

## HUDSON: Manager has long history with Sisters schools

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electrical, plumbing, and other personnel.

The District advertised for a project manager after the \$10.7 million bond passed last spring. Hudson, 48, was selected and is classified as a District employee through the anticipated end of renovation and construction in August 2018. That classification means he receives medical insurance from the District in addition to his salary.

His base salary is \$81,000, said Jayel Hayden, regional human relations director for the High Desert Education Service District, which contracts with Sisters School District. The project manager job was advertised on the ESD website and the Oregon School Board Association website from July 6 through July 20, he said. Hudson was hired August 1 after recommendation by Superintendent Curt Scholl and an affirmative vote of the Sisters School Board.

Hudson served as project manager to design golf courses and resorts for the window-manufacturing firm Jeldwen until 2008, when the

economy stalled and resorts and golf courses weren't a priority. He managed bond projects for Redmond, Crook County, and Culver school districts from 2009 until 2015, with some of that work still ongoing.

He also orchestrated the Redmond City Hall renovation, and is overseeing the renovation of the McClay Building into a performing arts center for Redmond Proficiency Academy.

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The next step in the bond program is to hire an architect. The district issued a request for proposals and received applications from four firms, Hudson said. The winning company will be named during the Wednesday, November 2 school board meeting.

After that, a bidding process for a general contractor and sub-contractors will begin.

"Most likely there will be multiple general contractors," Hudson said.

School officials want to design a roadmap for the bond work, determining the order in which different projects will be tackled. Hudson; the design committee, composed of District employees;

the architects, when the firm is hired; and members of the bond facilities oversight committee will meet together to determine that roadmap.

He noted that the oversight committee, consisting of community members, is charged with ensuring that the design of bond work is true to the intent of the bond.

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"You want a good consensus group that pulls everything together," he said of the group approach.

The bond includes money for Americans with Disabilities Act barrier removal at every District building. In addition, all three schools' administrative offices will be redesigned for better visibility and safety.

Hudson is anticipating the coming months as Sisters School District takes the steps authorized by voters.

"I love development," Hudson said, "and I've always been involved with our schools."

## DISASTER: Major event can strain resources across region

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have an opportunity for hands-on learning, we're there!" Johnson said. "Not only does the participation of our medical/health students in disaster and active-shooter drills benefit our EMS services, it also provides exposure of career skills and experiences that ignite the passion of learning for our students. It's a win-win for the entire community."

The opportunity for students to experience this at no cost to them was a way for students to learn about how first responders handle situations such as a plane-crash, and the triage system they use.

It was also a significant opportunity for Sisters emergency personnel.

Deputy Fire Chief Tim Craig told *The Nugget* that even though a plane-crash is an event with a small likelihood of occurring in real life, the amount of busses that travel through the area means "we could end up with a pretty significant mass-casualty event similar to that."

Students training at

Sisters' fire department participate in the event, Craig said.

"They got exposure to just what the system looks like," he said.

Craig himself observed the incident command set-up.

"Seeing how this region does things was a beneficial thing for me," he said.

A major disaster in one area requires all the agencies in the region to help out, sending ambulances, fire apparatus and personnel.

"It very much strains our system," he said.

Everybody, from commanders to first responders to victims got a lot out of the day's events.

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"The disaster drill was an amazing insight into the world of emergency medicine, and I enjoyed every minute," said Health Occupations and EMS Fire student and drill attendee Emma Boyer of SHS.

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