

LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 25, 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, Chad Cornmesser, Chad Denny and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

AGENDA REVIEW: No changes to the agenda were noted.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Aaron Fletcher thanked Mrs. McKenna for working with our seniors on their Senior Projects and Stephanie Stout remarked that they all did a great job.
- Jerrad Jeske recognized our community for their work and support between the Veterans Day tournament and the Liberty Foundation Auction.

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

- Enrollment is currently at 569 students, five more than we were at this time last year.
- Conferences wrapped up this week.
- Another salute to Nurse Ali for the mock drill opportunity, to practice a CPR scenario and getting Providence in here to oversee us for support and advice.
- All Wall has patched a new leak in the wall, right under the basket. We will take a closer look at it in the spring.
- We've had a handful of electrical work done around the buildings – thank you to Steve Martensen for his work getting those folks out to do those repairs.
- The new snowplow is ready, and Connie is excited to have a better truck ready to use. Connie is also working to get things winter ready such as clearing out gutters and ordering ice melt.
- We are constantly looking for subs; Paras, Custodial, and Bus drivers. Fresh fliers have gone out, to help bring awareness to the community of these needs.

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

- We held our K-5 Awards Assembly and our Red Carpet Fashion Show on Halloween! Mrs. Spears and Mrs. Clements led this for me. We also held our JH Halloween costume contest that afternoon, and our Junior High ASB students got to practice leadership.
- On November 5th, our staff met together to continue our book study titled The Energy Bus.
- On November 6th, we had a lockdown drill and practiced our lockdown procedures.
- On November 7th, we held our Quarter 1 Junior High Awards Assembly, where we awarded students for the character trait of the quarter, academic student of the quarter, as well as honor roll and athletic participation.
- Also on November 7th, we had a K-12 assembly where we sent off the Cross-Country team to State.
- On November 10th, we held a Veterans Day assembly with guest speaker Dan Menke and a Quilts of Valor Ceremony honoring a couple of our local veterans. Thanks to that group and to Mr. Fletcher for planning that event, as well as Mr. Terry for leading the HS band.
- On November 13th, we continued our learning walks with the 6th-grade and PE teachers, and we got to observe some other elementary teachers as well as HS and JH teachers in different subject areas. We finished with some great reflections and conversations.
- Tomorrow, we will have our K-5 Awards Assembly focusing on the character trait of thankfulness.
- Last Thursday, we started our conference schedule and our book fair. We have had some great meetings with parents, and Mrs. Cressey has told me the book fair has been doing very well.
- Next Friday, our Junior High students will take their first ASB field trip of the year to Eagles Ice Arena on December 5th.

- Looking ahead to December, we will have our K-5 music concert on Monday, December 15th, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Lancer Gym at the High School.

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

- Conferences are completed.
- Knowledge Bowl is off and running with a record turnout of 18 students participating, this means 2 JV teams will alternate.
- We did a “data dive” to determine of the 180 students how many were involved in some sort of activity, and we found only 25 students were not involved in some sort of activity.
- EWU Aspire workshop: FASFA, personal statement, college bound, military, and use of AI.
- Mrs. McKenna is working with the Innovia group to try and set up a FASFA booth at one of our basketball games.
- Concerts Band and Choir Concert December 10th at 6:30 p.m., together in the gym.
- Mrs. McKenna Social Emotional Learning with staff, late start
- First Friday videos have rolled out with the character trait videos put together by ASB officers.
- Currently we have an FBLA/NHS food drive that is taking place. There is a competition around this event.
- We had a Secret Staff Dress up week during Homecoming, and it was a lot of fun.
- Next month we will have a door decorating contest here in the HS.

LIBERTY ATHLETICS REPORT: The following were a part of Kyle Dodge’s report:

- Last year, coach Fish and the cheerleaders met with me. They wanted to get the staff involved during assemblies and it’s been fun watching the interactions this year.
- High School: Both Boys and Girls Basketball is going well. Girls have 14 playing as of the 24th, and Boys have 27 playing as of the 27th. Wrestling has 26 and Cheer has 9 student athletes.
- JH High sports are doing well. Wrestling was at Incheilium yesterday and did a great job.

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 October 29, 2025

*General Fund Checks #118378-118434 in the amount of \$235,426.10

*GEN Comp Tax Check #202500019 in the amount of \$78.45

*Capital Projects Fund Check #118435 in the amount of \$269.17

*ASB Fund Check #118436-118441 in the amount of \$18,026.47

*Payroll for November 2025 and Checks #118360-118377 in the amount of \$719,810.98

* VOID: Check # 118344, Unites States Aid Funds, \$1,000.00

*Personnel Action:

- Resignations: Jake Kinswa – JH Boys Assistant Basketball Coach

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- After discussion over the purchase of new bus was had, the board recommended the 77-passenger over the 81-passenger bus over concerns for student and bag space.
- The following maintenance items were discussed: elementary playground fencing, HS lighting updates, baseball field leveling, sound proofing the new HS gym, and the wastewater treatment plant.
- There was discussion of the First Reading: Policy 1111 – Oath of Office

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval to purchase a new 77- passenger bus

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 77- passenger bus, Chad Denny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval to surplus 1998 Chevy 2500, includes Meyer snowplow and Sno-Pro Fast-Cast 550 Spreader

Chad Denny mad a motion to approve to surplus the 1998 Chevy 2500, includes Meyer snowplow and Sno-Pro Fast-Cast 550 Spreader, Chad Cornmesser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM

A. Oath of Office and Election of Board Officers

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:29 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 6:59 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting December 17, 2025.