



**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?