader board on the corner put up by the city. Hopefully it will move faster as it goes slow right now. We will begin using it soon.**

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 RESERVED

4.2 Fossil Distance Learning Program:

*Jon - Total students 2419 students enrolled - 2414 ADM. Equates to 1170 families we are serving. Our SPED weights are about 110 students. Our lottery waitlist is 846 students and since then it is 1096 for a total waitlist of 1942 students.

*Director Logan - do you ever see a cap in sight.

*Jon - no number at this moment.

4.3 Safety Committee Meeting:

*No issues.

4.4 Athletic Report

*Boys football team finished 2-5. We are trying to put together another game or so for the kids in the next couple weeks.

*Girls finished 20-3, they won the east side championship. Will play on Saturday for regional.

*Middle school volleyball and football wrapped up their season. Volleyball is undefeated. We may end hosting or going on the road for state playoffs.

5.0 Superintendent's Report

5.1 Division 22 Standards

*Superintendent McMurray reported to the school board that Fossil School District 21J met all Division 22 Standards and are compliant with all of those standards.

5.2 Third Grade Reading Proficiency

*Superintendent McMurray we are sitting 4th in terms of gains in reading since the COVID area. We are the highest ranking school in terms of poverty level. This attests to how well the DLP and Brick and Mortar reading programs are doing.

5.3 Glover Center MOU with Wheeler County - Have a meeting set up with Matt next week to start planning the project.

- 5.4 Elementary taking a field trip to the recent burn area and doing some fire science activities.
- 5.5 High School Field Trip Champoeg park and Alpacas of Oregon and hang out with Alpacas for an hour.
- 5.6 Discussing the possibility of a Drone class with Mr. Pedrick and they would learn how to fly a drone and they would take a test at the end of the class to be certified.

Communications

5.7

6.0 Consent Agenda

6.1 Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

*Director Wright made a motion to approve the September 16, 2024 minutes. Director McNeill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 District Financials: September Financials and EFB Projection: FSD, FGS, WHS, cash balances. September 2024 Expense Voucher

*Director McNeill made a motion to approve the September 2024 financials. Director Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7.0 Audience Input

7.1 Jeffrey Kee - OPLI Update

*Jeffrey - received a grant from Ford Foundation and what happened is that we believe all of our work should be focused on the collection area at the high school. We developed some QR codes and wanted to ask the school board about policies regarding fossil digging. We would love to have a web page to link to so that we could put the QR codes together. The web page needs a page for the policies, fee structure and anything else.

*We don't have much board capacity, our closest member is in Mitchell and we are looking for 2 more local board members to support our mission. We are having internal discussions about rather we can sustain our organization. The county wants their building back.

*Director Logan - an older lady said she had a hard time finding fossils.

*Jeffrey - yes, there is a rich vein down by the dugouts - maybe a couple hundred dump truck loads there.

7.2 Angi Humphreys - children eye appointments

*Angi - One of the jobs of Title 1 is to get the school and parents to work well together. Elemental Eye care in Bend has worked with us on developmental eye care. We took 14 kids on September 27th to the eye care center and 13 out of the 14 kids needed glasses, 11 of them had to wear them full time. Seven kids need to go back in 6 months for a follow up. I am so grateful the district is supportive to help out the kids get the tools they need.

*Angi - several parents have suggested the district provide more information on certain topics. The number one answer was self-esteem. We have teamed with Community Counseling Solutions to do an activity that provides dinner, child care, and goody bags with prizes. Parents will have a chance to ask questions.

*Angi - Family Fun Night will be held on Friday, November 15. We are going to do fun minute to minute type of things parents can do with their kids.

8.0 Unfinished Business

Non-Action

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8.2

Action

8.3 Capital Improvements/Maintenance Issues

*Superintendent McMurray - talked with Jeff Schott and it has been surveyed and would like to expand the parking lot and pave the lot. Every parking spot is full for each school day.

*Donkey basketball is coming again soon.

*Renter has moved out but left a travel trailer.

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8.5

9.0 New Business

Non-Action

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9.2

Action

9.3 Add a school day May 9, 2025, for Missoula Children's Theatre

*Director Logan made a motion to add May 9, 2025, as a school day. Director McNeill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.4 Ratify Classified Employee Contract

*Director Wright made a motion to ratify classified employee contracts. Director McNeill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.5 Ratify Additional Extra Duty Contracts

*Director Logan made a motion to ratify the extra duty contracts. Director Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.6 Surplus outdated ipads and chromebooks

*Director Logan made a motion to surplus outdated ipads and chromebooks. Director Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10.0 Director's Comments

*Superintendent McMurray asked to keep Salt in rotation as needed.

*Director McGreer - where does the collection at the high school game go and can we get rid of it?

*Director Wright - Sandi would like to have an aide or more help in the cafeteria.

11.0 Adjournment

*Director McGeer adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

Next Meeting:

Scheduled Regular Board Meeting

November 18, 2024 6:00 PM



Board Chair

Business Manager