**Fossil School District 21J**

**Fossil School District ~ Fossil Elementary/District Office/via Zoom**

***Regular Minutes - 6:00 PM -***  ***Tuesday, March 21, 2023***

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1 Herb Winters 2023 4 Ben Logan 2025

2 Kirstie Miranda 2025 5 Joe McNeill 2025

3 Erin McGreer 2023 Corrina Jaeger, Business Manager

Jon McMurray, Superintendent

Attendance

Board

Erin McGreer

Herb Winters via Zoom

Joe McNeill

Kirstie via Zoom

Ben Logan

Staff

Jon McMurray

Jim Smith

Corrina Jaeger

Brian Anglin

Angi Humphreys

James Andrews

Maria Logan

Becky Wade

Others

Dan Robinson

Jon Moore

Liz Barrowcliff

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

**3.0 Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the**

**governing body to carry on labor negotiations.**

**Board entered executive session at 6:02**

**Board entered regular session at 6:26**

**3.5 Recognition**

**Superintendent McMurray recognized Becky Wade as an applicant regional teacher of the year as well as Lari Whitbeck and Angi Humphreys.**

**4.0 Committee Reports**

4.1 Senior Trip Presentation - tabled

**4**.2Fossil Distance Learning Program:

Jon - 1697 students enrolled 1702 ADM. Made a push to sign up to get on the wait list and so wait list is at 1319 students. Going to stay the course for next year and will verify that next month. We have seen more of making it through the list to get a student enrolled.

4.3 Safety Committee Meeting:

No meeting this month.

4.4 Athletic Report

Superintendent McMurray - Track and baseball have started and baseball teams have won one and lost 2 games. Track had first meet and we have some new kids. Little league is asking to use our field and so we are going to share time with them and baseball and track. We are going to have an athletic meeting tomorrow and I will come back with a report next month. Condon adult softball has asked if they could use our field for their tournament in July.

**5.0 Superintendent‘s Report**

5.1 Change Board Meeting date in April (conflict with Washington DC Trip)

Move it to Monday April 17th. Also move the school day on the 26th to April 21st since we return late and then still have a day on Thursday the 27th.

5.2 Leave without pay - a staff is with leave without pay

5.3 Made $3545 in bingo and it well exceeded my expectations.

5.4 A teacher in Spray, (Rosie Day) is being downgraded in Spray and looking to do halftime work here.She is a welder, visual arts,

\*Director McNeill - Sounds like a great opportunity.

**Communications**

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**6.0 Consent Agenda**

6.1 Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

6.2 District Financials: February 2023 Financials and EFB Projection: FSD, FGS,WHS, cash balances.

February 2023 Expense Voucher

Director Logan made a motion to approve the February financials. Director Miranda seconded the motion. The motion passes.

**7.0 Audience Input**

**7**.1 Dan Robinson - parent of a special needs child enrolled in Elementary school. Belong to several different support groups along with parents facing different challenges. There are things about a male special needs child and I am here right now and not real happy as things have not gone well for us for the past few months. I would like to ask for you to provide special needs children qualified instructors who care for them. If you assign someone who does not like your child or finds fault with your child then your child acts out. So now the behavior is the chief issue and they keep records of these. Now your child is a bad kid. This is the reality and I would like to ask in your budget and planning to be able to meet the needs of special needs children and not babysit our children. Our child had a very low functioning and dangerous child. This has gone from bad to where we feel he is not safe and law enforcement is involved and we feel like victims, but I am really here to ask you to find people who are skilled to work with the special needs children. The most qualified teachers are what we need to put with the special needs children and we feel if this position was advertised that there are skilled, well trained professionals in the area to work with the children even if it is 4-5 hours per week, or day. A deaf student had an interpreter all day every day, other special needs children need the same attention. I am not happy, but think the Fossil schools can be better.

**8.0 Unfinished Business**

**Non-Action**

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**Action**

**8**.4 Capital Improvements/Maintenance Issues

1. High School Back Step Proposal

\*Larry Conaway submitted a proposal for a loading dock at the high school gym.

\*Director Logan made a motion to approve the high school gym step proposal. Director Winters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.5 School Security

\*Superintendent McMurray, no information but will do better to get a buzz door for kids and visitors for a single entry point. Less than a $10,000 investment to get all 3 doors done for the schools.

8.6 Discuss/Approve 4-H building options

\*Superintendent McMurray said his preference would be option 2.

\*Jim Smith said 14 students between the grades of 3-6 that would raise animals.

\*The fair board horses are all thrown off the fair property and only 4-H horses will be allowed to stay on the property.

\*Director Logan said the current board would not be acceptable to the idea of animals on site.

\*Director McGreer stated she would like to keep this separate from the 4-H. Let’s discuss more with the fair board and keep in the radar.

\*Jon Moore - have you thought about leasing the building?

\*Director Logan - being a commissioner I will go to the Fair Board and see where we can go.

\*Director McGreer -I think we need to be more focused on Education of our students and taking care of our students before taking care of 4-H needs.

\*Director Winters - We have done well due to Jon and Liz but I do not think we are a piggy bank and don’t think we should be focused on this area but on education of underprivileged kids.

\*Director Logan - I did not like school, but I liked 4-H and maybe if we put it together we can get more kids to like school. To me it is no different than having a half time welder teaching CTE to our students.

\*Director Winters - we need someone who loves and breathes this prior to jumping into this with both feet. Let’s explore and find a dedicated person prior to building this program.

\*Director McGreer asked to table until further notice.

8.7 Discuss/Approve Staff Bonuses as approved expenditures of Fund 270 Staff Retention and Recruitment

\*Director McNeill made a motion to approve scenario #1 for the staff retention and recruitment Bonuses. Director Logan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**9.0 New Business**

**Non-Action**

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**Action**

9.3 Approve Integrated Application Template for the Aligning Student Success Grant

\*Mr. Smith would like to recognize Mollie Carter and Lari Whitbeck for wordsmithing and Superintendent McMurray for input. There will be quarterly fiscal and progress reports for the next four years.

\*No public comment.

\*Director Logan made a motion to approve the information on the Integrated Application Template. Director McNeill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.4 Ratify Assistant Business Manager Contract

\*Director McGreer asked to change the work hours to 7:30-5:00.

\*Director McNeill made a motion to ratify the Business Manager Contract. Director Winters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.5 Approve the Certified Collective Bargaining Agreement changes

McNeill moved Winters seconded Unanimous

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**10.0 Director's Comments**

**\*Superintendent McMurray shared why we had public input and explained the school's position.**

**11.0 Adjournment**

**\*Director McGreer adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm**

**Next Meeting:**

**Scheduled Regular Board Meeting April 17, 2023 6:00 PM**

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**Board Chair Business Manager**