

**LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
December 17, 2025  
EJH Library**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chair Stephanie Stout called the meeting of the Liberty School District Board of Directors to order at 5:00 p.m. The flag salute was given, and a quorum was declared. Others present were board members Chad Cornmesser, Mark Bullock, Chad Denny and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** No changes were noted.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Chad Cornmesser and Chad Denny

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026:** Chad Denny made a motion to retain officer positions for 2026, Chad Cornmesser seconded and the motion carried.

**SALUTE TO LIBERTY:**

- Jerrad Jeske: Thank you to Logan Terry and Derik McIalwain for their outstanding work and preparation for the recent band and choir concerts. Both performances were very well attended and well received.

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

- Our enrollment continues to trend positively. We currently have 576 students, an increase of approximately five students compared to this time last year.
- Despite the significant wind and rain we've experienced, there have been no water leaks. It appears the work completed this summer has successfully resolved the issue.
- Northwest Fencing submitted a bid of \$21,500 to enclose the elementary playground. Their installation process involves pounding posts rather than digging, and the project could be completed in just a couple of days.
- Replacement seats for the old gym have finally arrived after an approximate eight-month wait. Installation is scheduled to begin over winter break.
- The district newsletter should be arriving in households any day now. Thank you to Marie Denny for her work in putting this together.
- Congratulations to the middle school girls basketball varsity team on completing an undefeated season.
- We will be down a custodial person starting in mid-January, so we are seeking a substitute custodian.

**ELEMENTARY/JUNIOR HIGH REPORT:** The following were a part of Alex Saywers' report, presented by Jerrad Jeske:

- On Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, we sent our Junior High Students on their first field trip to go Ice Skating, and our staff shared that our students were very polite and respectful. Students shared that they had lots of fun, and many skated for the first time.
- On Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Terry and our 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>-grade students put on an excellent Winter Concert with the band and choir. We had a great turnout for this event, and the Boosters held a silent auction as well.
- On Monday, we had our K-4 STEAM Christmas Concert led by Mr. McIalwain, and we had a wonderful turnout from our families for this event.
- Both concerts were a team effort by all of our teachers, custodians, and coaches for working to be flexible as we navigate these shared spaces.
- On Thursday, we will have our JH ASB Activity, and we will have some inflatable obstacle courses set up in the gym.
- On Friday, we will have our K-5 Awards Assembly focusing on the character trait of Caring, as well as our Winter Celebration events in classrooms, and Santa will visit us.

**HIGH SCHOOL REPORT:** The following were a part of Aaron Fletcher's report, presented by Jerrad Jeske

- Band and Choir concerts were excellent and had great turnout.
- Character Counts visits with Deputy Vicini will be January 6th
- Finals week is January 20-23, and Semester 1 ends January 23rd
- Lancer Pride Assembly is February 5th.
- Knowledge Bowl continues to have a great season.
- We will begin class surveys for 2026-27 SY in early February.
- There will be a FASFA Booth at the basketball game on January 6th, sponsored by the Innovia Foundation and STCU.
- Mrs. McKenna hosts a Running Start informational meeting on January 15th.
- There will be an EWU Aspire workshop on January 22nd focusing on: Career aptitude testing, time management, email etiquette, and financial literacy/budgeting.
- Then on January 26th Mr. Fletcher is visiting legislatures in Olympia.

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

- Salute to Connie and Randy for helping at the Brice Williams Tournament, ensuring that everything was clean. They came to watch their grandson but pitched in to help.
- Thank you, Kristina Davis, for making sure the coaches room was top notch -teams come to tournaments for a good coach's room as much as they come for good wrestling.
- Middle School Sports: Girl's basketball finished the season undefeated, Wrestling finished with everyone improving, and Boys Basketball starts on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>.
- High School Basketball: Boys and Girls basketball are playing well. The game tonight against East Valley has been rescheduled to Monday, and they will play in a tournament at Freeman this weekend.
- High School Wrestling: Girls and Boys Wrestling star league has been moved to tomorrow (Girls are at Springdale and Boys are at Freeman). Throughout Christmas break both teams are wrestling.
- Cheers continues to improve on their stunting and are doing a great job at games.

**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 November 25, 2025
- General Fund check # 118442 in the amount of \$7,000.00
- General Fund check # 118460-118506 in the amount of \$157,047.80
- Capital Projects check # 118507 in the amount of \$3,349.99
- ASB Fund check # 118508-118512 in the amount of \$3,914.26
- Payroll for December 2025 TOTAL Checks # 118443-118459 in the amount of \$690,235.50
- VOID check # 118430, United Schools Insurance Program, \$2,000.00

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Second Reading and approval of Policy 1111 – Oath of Office**

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve Policy 1111 – Oath of Office, Chad Denny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Approval of the CTE Agriculture, Business and Marketing, STEM, and Skills Science programs**

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve the CTE Agriculture, Business and Marketing, STEM, and Skills Science programs, Chad Denny seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 - 6:00 PM:** No items noted.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 5:10 p.m. Stephanie Stout announced the board would enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 (g) for 20 minutes.

The board exited the executive session at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting January 28, 2026.