

**LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
February 25, 2026  
Spangle, WA**

**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 Jeremy Engle, Chad Cornmesser, Mark Bullock, Chad Denny and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

**AG ISSUES PRESENTATIONS:**

Team: Taygen Inglis, Lillie Unruh, Presley Holling, Riley Rorhbach, Gwen Olson and Rowen Inglis presented on the topic of poultry welfare.

**AGENDA REVIEW:**

- Addition of Chad Cornmesser's resignation from the school board.

**SALUTE TO LIBERTY:**

- Jerrad Jeske saluted the FBLA students and their advisor Mr. Parrish. 29 students have qualified for state, a tremendous accomplishment that reflects their hard work. He also highlighted the Pep Band's outstanding job in supporting our basketball teams this season.

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

- Enrollment remains steady at 576 students.
- Our state sendoff was extremely well done. Thank you to Aaron and Alex for organizing the event. In addition to recognizing our state wrestling qualifiers, Aaron also took time to recognize our Honor Band, Honor Choir, and other state qualifiers. This continues to be a great tradition that celebrates student achievement.
- Unfortunately, we did not receive the playground grant this year. Feedback indicated that our free and reduced percentage and the high number of applications were factors. Due to the high cost of playground equipment, securing grant funding will be important as we look to move forward in the future.
- We plan to work with McKinstry to apply for a Clean Building Compliance Grant. This grant would allow us to upgrade lighting in the high school and potentially improve building control systems, increasing efficiency and reducing long-term operational costs.
- There is legislative discussion about extending the bus depreciation schedule from 13 years to 15 years, which would delay replacement funding.
- **Transitional Kindergarten (TK):** Two bills are currently being considered:
  - One proposal would reduce TK funding by 25%.
  - Another proposal would limit TK eligibility to students who qualify for free and reduced lunch.We will continue monitoring these closely as they could significantly impact district funding and programming.
- Our shop students will be overhauling the portable bleachers by replacing lumber. These bleachers are used for football, baseball, and the Pre-Ag Show. This is a great example of students applying their skills while supporting the district.
- Two additional companies are scheduled to review the baseball field and provide recommendations for it's leveling: A.M. Landshaper and Inland Infrastructure
- Mark Bullock added two other companies he is working to get out for quotes: Copenhagen and Clearwater.
- Shawn Brash, who will be constructing the elementary fence, plans to begin work immediately after school is out for the summer to ensure student safety during construction.

**ELEMENTARY/JUNIOR HIGH REPORT:** Alex Saywers' was absent and unable to provide a report:

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

- 47 students will participate in the Bi-county Honors band and Choir concert March 13<sup>th</sup> @ Gonzaga University.
- Band/Choir spring concert is April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM
- There will be two Jazz Festivals: at Mead - March 21<sup>st</sup>, and at University of Idaho - April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Class surveys are completed, and we will be adding an acting class to the 26-27 school year.
- National Honor Society induction ceremony is on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- North Palouse Industry Fair is March 12<sup>th</sup> here at Liberty High School. Mrs. McKenna has lined up over 40 different businesses to come out.
- The Knowledge Bowl team is four-time Regional Champions and will go on to State March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Smarter Balanced Assessments will begin in April and May.
- Classified employee week is March 9-13<sup>th</sup>, thank you to these folks.
- Liberty will host district FFA competitions on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Missoula Children's Theater is on campus 3-16 through 3-20 to host auditions. The all-school play is on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior Signing Day will be April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Prom is set for March 14<sup>th</sup>, along with 12 other schools at the Spokane Convention Center 8:30-11:30pm.
- Jennifer Hardt will be the long-term leave replacement for Mrs. McKenna.

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

- Junior High Athletics
  - Boys basketball has gone really well. The boys are playing tonight and tomorrow
  - Baseball and Softball will begin on March 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Track will begin on the 23<sup>rd</sup>
- High School Athletics
  - All Spring Sports Start on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Numbers in Baseball, Softball and Track look good(lots of kids out for the teams) and all three sports have decided to use 8th graders.
  - We have 5 kids going to golf at Tekoa-Rosalia and 2 boys playing soccer at Cheney.
  - Both Boys and Girls Basketball finished the season last week at Districts. Both teams had great season.
  - A number of basketball players made the all-league team:
    - Boys - 1<sup>st</sup> Team
      - J.J. Hodl
    - Boys - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team
      - Sam Cook
    - Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> Team
      - Jordyn Jeske
      - Brenna Tiegs
      - Tyla Tiegs
  - Both Boys and Girls wrestling finished their season this past weekend at State, in Tacoma. 6 Boys and 2 Girls Qualified for State:
    - Girls: Sonia Widman and Lilli Turner
    - Boys: Tysen Anderson, Coleman Green, Isaiah Hegel, Caleb Perry, Thorne Tissue, Damon Turner
    - Thorne Tissue Finished 4th at 165lb and had a great tournament.

Aaron Fletcher thanked Chad Cornmesser for his contributions while serving on the board over the many years.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approval of regular board meeting minutes from January 28, 2026
- Accounts payable vouchers for February 2026:
  - General Fund checks #118618-118666 for \$195,210.72
  - General Fund Comp Tax #202500033 for \$1,018.23

- Capital Projects checks #118667-1186686 for \$2,378.88
- ASB Fund checks #118669-118676 for \$5,551.14
- Payroll for February 2026 and checks #118600-118617 for \$687,170.31
- Personnel Action:
  - Resignations: Bradley Hodl – Paraeducator, Melissa Doubet – Bus Driver/Driver Trainer, Cyndi Clements – JH Asst. Track & Field Coach
  - Leave of Absence: Jennifer McKenna – HS Counselor

Mark Bullock seconded the motion, and it passed all-in-favor.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**A. First Reading:**

- 1630 – Evaluation of the Superintendent
- 2020P – Course Design Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials
- 2108 – Learning Assistance Program
- 3416P – Medication at School
- 3425 – Accommodating Students with Adrenal Insufficiency
- 5011 – Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Approval of WIAA resolution #25-26/01**

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the WIAA resolution #25-26/01, Chad Cornmesser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Approval to Surplus 2010 International, 71-passenger bus and 2012 International, 71-passenger bus**

Chad Denny made a motion to approve to Surplus 2010 International, 71-passenger bus and 2012 International, 71-passenger bus, Chad Cornmesser seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**C. Approval of updates to Policies: 6022 – Minimum Fund Balance, 6220 – Bid or Request for Proposal**

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve updates to Policies: 6022 – Minimum Fund Balance, 6220 – Bid or Request for Proposal, Chad Denny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**D. Approval to retire the following policies and procedures: 1810 – Annual Governance Goals and Objectives, 1820P – Board Self-Assessment**

Chad Cornmesser made a motion to approve to retire the following policies and procedures: 1810 – Annual Governance Goals and Objectives, 1820P – Board Self-Assessment, Jeremy Engle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. 2026-2027 District Calendar
- B. Second Readings of Policies and Procedures
- C. Discussion of the purchase of a van with wheelchair lift

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 6:48 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 7:18 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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