

LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 24, 2025
EJH Library

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Stephanie Stout 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, Mark Bullock, and Chad Denny.

AGENDA REVIEW: Additional action items and consent agenda items were noted.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Alex Saywers presented Kyle Dodge's salute to the girls' basketball team for making it to state, as well as his congratulations to Maddex Strobel for winning Wrestling State Champion.

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

- On February 13th, we held our K-5 Valentine's Day Parties and our JH Social, where each JH teacher picked an event to host from 3rd - 7th period. All of our JH students with missing work or failing grades were able to get their assignments caught up and turned in on this day as well!
- For our SIP (school improvement plan) this month, we noted that our office referrals were down and that we are on track for a 20% reduction from last year. Our staff is also working on some tier 2 interventions with our students who are still struggling with behavior since we returned from the new year.
- Last Friday, our 4th graders from Mrs. Anderson's class were able to take a snowshoeing trip to Mt. Spokane thanks to a grant from the Lands Council that Mr. McIalwain applied for. Mrs. Buys' class will get to go this Friday as well.
- Today we held our K-5 Awards Assembly and kicked off our Read-a-thon - Travel through Reading. We secured tickets to Silverwood and are looking forward to a book tour event for Read Across America Day. We also have some fun dress-up days ahead.
- This week on Friday, we will have Jenna McDonald from the Eastern Washington Health Education Center coming out and do a teddy bear health clinic with all of our TK -2nd grade students. This will be our first time hosting this event.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT: The following were a part of Aaron Fletcher's report, presented by Alex Saywers:

- There will be 45 students in Bi-county Honors Band and Choir concert, March 28th, at the Fox Theater.
- The next Band and Choir concert is April 2nd, at 6:30pm.
- We will begin the survey for classes next year on March 13th, and we will meet with the 8th graders prior to that.
- North Palouse Industry Fair is March 11th, at Freeman High School.
- Knowledge Bowl has won the Regional Championship and State is March 22nd.
- Smarter Balanced Assessments will begin in April and May:
Grade 10 ELA/Math
Grade 11 Math and ELA for those not meeting L3 or L4, WCAS
- Classified employees' week is March 10-14th.
- Liberty will host district FFA competitions on March 12th.
- Senior Signing Day is April 4th.
- Prom is March 15th, with 12 other schools participating at the Spokane Convention Center, 8:30-11:30pm.
- The District Calendar votes are in: Option A was the overwhelming winner.

LIBERTY ATHLETICS REPORT: The following were a part of Kyle Dodge's report, presented by Alex Saywers:

- Junior High Athletics:
 - Boys Basketball will finish up its season in the next few days.

- High School Athletics
 - Wrestling is just coming home from another successful State Tournament. 3 of the boys placed: Moxon Strobel placed 7th, Joey Matherly placed 2nd, and Maddex Strobel was the 150 pound State Champion. The boys team finished in the top 15.
 - Boys Basketball, finished out their season in Districts.
 - Girls Basketball qualified for the 2B State Tournament. They will play Saturday in the First Round against Okanogan, 4:00pm at Central Valley HS. We will have a send-off assembly on Friday.
- HS Spring Sports will start on Monday, March 3rd
- JH Track will start March 17th, and JH Baseball & Softball will start March 24th

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 January 27, 2025
- Accounts payable vouchers for February 2025:
 - General Fund checks # 117601-117649 for \$123,556.19
 - General Fund check # 117659 for \$9,892.32
 - Capital Projects checks # 117650-117651 for \$2,631.60
 - ASB Fund checks # 117652-117658 for \$3,617.78
- Payroll for February 2025 and checks # 117583-117600 for \$700,978.42
- Personnel Action:
 - Resignations: Bailey St. John – HS Secretary, Marie Denny – HS Volleyball Coach, Amber Marsh - JH Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Amber Marsh – JH Assistant Softball Coach, Dylan Belles – HS Assistant Baseball Coach

Chad Cornmesser seconded the motion, and it passed all-in-favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of the 2025-2026 District Calendar.

Mark Bullock made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 District Calendar, Chad Denny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval overnight in Bellevue, for FBLA state April 23-26.

Chad Denny made a motion to approve the overnight in Bellevue, for FBLA state April 23-26, Chad Cornmesser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of overnight in Wenatchee, for Knowledge Bowl state March 21-22.

Chad Denny made a motion to approve the overnight in Wenatchee, for Knowledge Bowl state March 21-22, Chad Cornmesser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Approve to surplus Track and Field, FT FAT 60: Flash Timing system

Chad Denny made a motion to approve the surplus of Track and Field, FT FAT 60: Flash Timing system, Chad Cornmesser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Approve resolution #24-25/01, Authorization of Auditing Officers

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve resolution #24-25/01, Authorization of Auditing Officers, Chad Denny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

F. Approve resolution #24-25/02, Authorization to Invest Funds

Chad Denny made a motion to approve resolution #24-25/02, Authorization to Invest Funds, Chad Cornmesser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

G. Approval of overnight in Moses Lake, for FFA member Leadership training, March 7-8.

Chad Denny made a motion to approve the overnight in Moses Lake, for FFA member Leadership training, March 7-8, Chad Cornmesser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Monday, March 24, 2025 - 7:00 PM

- A. Policy and Procedure updates, 1st readings.
- B. Ag Issues presentation

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:15 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 6:45 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting, March 24, 2025.