

LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 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 7:00 p.m. The flag salute was given, and a quorum was declared. Others present were board members Jeremy Engle, Chad Cornmesser, Mark Bullock, Chad Denny and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

AGENDA REVIEW:

- Correction to February board meeting Agenda and Minutes: removing Brian Harrington as Resignation.
- Ag Issues will present before Salute to Liberty.

AG ISSUES PRESENTATIONS:

- Team: Taygen Inglis, Lillie Unruh, Austynn Brash, Presley Holling, and Rowen Inglis presented on the topic of food additives.
- Team: Katy Belles, Gus Suksdorf, Jake Soriano, Gwen Olson, and Broc Braun presented on the topic of overtime protections for agriculture workers in Washington.
- Gus Suksdorf presented his Prepared Public Speech on the topic of foreign owned land.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Kyle Dodge saluted Mr. Pendon and his band at state, as well as the cheer squad. He also commended Jenny Janson for all her work arranging transportation for State B.
- Jerrad Jeske thanked the staff, administrators and community for their support in his absence.

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

- Enrollment continues to stay steady at 561.
- With regards to TK funding, there is not a lot of answers since the last report on TK. Talk of possibly a cap, based off the number of students you had this year. Hopefully by the next meeting we will know more.
- Danita Shaw feels confident that K-8 will qualify for free breakfast and lunch again. The last few weeks more applications have put us over the threshold.
- The bus we ordered 2 years ago is finally going to start production this April. This does not include the one we ordered last year. We take great care of our fleet, but we hope this bus comes soon.
- Jenny has worked very hard to maintain our driver staff. Cassin Pittman is very close to completing his certification to become a substitute bus driver.
- Kindergarten enrollment continues to increase. We now have 38 students signed up for round-up.
- Marshall, with the help of Mr. Bullock, is working on properly fixing the discus cage and pole vault standards. It will be great to have these fully addressed and safe for kids.
- The steel structure supporting our wastewater system is deteriorating and will need to be addressed. Marshall is reaching out to engineers for assessments and potential solutions. This could be a significant expense, so we want it on your radar.
- Over spring break, we are going to attempt to update our fiber optic line between the two buildings. We have located an area where we believe that conduit is broken. This will increase our ability to move data faster as the servers are in the elementary school.

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

- We continued the Readathon this month, and we just wrapped things up on Friday. I am looking forward to seeing our final tally.
- Our 7th and 8th grade students got to attend the Industry Fair on March 11th at Freeman, special thanks to Mrs. McKenna for inviting our students and putting this on.
- I got the pleasure of hosting our Knowledge Bowl State Send-off on March 21st, and just like always, our students brought a tremendous amount of enthusiasm to the event! Our knowledge bowl team defeated the teachers 6-5.

- We celebrated our classified staff during the week of March 10th - 14th with lots of fun meals and gifts. Thank you to all those folks.
- On Wednesday, Mrs. Spears will be taking our 6-12th grade students on a Highly Capable field trip to the MAC.
- This Friday, we will have an ASB Activity to reward our students who have all passing grades and less than three ZAPs.
- On Friday, we will have an Honor Band and Choir concert at the FICA at 7:00 PM.
- On Wednesday the 2nd, we will have our 5-12th grade band and choir concert at 6:30 PM.
- We wrapped up Trimester 2 on March 6th in the Elementary and sent home report cards.
- Conferences start next week on Thursday.
- 3rd quarter ends on Friday for Junior High.
- Next week, we will have our Junior High Quarter 3 Awards Assembly and our K-5 Awards Assemblies on Friday before Spring Break.
- We are gearing up for the Kindergarten Round-up on Friday, April 18th, and we have also sent our postcards for our TK Open House, which we will hold on Tuesday, May 13th.
- Thank you to the staff who worked on origami cranes in support of Mrs. Berry
- Thank you to Ms. Bair for her work to spruce up the EJH workroom.

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

- Classified week was a success, thank you to all of those who help support our school.
- Knowledge Bowl brought back the state trophy for third year in a row.
- FFA District results: numerous teams qualifying for State and we'll be sending 37 members to represent Liberty May 7-10th in Pullman.
- Drivers Ed begins April 14th.
- Industry Fair was a huge success, thank you Mrs. McKenna. 145 students attended grades 7-12.
- Mr. Parrish is waiting to hear back from SCC and SFCC on college credits for business classes.
- ASB elections will be taking place April 29th .
- Mr. Pendon and the honor band will perform at the FICA Theater March 28th.
- Jazz Band competed at Mead High school - earning 2nd place.
- Concert in Lancer Gym April 2nd.
- Spokane Scholars Banquet is April 21st where 4 students will be recognized.
- 3rd quarter pride assembly is April 3rd.
- Signing Day to recognize our seniors April 18th.
- Character traits, class visits April 15th.
- NHS induction is March 26th where 37 new members will be inducted.
- Begin smarter balance assessments in April.
- 16 participants at State FBLA in Bellevue, April 24-26th.

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

- High School Athletics
 - Girls Basketball finished 4th at State and had a great tournament. Kuddos to Coach Farias on a great season.
 - Wrestling had 9 boys qualify for State: 3 of them were placers (Moxon Strobel finished 4th, Joey Matherly finished 2nd, and Maddex Strobel was the 150 Pound State Champion)
 - Baseball and Softball are off to a good start
 - Softball plays Medical Lake at home on Friday
 - Baseball plays @ Pomeroy tomorrow and at Medical Lake on Friday.
 - We host 2 home track meets, and could use extra help.
- Junior High Athletics
 - Track started a week ago and has 41 kids
 - Baseball starts today and has 28 kids registered.
 - Softball also starts today and has 25 kids.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- The topics of the district's response to a pending senate bill, the chain of command in the administration and concerns about student vaping were brought before the board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approval of regular board meeting minutes from February 24, 2025
- Accounts payable vouchers for March 2025:
 - General Fund check # 117679-117729 for \$148,463.93
 - General Fund Comp Tax # 202400042 for \$12.17
 - Capital Projects check # 117730-117731 for \$401.34
 - ASB Fund check # 117732-117742 for \$2,319.08
- Payroll for March 2025 and check # 117660-117678 for \$697,581.42
- Void check # 117364, and Reissue check # 117742 for \$283.72
- Personnel Action:
 - Appointments: Helene Gatzkiewicz – Bus Driver, Erin Wynn – JH Assistant Softball Coach, Clinton Thompson – JH Assistant Softball Coach, Tiffany Buys – JH Assistant Track & Field Coach

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. First Reading:

- 3210/3210 – Nondiscrimination
- 5400 – Personnel Leaves

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Reinstate Policies and Procedures: 3205/3205P Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited, 3211P Gender Inclusive Schools.

After discussion, Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the reinstatement of Policies and Procedures: 3205/3205P Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited, 3211P Gender Inclusive Schools, Mark Bullock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Monday, April 28, 2025 - 7:00 PM

- A. Second Readings of Policies and Procedures
- B. WIAA Resolution

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:37 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 9:07 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting, April 28, 2025.