

LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
October 28, 2024
EJH Library

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Jeremy Engle called the meeting of the Liberty School District Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. The flag salute was given, and a quorum was declared. Others present were board members Chad Cornmesser, 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 Holly Pratt and Erica Demateis for their work with the Sport-A-Thon, which has now beat the past year fund raising.
- Jerrad Jeske recognized principals Alex Saywers and Aaron Fletcher for their leadership, dedication, and impact on student success in honor of National Principals Month.
- Aaron Fletcher congratulated the FFA Parliamentary team for finishing 12th at Nationals.

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

- Enrollment numbers continue to stay steady 565, not including TK.
- A record 850 maple bars were served earlier this month for Family Maple Bar Day. Just shows the involvement of our community.
- The LCEF auction went exceptionally well. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated and attended, especially to the board members who dedicated so much time over the past year to make it a success.
- The Cheney Free Press reached out in recognition of our district's consistent achievement with state testing in Math, English, and Science. This shows our staffs hard work with the students.
- Maintenance updates:
 - This was the first summer, with the refurbished well and the new variable speed controller in place. Connie Anderson says it was the first time in years she can remember that our water tower has not had a low water alarm.
 - Marshall and Connie added a couple coats of a waterproof sealant to the flat roof in the elem./jh building. It hasn't rained much but still no leaks.
 - Marshall has gotten all the parking blocks at the high school secured.
 - Icon Roofing came out and replaced shingles that were under warranty on the high school roof.
 - The new suburban has already seen extensive use. Since we have had to use our van so much it has been nice to have another vehicle to transport students.
- Transportation updates:
 - The electric bus grant we qualified for will not cover the entire cost of the bus, let alone the charging equipment that is needed. Jenny will look for additional grants to see if there is a way to combine grants, otherwise the project will be put on hold.
 - Our new bus we ordered last July still has not been built. Its scheduled build date is set for mid-November. I had Jenny reach out and get another quote so we could look to get another one ordered.
- Ken Murphy, an architect from ALSC, came out last Friday to look at some possible ways to create some additional space in the elem./JH. He is going to draw us up a few different options for us to look at.
- Thank you to Laurie Roecks for coming back and driving bus for us.

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

- October went very quickly, and we are almost to the end of the first quarter.
- We wrapped up the K-8 Sport-a-thon fundraiser and Erica Demateis told me that we earned over \$24,660 from this event, which has been our best ever!

- On October 2nd, our 8th graders went to the “Unlock your Future” event at the HUB sports center. This event had over 50 businesses in construction, trades, manufacturing, and medical fields. Our students did a phenomenal job of asking questions and engaging with all of the adults present.
- On October 4th we held our Fall Family Maple Bar Day, in which had a great turnout.
- This Thursday we will be having our next K-5 Awards Assembly focusing on the character trait of empathy, our Halloween Red Carpet, as well as our K-5 Halloween parties in the afternoon.
- On Friday, we will wrap up quarter one and have our October ASB Activity, with Spooky Movies in the afternoon.
- Next month, we will hold conferences on November 21st, 22nd, and 25th. During this time, we will also host the Scholastic Book Fair.

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

- Homecoming was a success. Thank you to our ASB officers. One of the largest attendances.
- First quarter comes to an end on Friday.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are set for November 21st-26th.
- Katy Belles achieved the highest score ever recorded in the history of the Washington FFA Rangeland CDE. Lucy Smith scored 10th, and Reed Widman scored 2nd highest individual score.
- Western National Rangeland CDE will be in Elko Nevada, November 3rd-4th.
- There will be an academic assembly to recognize students for their achievements for the first quarter on November 8th.
- Character counts classroom visits are set for Monday, with Deputy Vicini.
- K-12 Veteran’s Day Assembly is at 10:15 am. on November 8th.
- ASVAB is set for November 20th.
- Knowledge Bowl is underway, with home matches November 5th and 19th.
- 7-12 Band Concert is October 30th, and Choir Recital is November 6th.
- Senior projects are November 26th, and Mrs. McKenna is looking for panel volunteers.
- Representative Schmick visited October 14th. There was great conversation and he asked great questions.
- A visit from Senator Schoesler is tentatively planned for November 14th, depending on state volleyball.
- Students Katy Belles and Daniel Nollmeyer will participate in State Band November 22nd-25th.
- Mrs. McKenna has been working hard to bring in many outside folks to get in front of our students, trying to expose our students to a wide variety of things they can do when they leave Liberty HS.

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

- Katy Belles will be playing her trumpet for the national anthem at volleyball tomorrow, and I encourage everyone to come. She is a class act student.
- Junior High Athletics:
 - Football finishes tomorrow at Colfax
 - Volleyball and Cross Country finished their seasons a few weeks ago.
 - Girls Basketball started last week with 24-25 girls, so great numbers.
 - Wrestling will start Thursday with 9 boys and 4 girls.
- High School Athletics:
 - Cross County state qualifier is at Colfax on Friday.
 - Volleyball’s last match is tomorrow against Colfax, then at UCA on Thursday. Then districts start next Tuesday.
 - October 12th we had our 4th annual volleyball tournament with 14 teams. Athletes and parents pitched in and really helped out cleaning things up at the end of a long day.
 - Football plays Colfax Friday.
- Lots of compliments from the crowd during the mini cheer camp that performed at the football game last week.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

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

*Approval of regular board meeting minutes from September 23, 2024

*General Fund Check #117202 in the amount of \$59,288.45

*General Fund Checks #117225-117293 in the amount of \$152,301.15

*GF Comp Tax Check #202400016 in the amount of \$20.33

*Capital Projects Fund Checks #117294-117297 in the amount of \$11,336.25

*ASB Fund Checks #117298-117306 in the amount of \$7,305.27

*Payroll for October 2024 and Checks #117195-117200, 117203-117224 in the amount of \$707,393.18

*VOID/REISSUE check #117201, Jennifer Fenn (ACH bank account closed)

*Personnel Action:

- Resignations: Charles Harrington – JH Head Wrestling Coach, Valerie Camp – Bus Driver, Kaitlin Krouse – HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- Appointments: Tallon Watson – JH Head Wrestling Coach, Mandy Spears – Highly Capable Director, Marc Erickson - Mechanic

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Second reading of Policies and Procedures: 2410/2410P, 3205/3205P.1/3205P., 3211P, 3246/3246P, 3432, 4130/4130P, 5011/5011P, and 6220/6220P.

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve Policies and Procedures: 2410/2410P, 3205/3205P.1/3205P., 3211P, 3246/3246P, 3432, 4130/4130P, 5011/5011P, and 6220/6220P, Stephanie Stout seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of overnight State Band, November 22nd-25th in Tacoma.

Chad Denny made a motion to approve the overnight State Band, November 22nd-25th in Tacoma, Stephanie Stout seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval to purchase a 2025 International IC CE, 71 Passenger State Bid bus with district options, not to exceed \$193,000.

Chad Denny made a motion to approve the purchase a 2025 International IC CE, 71 Passenger State Bid bus with district options, not to exceed \$193,000, Chad Cornmesser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Monday, November 25, 2024 - 6:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:23 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 6:53 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting November 25, 2024.