

**LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**August 27, 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 Mark Bullock, Jeremy Engle, Chad Cornmesser, Chad Denny and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** No changes to the agenda were made.

**SALUTE TO LIBERTY:**

- Jerrad Jeske: A huge thank-you to our administration and staff for their hard work over the past few weeks preparing for the new school year. Special thanks to Mark Bullock for overseeing the wastewater treatment plant inspection—your time and attention made a big difference.
- Alex Saywers & Aaron Fletcher thanked the LCEF for \$100 gift cards to all our teachers, they were very appreciated.

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

- While a few families have moved out, we're excited to welcome several new families to Liberty. We'll know more once students are back next week, but enrollment looks to remain steady.
- Teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms, and our new high school hires are bringing fresh energy and ideas. Administrators have been putting the final touches on preparations as well.
- Gym Leak: Our insurance company will be on-site the week of September 8 to assess the high school wall leak. While coverage isn't certain, it has not been ruled out.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant: Great news—the recent inspection showed the system is in much better shape than expected. With a few modifications planned for next summer, it should last another 15–20 years. Thank you again to Mark for staying on top of the process all week.
- Buildings & Grounds: Connie and Randy have worked hard to prepare the grounds, and the maintenance team has the facilities looking sharp for the first day of school.
- It was wonderful having staff back in the building these past two weeks. Our three professional days together were filled with energy and excitement. Guest speakers Diana Harrington and Gina Yonts did an excellent job, and overall, it was a great kickoff to the year.
- Open House was a big success with a huge turnout, lots of energy, and many new families.
- The first day of school begins tomorrow, with TK and Kindergarten starting next Wednesday.

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

- We are looking forward to starting school tomorrow!
- Our building looks amazing thanks to our wonderful custodial staff and all of their hard work this summer. Appreciate Leticia as we navigated ordering furniture and supplies, and her help in getting everything our team needed.
- We had a great turnout at our open house; many teachers said they had nearly 100 percent attendance, and we met a lot of new families who came out. We also ran out of ice cream again after buying extra boxes!
- We mostly retained the same staff; however, we have a couple of changes:
  - Nick Harkness is teaching Junior High PE and Applied Physics after the retirement of Kipp Sims.
  - Logan Terry will be teaching 5-12 Band/Choir for us to replace Morgan Pendon.
- We are continuing our curriculum training process in year two of our TK-5 ELA curriculum and year three of our TK-8 Math curriculum. Over the summer, our junior high team has been doing some training to help support them in fine-tuning their math instruction, and they are excited to start the year with some new resources.

- In August, we took a team of seven folks out to the Solution Tree PLC training at the Spokane Convention Center. Many of us came away feeling like this was one of the best trainings we have ever been to, and we are looking forward to continuing to improve the PLC process here at Liberty.
- Big thanks to the LCEF for sponsoring all of our teachers' classrooms. They were all extremely appreciative of this.
- Last year, we worked on our school improvement plan to reduce disruptive behavior, and we were able to meet our goal by reducing office discipline interventions by 25%. I am very proud of the work our staff has done on this goal, and we are in the process of crafting a three-year goal focusing on ELA and Math instruction, as well as building on our classroom management goals.
- Over the summer we had a trainer come out to the school to put on a Wonders training for all of our K-5 teachers. We had 100% attendance even with the training being in early August and learned how to use the features of the online platform as well as the intervention pieces.
- Our enrollment has continued to rise, with us sitting right around 441 (With the addition of TK, 421 without), with us ending the year at 415 last year K-8. We have 273 K-5th graders, 149 Junior High Students, and 20 TK students. We still have a few things to shake out so we should see these numbers firm up on count day next week.
- We have a new K-8 School Improvement Plan focused on improving classroom environments, we will be working to reduce bus suspensions and office referrals with some training, PBIS book study, and the rollout of a new progressive discipline plan.
- Next week we will welcome our Kindergartners and Transitional Kindergartners. We are excited to welcome these young learners into the building!

