

**LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
October 29, 2025
EJH Library**

CALL TO ORDER: Board Vice Chair Chad Denny 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 Jeremy Engle, Chad Cornmesser, and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

AGENDA REVIEW: The addition of the overnight trip for WIBC All State Band was noted, and Derek Mc Ialwain – JH Assistant Girls Basketball Coach was removed from the consent agenda.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Kyle Dodge recognized Mr. Terry and the band who played at the senior Night volleyball match for the first time. He also thanked Connie and Randy for their work on the fields, noting they look especially great for November. Lastly, he gave kudos to the volleyball coaches and team for their hard work on setup and clean-up to help make our Volleyball Tournament a success.
- Jerrad Jeske recognized October as National Principals Month and took a moment to recognize and thank our principals for their outstanding leadership and dedication. He also thanked Kyle Dodge for his work on the volleyball tournament.

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

- Enrollment continues to trend positively. We currently have 569 students. That is up from where we were last time by about 5 students, and more are slated to start in November.
- It may be time to order another bus before prices increase further. Jenny received notice that the 6.7 Cummins engine will soon be replaced with a 7.2 engine to meet new emission regulations—an upgrade expected to raise bus costs by approximately \$30,000.
- The following surplus vehicles sold and each item received at least three bids: 1978 Chevy 1-Ton Flatbed, 1984 Chevy K2500, and the Massey Tractor.
- This Friday at 1:00 p.m., Broadlink will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony near our wastewater treatment plant to celebrate the completion of their high-capacity fiber optic network connecting Spangle, Waverly, and Fairfield.
- Last Friday we held a district-wide send-off for our FFA students heading to Nationals. A big thank you to Mr. Fletcher & Mr. Saywers for organizing this celebration. We're proud to recognize our students' accomplishments and wish them the best of luck!
- A huge thank you to St. John Hardware for providing us with a new rental tractor at just \$12 per hour. With Pape discontinuing their rental program, we would have been without a tractor going into winter. Their support is greatly appreciated.
- Leaky Wall: No new leaks have appeared at the high school—hopefully the issue is resolved.
- Playground Fencing:
 - A quote has been requested from Shawn Brash, to determine cost and feasibility of adding playground fencing. We may need to approach the project in phases as this will likely be a significant expense.
- Our electrician provided a \$40,000 quote for a lighting upgrade at the high school. Reducing energy consumption is important to avoid potential state fines. The project's projected break-even point is 2.8 years.
- We've completed fall preparations—sprinklers have been blown out and cooling towers drained for the season. Overall, everything is running smoothly.
- A friendly reminder that the LECF Foundation Dinner will be held on November 15. Invitations have been mailed—please be sure to mark your calendars. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Silent Auction is 4:30-6:30 p.m., and Live Auction is at 6:30 p.m.

ELEMENTARY/JUNIOR HIGH REPORT: The following was part of Alex Saywers report:

- October went very quickly; we are almost at the end of the first quarter.

- We wrapped up the K-8 Sport-a-thon fundraiser, and we earned over \$25,573 from this event, surpassing last year's total by \$870. Big thanks to Erica Bechta and Darci Smith for organizing this event and hosting the parties for our students, and to Mrs. Cressey for allowing us to use the library for the parties.
- On October 1st, our 8th graders attended the "Unlock Your Future" event at the HUB sports center. There were over 50 businesses in construction, trades, manufacturing, and medical fields. Our students did a phenomenal job of asking questions and engaging with all the adults present.
- On October 3rd, we held our Fall Family Maple Bar Day, in which our team served over 750 maple bars.
- On October 8th, we had Fire District 3 come out and teach our TK-5th-grade students all about Fire Safety.
- On Friday, we will be having our next K-5 Awards Assembly focusing on the character trait of empathy, our Halloween Red Carpet, as well as our K-5 Halloween parties in the afternoon. We will also be hosting a JH Costume Contest and Spooky Movies Day for our October ASB Activity!
- Tonight, we have our 7-12th Halloween concert at the high school.
- Next month, we will hold conferences on November 20th, 21st, and 24th. During this time, we will also host the Scholastic Book Fair.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT: The following was part of Aaron Fletcher's report, presented by Kyle Dodge

- Homecoming was a success. Thank you to our ASB officers.
- First quarter comes to an end on Friday.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are set for November 20-25th.
- There will be an academic assembly to recognize students for their achievements for the first quarter on November 7th.
- Character counts classroom visits will be Monday with Deputy Vicini.
- November 10th we will have our Veteran's Day Assembly at 9:00 a.m. for K-12. The volleyball state send off will likely follow right after.
- Knowledge Bowl is underway with a home match on November 4th.
- 7-12th Band Concert is tonight.
- The Choir recital is on November 4th.
- We will attend the Jazz Festival on November 5th, in Pullman.
- Senior projects are November 24th, please contact Jennifer McKenna if you would like to volunteer.
- Representative Schmick visited October 7th and spent the day shadowing Mr. Fletcher.
- FFA National CCM is this week in Indianapolis.
- FFA Nation Range is November 16-19th in Filer Idaho.

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

- Middle School Sports:
 - Volleyball, Cross Country and Football seasons are all complete.
 - Football ended the season undefeated.
 - JH Girls Basketball started last Thursday.
 - JH Wrestling started today with 14 wrestlers.
- High School Sports:
 - Volleyball starts District Play next week: Day 1 is at Freeman and we play at 4:00 pm, Day 2 is at Cheney and start time is TBA. The All-League information will come out soon.
 - Football plays Colfax on Friday night, it is also Senior Night. This will likely be the last game for them.
 - Cheer Squad is doing a great job. The time they have put into the banners and signs has been noticed at the games.
 - Cross Country is running at the State Qualifier on Friday in Colfax. State is next week in Tri-Cities
- Linus Bair has been announcing at volleyball and football and has now been requested to announce at volleyball districts.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Jeff Nehring requested that the board take into consideration the school events when scheduling board meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA: Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

*Approval of regular board meeting minutes from September 24, 2025

*General Fund Checks #118279, and 118297-118350 in the amount of \$207,332.77

*General COMP TAX Check #202500014 in the amount of \$41.96

*Capital Projects Fund Checks #118351 in the amount of \$4,180.93

*ASB Fund Check #118352-118359 in the amount of \$3,630.99

*Payroll for October 2025 and Checks #118280-11296 in the amount of \$705,136.58

*Personnel Action:

- Appointments: Adam Thies – HS Assistant Wrestling Coach, Kyle DeGon – JH Head Wrestling Coach, Jenessa Boyd – Paraeducator

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of policies and procedures: 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

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve policies and procedures: 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, Chad Cornmesser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of overnight trip for FFA Western National Rangeland in Filer, Idaho, November 16-19th.

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve the overnight trip for FFA Western National Rangeland in Filer, Idaho, November 16-19th., Jeremy Engle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of overnight trip for WIBC All State Band in Seattle, November 21-24th

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve the overnight trip for WIBC All State Band in Seattle, November 21-24th, Jeremy Engle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 - 6:00 PM

A. Discuss bus purchase

B. Discuss various maintenance items

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:22 p.m. Chad Denny 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 6:52 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting November 25, 2025.