



**Morrow County School District
2025 Bond Projects
January Board Report
01/12/2026**

1. Design:
 - a. Design Advisory Committee (DAC)
 - i. SAJ Architecture facilitated DAC Meeting #2 on 12/16 at Riverside Jr/Sr HS
 1. Review what the DAC has discussed so far, further development of the program, feedback from building educators, and soliciting input for the programmatic elements and site layout
 - ii. General themes from the DAC thus far have emphasized:
 1. Ensure ability to communicate the bond's value and benefit to the community
 2. Serve as a source of community pride
 3. Demonstrate that the District is a good steward of bond dollars
 4. Community input throughout the planning process is essential
 - iii. DAC Meeting #3 is scheduled for 01/20 at Heppner Jr/Sr HS and will provide updated concept(s), review of the educational specifications, and provide some exterior imagery for discussion and direction
 - iv. Team is attempting to coordinate some site tours during the month of January, schedule and weather permitting!
 - b. Safety and Security Upgrades
 - i. District will complete two safety and security projects Summer of 2026 – Irrigon Elementary School and Windy River Elementary School
 - ii. Conducted a Schematic Design (SD) page turn with WRES and IES Building Administration and IMESD Information Technology
 - iii. Design is progressing and work will occur Summer of 2026 with the selected Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) being the contractor
 - c. Site Assessments:
 - i. Wenaha, SAJ Architecture and Brandi Sweeney/MCSD Facilities walked Irrigon Jr/Sr, Riverside Jr/Sr, Heppner Jr/Sr and Heppner Elementary on 12/15 to better familiarize SAJ with the buildings and discuss options for the pending improvements
2. Contracts
 - a. SAJ Architecture:
 - i. In process of finalizing the Master Agreement with SAJ Architecture
 - ii. Pending finalization of Master Agreement, will generate individual Service Orders for each of the respective projects/scope of services
 - iii. Have pending Service Orders for the initial programming/DAC work and the IES/WRES Safety and Security Upgrades
3. Procurement:
 - a. Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC)
 - i. Proposals for CM/GC Package #01 – Irrigon Jr/Sr HS and District Wide Safety and Security Upgrades – were rec'd Tuesday, 12/09, at 2 PM
 - ii. District rec'd (5) proposals (in alphabetical order):



1. Bouten Construction
2. Bremik Construction
3. Chervenell Construction Company
4. Fowler General Contractors
5. Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company
- iii. The District's Evaluation Committee – consisting of MCSD Admin, Irrigon Jr/Sr HS Admin and Facilities, and a member of the MCSD Board of Directors - met with Wenaha and SAJ Architecture to review proposals the week of 12/15; Committee invited two top ranked firms to interview – Fowler and Kirby Nagelhout
- iv. Interviews were conducted on Tuesday, 01/06; Evaluation Committee is recommending proceeding with Fowler General Contractors for the project.
- v. Will issue RFP for package #2 in January, which is renovation of Riverside Jr/Sr HS Renovation (\$54.4M)
- vi. Will issue RFP for package #3 shortly after completion of procurement for package #2; package #3 is Heppner Jr/Sr HS Conversion to Heppner K-12 Facility (\$36.3M)

4. Budget:
 - a. No significant updates
5. Site related:
 - a. Topographic and Utility Survey:
 - i. Irrigon Jr/Sr High School site: rec'd information from City of Irrigon that there was concern re: possible Bureau of Reclamation easement; Wenaha confirmed with Apex/PBS (survey firm) that there was no records of easement or any related title concerns
 - b. Geotechnical Assessment:
 - i. Field work will occur in January, 2026
6. Communications:
 - a. Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)
 - i. BOC Meeting #2 is 02/18 @ 6 PM
7. Questions?