

MCSD Maintenance & Facilities Report – January 2026

Bond Project Update:

The Wenaha, SAJ and the District team have weekly meetings to stay on track.

The next Bond Oversight Committee meeting will be on February 18 at 6:00 in the Heppner Jr Sr High library. As a reminder, the committee will meet quarterly through the entire bond process ending in the fall of 2029. The BOC's core purpose will be to carefully monitor the delivery of the proposed bond program to ensure accountability, fiscal transparency, and community trust. The meetings will be facilitated by Wenaha along with Matt, Gabe and Brandi. Up to three board members are allowed to attend the meetings.

The BOC members include Brett Harrison, Meghan Golden, Don Alleman, Justin Nelson, Tia McNamee, Zac Acock, Debbie Radie, Phyllis Danielson, Torrie Griggs, Frances Glenn, George Shimer and Karen Pettigrew.

The December Design Advisory Committee (DAC) had another great meeting with excellent attendance and participation! We briefly reviewed the highlights from the first meeting and jumped into our hands on portion. Each community worked in their groups shaping the building including where new construction may be built and where programs and classrooms locations make sense given the board goals from the CBAC. Everyone is excited to see the floor plans at the January meeting.

As a reminder, the group is tasked with helping to shape the design and vision of the schools and to communicate the work with the staff, community and stakeholders. They will prioritize cost framework, craft the design goals and refine the design to shape the future of our schools.

SAJ was very happy to receive many responses from the survey that was sent in December to teachers at IJSH, RJSH, HJSH and HES. The results will help them shape the spaces and determine square footage. The SAJ Architect design schedule includes opportunities for building staff, students and community members to provide input and feedback. As we move through the process, we will provide more details and communicate with stakeholders.

We will continue to combine the DACs for Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon for the January 20 and February 24 meetings. Up to three board members may attend.

In March, Irrigon will meet for the next seven months separately. Boardman's group will meet from July 2025 – January 2027. Heppner's meetings are September 2026 – March 2027. During those meetings, the DACs will create unique, individual spaces for their buildings.

Irrigon's DAC members are Rose Palmer, Marie Shimer, Addie Cole, Dan Loey, James Durfee, Brenda Shockman, Heidi Horn and daughter Jade, Nubia Loera and daughter Nathaly and Aaron Palmquist.

Boardman's DAC members are John Christy, Marie Shimer, David Boor, Stephanie Simpson, Claude Birt, Smokey Joe Wightman, Veronica Nunez Lezama and daughter Ariana, Richard Rockwell and daughter Kaia and Luis Campos.

Heppner's DAC members are Ryan Gerry, Laura Winters, Marie Shimer, Petra Payne, Jason Palmer, Ashley Beard, Sarah Matheny and son Peyton, Linsey Hanna and son Jasper, Jennifer Wilson, John Doherty and Linda Kenny.

The Irrigon new build and safety security request for proposal for the Construction Manager/General Contractor was released on October 31. We had 12 firms attend the mandatory zoom meeting on

November 10 followed by five firms at the non-mandatory site visit on November 12. The firms received an addendum that included answers to all questions that were posed. Proposals were due on December 10. We received 5 proposals and the evaluation committee reviewed them and selected two for an interview on January 6. The recommendation is in the board packet. Boardman and Heppner CM/GC request for proposals will be available in 2026.

SAJ along with several engineers, Wenaha and the District team visited Windy River and Irrigon Elementary on November 20 for the safety and security upgrades that will be done during the summer of 2026. The group visited with principals about how the spaces work now and what improvements could be made. Safety and security may include updated camera systems, door access control and secure front entries. We reviewed the first round of plans and are making some adjustments to the front entry project. Another meeting will be scheduled to review different software programs for the systems and will involve the district team along with IT. The goal is to find systems that will be used in all our facilities that are versatile and long-lasting.

Topographic and utility survey reports have been received and shared with Wenaha and SAJ. Hazardous material survey samples have been collected, and the full report is due at the end of December. Geotech surveys are next and many test plots were located in December. Test plot schedules are not confirmed yet as we asked for more time pending the DAC meeting findings.

Our next procurements include third party cost estimator, commissioning authority and building envelope consultant. All surveys and consultants are a vital part of the process to help the architects and general contractors know what to expect and provide a checks and balances system which in turn should keep the change orders and unexpected expenses minimal.

Pacific Northwest Communications created our second press release which will be shared on all schools' social media and area news outlets. This press release centered around the additional SIP and EZ tax payments that MCSD will receive to pay down the bonded debt and help offset the cost to taxpayers. Xenia from IMESD along with Daniel of PACWest have created videos featuring our DAC student leaders and they will be released in January and February.

The District team would like to thank all the volunteer committee members for their time, openness and support. We are excited to work collaboratively with the school board, staff, students and the community to create facilities for the next generations.

Respectfully Submitted By,
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