

**LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**January 28, 2026**  
**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, Jeremy Engle and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** The 2026-2027 District Calendar approval will be moved to the March meeting.

**SALUTE TO LIBERTY:**

- Jerrad Jeske: in honor of School Board Recognition Month, he took the opportunity to express gratitude for the boards' leadership, commitment, and dedication to the Liberty School District. Thank you for your continued service and support of our students, staff, and community.

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

- Enrollment continues to remain steady (577) and is currently a little over 30 students higher than what was budgeted.
- The school bus sold for \$2,000, and the old snowplow sold for \$2,600. Overall, it was a positive outcome.
- The new bus arrived this month and came at a perfect time, as it has already been helpful with a few recent transportation breakdowns.
- We are replacing several much-needed leased copy machines with district-owned machines. Over the course of the previous five-year lease, the district paid approximately \$97,000. Purchasing all three machines outright will cost \$23,000. We will continue to carry a maintenance contract for these machines.
- The Special Education teaching position was posted internally this week. At this time, there do not appear to be any in-house candidates.
- Last week I submitted a waiver request to OSPI for the December 17 school closure due to a power outage. I have received verbal confirmation that, because the closure occurred during a statewide emergency declaration and we meet the required instructional hours, the day does not need to be made up.
- Kim Korschuk and Bobby Rogers are covering while we have a custodian out on leave. Thank you to both of them for stepping up.
- The hot water heater at the elementary school was replaced at a cost of \$12,000. The previous unit was 28 years old, and we certainly received our money's worth.
- Two motors failed in the heating units in the old gym. Fortunately, these units are covered under our McKinstry service agreement and will be repaired at no cost to the district.

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

- January has been a month of reviewing our data and making sure our students are on track to meet our goals for the school year.
- In December, we completed our AIMSweb Assessments, and we used that data to kick off the month with some profile meetings on Reading and Math. There, our TK - 5th and Junior High teachers met to determine student progress, which interventions we needed to put in place, and how to support teachers during their WIN times and Advisory Classes.
- On Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, we had our final AI Training with EWU, where our staff had an opportunity to use a variety of AI tools to create lesson plans, curriculum scopes and sequences, and find ways to streamline processes to increase efficiency, with the trainer guiding their work.
- On Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, our TK-5 team met together to review our School Improvement Plan Goals and revise these to focus on achievement on the SBA. We also did a deep data dive on how students are doing and how our SBA scores relate to our AIMSweb benchmark assessment data.
- Yesterday, we held our K-5 Awards Assembly focusing on the character trait of Respect.

- On Friday, we will have our Junior High Quarter 2 Awards Assembly. We will be recognizing Character Students of the Quarter, Academic Students of the Quarter, as well as our girls' basketball players and wrestlers. Our JH students are also going bowling on Friday to Lilac Lanes for our January ASB Activity.
- Next month, we will be hosting Junior High Spirit Week from February 23-27. Our ASB is excited about the dress-up days they selected, and we will be having students come to our home basketball game against St. George's as part of that week to support the team.

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

- Junior High:
  - Boys basketball is going well.
  - Playing NWC tonight.
- High School
  - Boys basketball is playing really well and should finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the South Division, District play starts the first week of February
  - Girls basketball is also playing really well, working through some injuries, and should finish in the top four in the South Division
  - Wrestling: Boys are wrestling really well and will finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the south division. State Qualifier is the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at Freeman with 9 allocations per weight class
  - Wrestling: Girls are wrestling well and completes league matches on Thursday in Colfax, their state qualifier is on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> with 2 allocations to state

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

- Added that the girls wrestling state qualifier is hosted at Liberty
- Finals have been completed and we are underway with second semester.
- The Lancer Pride assembly was January 30<sup>th</sup>, and character trait award winners were recognized for: Thankfulness, Respect, and Caring
- CTE Advisory Committee meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- We will be offering 2 new business classes in 26-27: Business Ethics and Business Management
- There will be 35 students going to the winter FBLA conference February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Running start meeting with students and Mrs. McKenna had 12 interested students.
- Forecasting for 26-27 classes and schedules have begun. We will meet with 8<sup>th</sup> graders on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- A 2026-27 calendar meeting will be next week, to discuss how we reconcile some CBA language that states we need to align Spring Break with neighboring districts. Many of these districts are changing their spring break timing. This will push the final 26-27 calendar approval out to March.
- Spokane Scholars Banquet will be on April 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Convention Center. Scholars Selected:
  - English: Addilee Buys
  - Science: Colin Degenhart
  - Math: Jordyn Jeske
  - Social Studies: Gwen Olson
  - Fine Arts: Daniel Nollmeyer
  - Foreign Language: Kinley Fish
- Liberty will host the sub-District Region V FFA event February 24<sup>th</sup>, they are looking for volunteers.
- Regional Knowledge Bowl is February 20<sup>th</sup> at East Valley. State, March 21<sup>st</sup> in Wenatchee.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

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

- Approval of regular board meeting minutes from December 17, 2025
- General Fund check # 1185531-118593 in the amount of \$172,215.36
- GEN Comp Tac check # 202500028 in the amount of \$43.68
- Capital Projects check # 118594 in the amount of \$371.16
- ASB Fund check # 118595-118598 in the amount of \$2,671.66
- Payroll for January 2026 TOTAL Checks # 118513-118530 in the amount of \$710,013.49

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Approval of State Knowledge Bowl overnight to Wenatchee, March 20-21**

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve State Knowledge Bowl overnight to Wenatchee, March 20-21, Chad Cornmesser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 - 6:00 PM:**

- A. Policy 6022 – Minimum Fund Balance
- B. Policy 6220 – Bid or Request for Proposal

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 6:27 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 6:57 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting February 25, 2026.