

**LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 16, 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 Mark Bullock, Chad Cornmesser, Stephanie Stout, Chad Denny, and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

AGENDA REVIEW: Action Item 13.A was removed from the agenda

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025:

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to elect/approve the following: President – Stephanie Stout; Vice President – Chad Denney; WSSDA Representative – Mark Bullock; WIAA Representative – Jeremy Engle. Chad Denney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Chad Denney passed along compliments he had been told by others regarding HS Principal Aaron Fletcher. He highlighted what a great job Aaron does at the HS.
- Kyle Dodge gave kudos to everyone that helped with the Brice Williams Wrestling Tournament this past weekend. The tournament was a huge success and the coaches' room was amazing! Our tournament would not be a success without all of the help and hard work that everyone contributes. Also, Katie Belles did a great job playing the National Anthem on her trumpet.
- Jerrad Jeske recognized our band & choir students along with Mr. Pendon for their hard work. We have some very talented students who put in a lot of time here at school and at home. Great concert!

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

- Enrollment numbers continue to stay steady at 561, not including TK.
- Dana will put together some numbers for the next board meeting that show possible TK funding loss for the remainder of the school year.
- This weekend we hosted 22 teams from around the state. Great work! Mr. Dodge is getting a reputation for hosting some big-time tournaments. Big thanks for all his hard work.
- This month our league superintendents and athletic directors got together to discuss league progress. Our league represented well at state in all of our sports. Continue to do the two-tiered football league again next year and then reevaluate. Continue to look at ways to decrease travel and keep kids in school, especially at the middle school level. Thank you Mr. Dodge for leading this meeting. He did a great job.

Maintenance Report:

- All Wall, the original company who installed the cinder block wall in the new gym came out on Thursday to assess whether or not the blocks are causing the leak. They let us know today that the water looks to be migrating through the cracks in the mortar. In order to apply any product the weather would need to stay above 40 degrees at night. So, it looks like we won't know until next year if we have fixed this issue or not. Still not sold on it, but we will keep checking boxes until it is fixed.

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

- On Friday, December 6th, I got the pleasure of going ice skating with our junior high students. For many, it was their first-time ice skating, and students were very motivated to improve their grades to attend.
- On Wednesday, December 11th, Mr. Pendon and our 5th-12th grade students put on an excellent Christmas Concert for the band and choir. We also had a great family turnout to this event.
- Today, we are having our K-4 STEAM Concert, which is in the form of a Podcast with 4th grade actors, I look forward to sharing how it went with you all at the next meeting.
- This whole week, our building is doing a spirit week, and our Junior High ASB representatives choose the following themes: Ugly Sweater Day, Neon Day, Crazy Hair/Hat Day, Liberty Day, and Pajama Day.
- On Thursday we will have our JH ASB Activity, and we will have some inflatable obstacle courses set up in the gym.
- On Friday we will have our K-5 Awards Assembly focusing on the character trait of Caring, as well as our Polar Express event, and Santa will come out and visit us.
- I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas season!

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

- Band and Choir Concert excellent turnout
- Character Counts visits w/ Deputy Vicini Jan. 8
- Finals week January 21-24
- Lancer Pride Assembly 1-31-25
- Knowledge Bowl continue undefeated so far
- All State Band, February 17th
- Linus Bair, 2025 NAFME All-NW Wind Symphony-Trombone
- Kathryn Belles, 2025 NAFME All-NW Wind Symphony-Trumpet
- Aviva Kudrya, 2025 NAFME All-NW Mixed Choir-Alto 2
- Daniel Nollmeyer, 2025 NAFME All-NW Wind Symphony-Bb Clarinet
- Mrs. McKenna will be holding a FAFSA completion night on January 13th

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

- Junior High Athletics:
 - Girls basketball will finish their season this week
- High School Athletics:
 - Basketball play East Valley, Freeman & Asotin this week
 - This past weekend we had the 3rd annual Brice Williams Wrestling Tournament. We had 22 teams here from around Eastern Washington. We had great wrestling matches all day. I had a great visit with Eddie and Patti.
 - Allocations should come out this week and I will report on them once they are official

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Braden Davis, HS Wrestling Coach, talked about bringing 8th graders up to wrestle on the HS team.

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

- *Approval of regular board meeting minutes from November 25, 2024
- *General Fund Checks #TBD not to exceed \$200,000.00
- *GF Comp Tax Check # TBD not to exceed \$2,000.00

*Capital Projects Check # TBD not to exceed \$30,000.00

*CP Comp Tax Check # TBD not to exceed \$600.00

*ASB Fund Check # TBD not to exceed \$10,000.00

*ASB Comp Tax Check # TBD not to exceed \$200.00

*Payroll for December 2024 and Checks # TBD not to exceed \$725,000.00

*Personnel Action:

- Appointments: Betsy Madsen – HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Jeremy Engle seconded the motion, and it passed all-in-favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

ACTION ITEMS: None.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Monday, January 27, 2025 - 6:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:30 p.m. Stephanie Stout 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 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting January 27, 2025.