

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

**AGENDA REVIEW:** The addition of Charlie Harrington's coaching resignation was noted.

**SALUTE TO LIBERTY:**

- Alex Saywers thanked the parent volunteers for a successful Sport-A-Thon
- Aaron Fletcher recognized the new band teacher, Logan Terry, for his work with the band, noting they are performing very well.
- Jerrad Jeske thanked Sharon Keno who has sub driven every day this year.

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

- Enrollment numbers look great. We are currently at 561 students. We had budgeted for 545 students
- The bus we ordered last year looks like it might be in next month. Jenny is excited to replace an old bus with a new bus.
- The Waste Water Treatment Plant is running great. The engineering company TD& H is going to put together a couple of options for the board to choose from. One option would look at the total replacement and the second would be just to refurbish the plant.
- Leaky Wall Investigation: Our insurance company inspected the leaks and water damage caused at the high school. Their report was positive—the roof is in excellent condition, “the best they've seen.” They will be bringing in an engineer for a second opinion and will explore possible coverage options
- State Budget Outlook: At the most recent meeting, we were told the state may need to cut \$4 billion over the next four years. Then yesterday it came out that tax revenue is down more than \$500 million since the Legislature just passed the latest 2-year budget. Look for even further spending cuts.
- Maintenance Supervisor, Marshall Howard will finish his last day with us at the end of the month. Thank you to him for all his help this last year.

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

- On September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, all students were able to get on buses with teachers, and we did a review of all of our bus safety rules. We started doing this last year, and we saw a huge reduction in bus discipline, so we wanted to continue it.
- On Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, we had our first Kick-off Assembly for the Sport-A-Thon. Erica Bechta and Darci Smith kicked off our K-8 Sport-A-Thon with an Under the Sea-themed assembly. We had our activity day on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- We have either wrapped up or are finished with our AIMSWeb Assessments, and we will have our first Profile Meetings next week to look at what interventions may be needed for our students.
- We had our first AI training course for staff last Wednesday with trainers from EWU. They gave us a great introduction to the current tools out there, and our next session will allow our teachers to have some hands-on experience.
- As part of our building professional development goals, we started our building learning walks, where a team of our teachers goes as a team into other teachers' classrooms. On Monday, our TK / K and 1st-grade teachers got to go on learning walks and got some powerful observations.
- On Monday, we will have our first K-5 Awards Assembly, focusing on the character trait of Dependability.
- Next Wednesday, our 8th graders will be attending a field trip to the Unlock Your Future Trades event, where we will head to the Hub and learn about lots of different career opportunities.

- On Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have our first ASB Activity. During periods 6 and 7, students will be able to rotate to different activity areas hosted by our junior high staff. I look forward to seeing how that goes after some careful planning from our ASB representatives.
- Also, on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have our Fall Family Maple Bar Morning at 7:30.

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

- Homecoming is this week. Kudos to the ASB officers for putting on a great week. They have garnered lots of student and staff participation.
- The football game and Homecoming dance is this Friday. Nordic Smoke will be supplying the BBQ and everything is donations only. Thank you to Nordic Smoke for their support.
- Mrs. McKenna is planning a Financial Aid Night for October.
- Assessment score reports will be sent home next week.
- Next Monday, we will administer the ASVAB.
- PSAT is October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Band Concert October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Building goal, focus on 9<sup>th</sup> grade on track rate, and goal of 90% daily attendance.
- National FFA October 26-31.
- Knowledge Bowl starts next month. They are 3-time defending state champions.
- CTE Advisory meeting is October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Rep. Schmick on campus October 7<sup>th</sup> participating Be A Principal For A Day.
- First week of October we will administer our climate survey to students.
- Mrs. McKenna has already had 2 and 4-year colleges on campus, along with various military and trade representatives.
- First EWU Aspire training October 21<sup>st</sup>, and this will be open to all our students. They will get to choose the topic they are interested in.

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

- We are off to a very positive start
- Middle School Sports:
  - Volleyball is playing well, and they are on the road today at Davenport. We are working on getting the C kids a few more games.
  - Football team is playing really well, and they play Asotin tomorrow at 4:00.
- High School Sports:
  - Volleyball is playing well, and they play UCA tonight then Asotin tomorrow.
  - Football has Homecoming week, and they are currently 3 and 0. They will play Kettle Falls.
  - Cheer squad is doing a great job. They have done a great job on banners and signs at games.
  - Cross Country: Both JH and HS ran at St. Johns yesterday. They had a number of PRs
- Linus Bair has been announcing at volleyball and football games, and we are getting good feedback about it.
- The Student Cheer section has been awesome, and they are really showing up for their peers.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mark Bullock made a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

\*Approval of regular board meeting minutes from August 27, 2025

\*General Fund Checks #118209-118269 in the amount of \$145,873.48

\*Capital Projects Fund Checks #118270-118271 in the amount of \$7,288.74

\*ASB Fund Check #118272-118277 in the amount of \$8,222.77

\*Payroll for September 2025 and Checks #118193-118208, 118278 in the amount of \$769,183.05

\*Personnel Action:

- Resignations: Charlie Harrington – HS Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Appointments: Bradley Hodl – Paraeducator, Hailey Derrig – Paraeducator, Winter Coaches

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- A. There was discussion of First Readings: 2021/2021P – Library Information and Technology Programs, 2230 – Transition to Kindergarten, 3205P – Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited, 5011/5011P – Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited, 6801/6801P – Capital Assets/Theft-Sensitive Assets

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Approve 2020/2020P – Course Design, Selection, and Adoption of Instructional Materials**  
Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve 2020/2020P – Course Design, Selection, and Adoption of Instructional Materials, Mark Bullock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Approval of FFA overnight trip to Nationals, October 26th – November 2nd in Nashville**  
Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the FFA overnight trip to Nationals, October 26th – November 2nd in Nashville, Chad Cornmesser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Approval of overnight FFA NILE competition, October 12-14th in Billings**  
Chad Denny made a motion to approve the overnight FFA NILE competition, October 12-14th in Billings, Chad Cornmesser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- D. Approval of 25/26 overnight State Athletics: Cross Country – November 7-8, Tri Cities, Volleyball – November 11-13, Yakima, Wrestling (Boys and Girls) – February 19-22, Tacoma, Baseball – May 28-30, Selah, Softball – May 21-23, Yakima, Track & Field – May 28-30, Yakima**  
Chad Denny made a motion to approve 25/26 overnight State Athletics, Jeremy Engle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

- A. Second Readings

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 6:23 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 6:53 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting October 29, 2025.