



**Morrow County School District
2025 Bond Projects
October Board Report
10/13/2025**

1. Procurement:
 - a. Architect:
 - i. District received (11) proposals
 - ii. Shortlisted two firms for an interview:
 1. Architects West and Opsis
 2. SAJ Architecture
 - iii. Evaluation Committee is recommending SAJ Architecture for approval
 - b. Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC)
 - i. District will meet on 10/27 @ 6 PM via Zoom to review Findings of Fact
 - ii. Findings of Fact support use of CM/GC and require approval by the Board
 - iii. Pending Board approval, will proceed with issuing first Request for Proposal (RFP) for Package #1
 - iv. Proposing 3 separate CM/GC packages/solicitations:
 1. Irrigon Jr/Sr HS Replacement (\$53.3M) & District Wide Safety and Security Improvements (\$3.75M)
 2. Riverside Jr/Sr HS Renovation (\$54.4M)
 3. Heppner Jr/Sr HS Conversion to Heppner K-12 Facility (\$36.3M)
2. Budget:
 - a. Wenaha and MCSD Business Manager established recurring monthly Budget Review
3. Site related:
 - a. Topographic and Utility Survey:
 - i. MCSD will have updated topographic and utility surveys for Riverside Jr/Sr HS, Irrigon Jr/Sr HS, Heppner Jr/Sr HS and Sam Boardman ES by 11/06
 - b. Hazardous Materials Survey:
 - i. MCSD will have hazardous materials survey for all facilities by 12/31; for those facilities that are only receiving Safety and Security improvements, hazmat survey focusing only on areas that will be impacted by construction (i.e. entry areas, administrative offices, etc.)
4. Communications:
 - a. Developing overall communications strategy
 - i. Received draft proposal from PacWest Communications; team is currently reviewing
 - ii. Short- and long-term goals
 1. Short: immediately support the District re: bond projects, value to the community and students, ensure awareness with receipt of property tax statements
 2. Long: develop long term community engagement strategy, built on good use of public funds, transparency to the bond process/program, and student achievement/student success
 - b. Preparing to distribute October mailer
 - i. Will be mailed to all Morrow County households by 10/15/2025



- ii. English and Spanish
 - iii. Emphasize “thank you voters for supporting our students!” and high-level summary of the projects
 - c. City Managers
 - i. Wenaha and Superintendent Combe met with all 3 City Managers
 - 1. Brandon Hammond/City of Boardman, 09/16 @ 1 PM
 - 2. John Doherty/City of Heppner, 09/15 @ 10:30 AM
 - 3. Aaron Palmquist/City of Irrigon, 09/11 @ 12 noon
 - d. Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)
 - i. District is engaging CBAC members to assemble the BOC
 - ii. Targeting Monday, 11/17 @ 6 PM, at Irrigon Jr/Sr HS for initial meeting
 - e. Utility Providers:
 - i. Wenaha has reached out to Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative (CBEC) and Umatilla Electric Cooperative (UEC); CBEC has responded and expressed support, still pending response from UEC
5. Questions?