

LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 28, 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 Chad Cornmesser, Mark Bullock, Chad Denny and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

AGENDA REVIEW: No changes were noted.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Stephanie Stout recognized Connie Anderson and Randy Knigge for their work on the grounds. The fields are looking great.
- Jerrad Jeske: added to the grounds salute, adding that Randy Knigge volunteers his time to help out on the grounds.

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

- A big thank you to Mr. Hardy, Mr. Reedy, and Mr. Simms for their dedication to the Liberty School District. All three are retiring this year, bringing with them over 90 years of combined teaching experience. They will be greatly missed!
- Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week! A special shout-out to all of our teachers for their hard work, commitment, and impact on our students' lives.
- Enrollment remains steady at 562 students.
- We are moving forward with our TK class for next year. The state has placed a cap on the number of TK students; however, it appears we will be able to offer the same number of spots as last year (20 students).
- We have officially qualified again for Free Breakfast and Lunch for our K-8 students. Because we have qualified for a second consecutive year, we are now eligible for three additional years of free meals under the program.
- Accountability Audit begins next week. With all the changes we want to know all of our processes in place are what they need to be
- Wastewater Treatment Plant: Marshall has begun reaching out to engineers regarding the plant project and he will collaborate with Paul, our plant manager, to work closely together throughout this process.
- As part of compliance with the Clean Building Performance Standards, we are exploring ways to reduce electricity usage at the high school. We have asked our electrician for a quote to replace outdated fixtures and light bulbs. Once received, this information will also be used to apply for grant funding, as we plan to pursue grants first to fund this project.

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

- We have kicked off the month with testing season, and our students have been hard at work on their SBA and AIMSWeb Assessments. Mrs. Spears has worked hard to schedule and accommodate everyone, as well as sent out an assessment calendar to all families so they can plan accordingly to give our students the best chance for success.
- On Thursday, April 17th, Derek McIlwain and I were able to go to the Hagan Reception. This event was in recognition of our receiving a grant from the foundation to purchase our 3D Doodlers in the STEAM Classroom. Thanks to Derek for getting this grant together and continuing to come up with creative ways to support this program.
- We held our Kindergarten Round-Up on Friday, April 18th. We ended up with 36 attending our Round-Up, which gives us solid numbers for two classes next year. We are up to 42 total students who have expressed intent to register for next year. I expect a few more choice-in requests and students to register over the summer.

- For our TK program, we will have an informational open house on Tuesday, May 13th. Right now, we have at least 23 who have RSVP'd for that event. We look forward to hearing final direction on TK funding from the state as the legislative session ends.
- On Friday, our JH students attended the ASB Activity at Roller Valley. This was our final JH Field trip of the year.
- On Friday, I was able to go over and learn from other Principals in Leavenworth as well as lead a presentation on our PBIS process and maintaining positive culture. I want to thank Mr. Jeske and the board for allowing me to pursue this opportunity.
- On Tuesday, we will have our K-5 Awards Assembly focusing on the character trait of Fairness.
- Mandy Spears and I are working on scheduling classes for next year. We have finalized the Junior High schedule and are now working on the Elementary Specials, WIN, and Lunch Schedule. Once we complete our draft, we will meet with our teachers to finalize it for next year. We will also survey our Junior High Students for their elective classes on May 6th.
- We will also begin the process of determining class placements for next year on May 8th. We are revamping this process by having extra time to communicate between grade-level teachers to help set everyone up for success.
- We have a lot of fun activities planned for May and June, including:
 - Spring Family Maple Bar Day on May 9th
 - Fun Run on May 23rd
 - K-4 STEAM Night on May 29th
 - K-2 and 3-5 Track meet on June 5th
 - 8th Grade Promotion on June 5th
 - TK - 5 Field Day on June 9th
 - Lots of Field Trips
 - Harper Hurst – dedication is Thursday

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

- Testing season is rolling.
- Teacher Appreciation is the week of May 5-9th.
- ASB Officers Elected: President Colin Degenhart, Vice President Jordyn Jeske, Secretary Brenna Tiegs, Treasurer Linus Bair, Sargent at Arms Sadie Stout.
- We are in the process of getting ready for graduation. Practice days are June 5-6th.
- State FBLA last week, 13 students qualified. 4 students qualify for nationals. Katy Belles Impromptu Speaking: Parliamentary Pro Maicy Bothman, Katy Belles, Devyn Cook and Austyn Myers placed 3rd qualifying as well.
- Junior Show this week, we have 21 students with animals at the show.
- State FFA will have 51 students participating in Pullman WA, May 7-10th.
- May 27th is new Freshman orientation at 6:00 pm.
- Lilac Parade is 5-17th.
- Band/Choir Concert is May 28th.

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

- Salute to everyone who helped pull off 3 track meets in 6 days.
- Junior High Athletics:
 - Baseball and softball were home tonight
 - Track was at LRS
- HS Spring Sports:
 - Softball plays Freeman tomorrow, LRS on Thursday, and Colfax on Saturday
 - On May 6th, Liberty will host post season Softball at 2pm and 4pm.
 - Baseball plays Freeman tomorrow, and LRS on Thursday
 - Track State has the league Championships on May 6th, at Colfax and the State Qualifier at Whitworth on May 22nd and 24th
- We are starting our end of the year reports with the WIAA, and setting up Final Forms for next year.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Katie Hurst – requested a meeting with 2 board members.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- Approval of regular board meeting minutes from March 24, 2025
- Accounts payable vouchers for April 2025:
 - General Fund check # 117761-117832 for \$260,802.28
 - General Fund Comp Tax # 202400054 for \$678.95
 - Capital Projects check # 117833-117834 for \$1,134.30
 - ASB Fund check # 117835*-117838 for \$4,213.28
- Payroll for April 2025 and check # 117744-117760 for \$7000,319.17
- Void check # 117738, for \$385.00, NASSP
- Personnel Action:
 - Resignations: Nick Mason – HS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Kimberly Konshuk – Paraeducator, Parrish Reedy – HS Teacher, Valerie Rogers – Paraeducator, Katie Hurst – Paraeducator, Larry Hardie – HS Teacher, Kipp Sims – HS Teacher
 - Appointments: Valerie Rogers – HS Secretary

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. **Second Reading: 3210/3210 – Nondiscrimination, 5400 – Personnel Leaves**

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve the Second Reading: 3210/3210 – Nondiscrimination, 5400 – Personnel Leaves, Chad Denny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. **WIAA Resolution**

Chad Denny made a motion to approve WIAA Resolution, Chad Cornmesser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. **Approval of Foundation Dinner with alcohol on November 15, 2025**

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve the Foundation Dinner with alcohol on November 15, 2025, Chad Denny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

D. **Approval of changes to First Interstate Bank account signer to reflect the following:**

- **LIBERTY JR. HS ASB IMPREST – 2400 (signer/withdraw/deposits/online banking)**
ADD: Valerie Rogers, vrogers@libertysd.us
REMOVE: Bailey St. John
- **LIBERTY HS ASB IMPREST – 5643 (signer/withdraw/deposits/online banking)**
ADD: Valerie Rogers, vrogers@libertysd.us
REMOVE: Bailey St. John

Chad Denny made a motion to approve the changes to the First Interstate Bank account signers, Chad Cornmesser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 - 7:00 PM

- A. 2025-26 Certificated Contracts
- B. Sign Diplomas
- C. Approval of summer programs

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:23 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 7:53 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.