

**LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**September 23, 2024**  
**EJH Library**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chair Jeremy Engle called the meeting of the Liberty School District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. The flag salute was given, and a quorum was declared. Others present were board members Mark Bullock, Stephanie Stout, Chad Denny, and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** No changes to the agenda were made.

**SALUTE TO LIBERTY:**

- Alex Saywers gave thanks to all of the parent volunteers who put on the Sport-A-Thon
- Jerrad Jeske recognized the food service department for their extra work they have put in this year to accommodate all of the extra meals the district is now serving.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** The following was a part of Jerrad Jeske's report:

- Enrollment numbers are looking solid. We budgeted for 560 students, and as of today, we're at 569.98. Last September, we had 569.17, so we're nearly identical to last year. While our high school is down by about six students, our K-8 enrollment is up by roughly seven. These numbers don't include the 20 new TK students, which we've kept separate. Overall, we're in great shape!
- Danita Shaw in the food services department, continues to collect free & reduced applications from families. Early #'s indicate that we are projected to qualify next year as well which would give us an additional 2 years for the free meal program. After qualifying for a total of 4 years, we would then have the ability to apply for an additional 4-year extension.

Food Service counts:

- Elementary Breakfast- Serving about 200/day which is up 40-60 students
- Elementary Lunch -Serving about 320-340/day which is up about 100 students
- HS breakfast-Serving about 40-60/day but that includes 5th graders
- High school Lunch-Serving about 70-80/day
- Maintenance updates:
  - Marshall has a short list of items we want to get done before winter hits. Plan is to add some additional tar on this flat roof here at the EJH. Also, get all of our parking blocks set before Steve starts plowing snow.
  - Campus Security: With the latest updates we are right around 100 cameras on campus.
  - Hidden Rivers gave a quote for the irrigation system along the baseball field. The quote came back at a little over \$20K. We are going to continue to look at some different options.
  - Mark Bullock discussed connecting with some people, to see about more bids for the irrigation work.
- Transportation updates:
  - Chris Davis continues to work on his bus certification.
  - Mark Erickson did put in for the mechanic job. He will have a 20-day grace period based on the PSE contract.

**ELEMENTARY/JUNIOR HIGH REPORT:** The following were a part of Alex Saywers report:

- September has been a busy month, working very hard on routines and expectations.
- On September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, teacher covered bus safety rules with all the students. The drivers appreciate having all of us on the same page and hearing all of the same rules.
- On Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> we had our first Kick-off Assembly for the Sport-a-thon. Erica Demateis and Holly Pratt kicked off our K-8 Sport-a-thon with an Olympic Themed assembly. We had our activity day on Friday and student enjoyed playing lots of exciting games!
- We have wrapped up our AIMSWeb Assessments and we will have our first Profile Meetings this week to look at what interventions may be needed for our students.

- During our late starts we focused on working on our School Improvement Plan, where staff came up with the idea of recognizing classrooms for exceptional behavior in some of our common areas. We will focus on Hallways, Restrooms, and Recess over the next few weeks. Ms. Bair and Mrs. Canning are making some giant smile tickets we will place on the bulletin board outside the library to recognize our exemplary classrooms.
- Next Monday, we will have our first K-5 Awards Assembly, focusing on the character trait of Dependability.
- Next Wednesday, our 8th graders will be attending a field trip to the Unlock Your Future Trades event, where we will head to the Hub and learn about lots of different career opportunities.
- On Friday, October 4th, we will have our first ASB Activity. During periods 5, 6, and 7 students will be able to rotate to different activity areas hosted by our junior high staff. I look forward to seeing how that goes after some careful planning from our ASB representatives.
- Also, on October 4th we will have our Fall Family Maple Bar Morning at 7:30.

**HIGH SCHOOL REPORT:** The following were a part of Aaron Fletcher's report:

- Homecoming week starts September 30<sup>th</sup>, with activities planned for each day.
- Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Homecoming football game and dance with Nordic Smoke bringing out the food.
- Financial Aid Night with Mrs. Mckenna was a full house in the MPR.
- 4 students were accepted to WSU at the automatic admission event.
- My Money, My Life finance simulation through Spokane Teachers Credit Union will be at Freeman High School October 9<sup>th</sup>, for our Seniors.
- Senior Summit is at the Spokane Convention center October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- PSAT is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Band Concert is October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We will continue our building goal this year to focus on 9<sup>th</sup> grade on track rate and goal of 90% daily attendance. We are waiting to see what OSPI reports our attendance rate was last year.
- Knowledge Bowl starts October 22<sup>nd</sup> as they return as the 2-time defending state champions.

**LIBERTY ATHLETICS REPORT:** The following were a part of Kyle Dodge's report:

- Junior High Athletics:
  - Our numbers are way up this year, from last year: Volleyball-38, Football-27, CC(boys and girls combo)-13
  - All three sports are doing really well.
  - Volleyball is at Davenport today, and at home on Wednesday.
  - Football is at Asotin on Thursday.
  - CC is at St. Georges on Wednesday.
- High School Athletics:
  - Volleyball has a busy week ahead, playing at home Tuesday and Thursday, and at the Sheridan Classic in Spokane on Friday where they start out against Rogers HS.
  - Football travels to Kettle Falls on Friday.
  - Cross Country runs at St. Georges on Wednesday.
  - October 12<sup>th</sup>, we host the volleyball tournament.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Chad Denny made a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

\*Approval of regular board meeting minutes from August 28, 2024

\*General Fund Checks #117123-117186 in the amount of \$173,595.58

\*Capital Projects Fund Checks #117187-117189 in the amount of \$27,718.75

\*ASB Fund Checks #117190-117194 in the amount of \$2,425.15

\*Payroll for Septmeber 2024 and Checks #117104-117122 in the amount of \$768,821.31

\*VOID check #116178 and REISSUE check #117103, Jacob Harrington \$115.00 (lost check)

\*Personnel Action:

- Resignations: Mike Shrode – Bus Mechanic
- Appointments: Jennifer Huber – Para, Alex Nehring – Para, Melissa Pendell – Para.

Stephanie Stout seconded the motion, and it passed all-in-favor.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

##### **A. First reading of Policies and Procedures:**

2410/2410P – High School Graduation Requirements

3205/3205P.1/3205P.2 – Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment

3211P – Gender Inclusive Schools

3246/3246P – Restraint Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force

3432 – Emergencies

4130/4130P – Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement

5011/5011P – Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of District Staff Prohibited

6220/6220P – Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **A. Approve overnight FFA NILE competition, October 13-16<sup>th</sup> in Billings, MT.**

Chad Denny made a motion to approve the overnight FFA NILE competition, October 13-16<sup>th</sup> in Billings, MT, Stephanie Stout seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

##### **B. Approve overnight FFA National Range competition, November 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Nevada.**

Chad Denny made a motion to approve the overnight FFA National Range competition, November 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Nevada, Stephanie Stout seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Monday, October 28, 2024 - 6:00 PM**

**A.** Second reading and adoption of Policies and Procedures.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:19 p.m. Jeremy Engle announced the board would enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 (g) for 30 minutes.

The board exited the executive session at 7:48 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting October 28, 2024.