

LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 362
BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 29, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Stephanie Stout called the meeting of the Liberty School District Board of Directors to order at 6:30 p.m. The flag salute was given, and a quorum was declared. Others present were board members Mark Bullock, Chad Denny, Chad Cornmesser, Jeremy Engle and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

BUDGET HEARING: The public hearing for the adoption of the 2025-26 school year budget began at 6:30 p.m. Dana Crider prepared the 25-26 budget proposal based on a projected enrollment of 545. An overview of the five budget funds—Bond, Transportation Vehicle, Associated Student Body, Capital Projects, and General—was given. Anticipated revenues and expenditure amounts were shared along with fund summaries. Staffing and budget goals were reviewed. The four-year budget projection and four-year enrollment projection, as well as the 25-26 MSOC disclosure were shared. Discussion was held, and questions were answered. At 6:56 p.m., the Budget Hearing was closed.

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Stephanie Stout called the regular school board meeting of the Liberty School District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW: Additions to the consent agenda's personnel, David Roberts and Matt McKay were noted.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Jerrad Jeske thanked the maintenance staff for their work over the summer.

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

- Insurance costs are anticipated to go up another 9%, but we are awaiting final rates in the next month.
- Our new school bus has arrived. It's impressive to see the updates and improvements made over just the last two years.
- The wastewater treatment plant project remains on hold. The Department of Ecology did not approve our request to temporarily bypass the system, even though it would have only been during a period when no one was on campus. The new plan involves collecting the wastewater in a truck and hauling it away as needed. Mark Bullock offered to work on securing truck for this.
- Halme Construction will be coming out to provide a bid on work for the baseball fields. Tyrel Anderson, one of their project engineers, got me in touch with one of the general managers.
- Maintenance projects have been minimal this summer. We have got caught up with a lot of our projects.
- The EJH gym and HS old gyms were refinished. There was discussion over using water-based refinishing, with Mark Bullock noting the pros of moving to water-base; cost, quick repairs, and less yellowing over time.
- Classrooms, the commons and the cafeteria in the elementary building have been repainted.
- The exterior wall (by All Wall) was repainted. We had them return to address areas where the paint wasn't adhering properly. Mark Bullock suggested connecting with the block builders of the wall, to gain specs on the walls construction, in order to help determine where there may be water holding inside.
- Doorbell security systems were added to two additional doors in the elementary building.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

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

- *Approval of regular board meeting minutes from June 23, 2025
- *General Fund Check #118037-118100 in the amount of \$222,720.41
- *General Fund Comp Tax Check #202400073 in the amount of \$30.75
- *Capital Fund Check #118101-118102 in the amount of \$56,309.99
- *ASB Fund Check #118103-118104 in the amount of \$5,146.96
- *Payroll for July 2025 and Check #118022-118036 in the amount of \$644,974.00

***Personnel Action:**

- Resignations: David Roberts – Bus Driver
- Appointments: Matt McMay – Bus Driver

***VOID:** Check #117992 for \$4.10 – OSPI Child Nutrition Services (check written in error) - GF
Chad Denny seconded the motion, and it passed all-in-favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Resolution No. 24-25/04 for the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget

Chad Denny made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-25/04 for the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget, Chad Cornmesser seconded, Mark Bullock called for a Roll Call vote: Chad Cornmesser – Aye, Chad Denny – Aye, Jeremy Engle – Aye, Mark Bullock – Aye, Stephanie Stout – Aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS: None.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 27th – 7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:21 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 7:51p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Stephanie Stout, Board Chair

Jerrad Jeske, Board Secretary

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