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

- Ready for a great first day of school. Kudos to the custodial staff getting the campus ready.
- New Staff at the HS:
  - Sydnee Preedy – English/History/Yearbook
  - Logan Terry – Band
  - Heidi White – Math
  - Kristen Charlesworth – 10-12 English
- Great staff trainings the last 3 days: Our focus is on school culture.
- Kick off assembly and the band is going to be ready!
- Enrollment current numbers
 

FTE in the building 176	
3	SOARS (Freeman Connect ED)
2	PACE
1	Skills Center
18	RS
153	in building
- CTE Advisory committee meeting in September/October.
- Mrs. McKenna Financial Aid night September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Working to set WSU Auto Admissions day.
- Dual Credit: CiHS: English 101, 170 (EWU), Pre-Calc 10, Calc 10 (CWU)
- Dual credit: CTE Fin. Success, Business Tech, Intro Marketing, working on Business, thank you Mr. Parrish working to get this done
- Stay current with Weekly update on High School website, updated Fridays
- We will continue the Character Counts program to recognize students
- New handprints on the wall, next week for freshman and new students
- Late starts focus on PLC building goals and subject matter goals. Focusing on attendance and Freshman passing rates.

**LIBERTY ATHLETICS REPORT:** The following were a part of Kyle Dodge's report, presented by Aaron Fletcher:

- Highs School:
  - Football has a jamboree on Saturday at Freeman
  - We are at 27 boys that are eligible to practice as of today.

- Tonight, we have a league football coach's meeting and we will build a full JV schedule
- Volleyball: We are at 29 kids counting three 8th graders. Practices are going well and the girls are working hard
- Cross Country: Boys have 4 high school runners and have brought up the two 8th grade boys, Girls have 3 high school runners maybe bringing some 8th graders up
- Cheer has 6 athletes out and are planning on doing a performance tomorrow
- Junior High Sports start on Friday

**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 July 29, 2025

\*General Fund Checks #118120-118185 in the amount of \$531,120.57 plus check #202400078 in the amount of \$12.13 for GF Comp Tax

\*Capital Projects Fund Checks #118186-118187 in the amount of \$2,363.01

\*ASB Fund Check #118188 in the amount of \$1,388.96

\*TVF Fund Check #118189 in the amount of \$180,405.58

\*Payroll for August 2025 and Checks #118105-118119 in the amount of \$639,327.03

\*VOID check #117638, REISSUE check #118192 for \$175.00 – David Roberts

\* VOID check #117993, REISSUE check #118191 for \$500.00 – Treyton

\* VOID check #118069, REISSUE check #118190 for \$11,250.00 – Lilac City Behavior Services, LLC

\*Personnel Action:

- Resignations: Khalil Steward – HS Assistant Football Coach, Ron Rogers – JH Head Football Coach, Marshall Howard – Maintenance Supervisor, Kristen Ellis – Paraeducator
- Appointments: Ron Rogers – HS Assistant Football Coach, Jawuan Nave – JH Head Football Coach, Joe Turner – JH Assistant Football Coach

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. WAC 181-82-110 Out of endorsement approval for: Kristin Berry – Visual Arts, Aaron Watson – Language Arts, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, Dan Groom – Spanish, Ryan Van Tine – Technology, Randy Degenhart – Leadership/Public Speaking, Braden Davis – PE**

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve WAC 181-82-110 Out of endorsement approval for: Kristin Berry – Visual Arts, Aaron Watson – Language Arts, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, Dan Groom – Spanish, Ryan Van Tine – Technology, Randy Degenhart – Leadership/Public Speaking, Braden Davis – PE, Mark Bullock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Approval to surplus 1978 Chevy 1 Ton Flatbed**

Chad Denny made a motion to approve to surplus 1978 Chevy 1 Ton Flatbed, Jeremy Engle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**C. Approval to surplus 1984 Chevy K2500**

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve to surplus 1984 Chevy K2500, Chad Denny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**D. Approval to surplus 2010 International, 17 Passenger (+1 Wheelchair Lift)**

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve to surplus 2010 International, 17 Passenger (+1 Wheelchair Lift), Chad Denny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**E. Approval to surplus 1950-1960's Massey Harris Ferguson Tractor, Model #T0-35**

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve to surplus 1950-1960's Massey Harris Ferguson Tractor, Model #T0-35, Chad Denny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

**A.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:30 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 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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