

**LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 29, 2026
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, Jeremy Engle, Chad Denny and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

AGENDA REVIEW: No changes were noted.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Jerrad Jeske:
 - Congratulations to Mr. Parrish and his FBLA program, 11 students qualified for nationals!
 - The pre-show that took place this month, while the weather could have been a bit warmer, it didn't seem to bother the kids or stop the community from supporting them.
 - Congratulations to Daniel Nollmeyer for receiving a scholarship at the Spokane Scholars Dinner, where he was recognized in the area of Fine Arts.
- Kyle Dodge gave kudos for the success of 3 track meets, in 8 days.

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

- Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. A special shout-out to all of our teachers for their hard work, commitment, and impact on our students' lives.
- Enrollment remains steady at 575 students.
- We received great news this month—our Transitional Kindergarten program will be fully funded for next year.
- 2026 -27 Kindergarten Enrollment is currently at 40 students on the list for next year, with 30 attending Kindergarten Roundup.
- This month, the Department of Health inspected both kitchen facilities. I'm pleased to report that both buildings passed with flying colors, and the inspections went very well.
- Cannon River Construction provided a bid of \$62,000 to level the baseball field.
- We are currently auditing our F-196, which reflects our financial activity for the year in progress. This audit ensures that our records are in balance with the county treasurer's and that appropriate internal controls are in place.
- We still haven't found a driver to replace Melissa Doubet for next year. We may have to combine a route, if we cannot find someone.
- Interviews were held today to fill the vacant board position left by Mr. Cornmesser. The new board member will be in place for May's meeting.

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

- We have kicked off the month with testing season, and our students have been hard at work on their SBA and District Assessments. Mrs. Spears has worked hard to schedule and accommodate everyone, as well as sent out an assessment calendar to all families so they can plan accordingly to give our students the best opportunity for success.
- Back in February, we fine-tuned our School Improvement Plan goal to be around student achievement in grades 3rd - 8th in Math and English Language Arts on their Smarter Balanced Assessments. Junior Boosters are offering some class parties for grade levels that meet their goals. We have a kickoff assembly for this on Monday.
- We held our Kindergarten Round-Up on Friday, April 17th with 30 attending our Round-Up, which gives us solid numbers for two classes next year. We are up to 40 total students who have expressed intent to register for next year or at least reached out to us.

- For our TK program, we will have an informational open house on Tuesday, May 12th. We currently have all 20 of our slots filled for TK for next year.
- Last Friday, our JH students attended the ASB Activity at Roller Valley. This was our final JH Field trip of the year.
- On Friday, I was able to go over and learn from other Principals in Leavenworth at our AWSP Grade Level Leadership Committee, as well as lead a presentation on Tier One Instructional practices. I want to thank Mr. Jeske and the board for allowing me to continue to pursue this opportunity.
- On Thursday, we will have our K-5 Awards Assembly focusing on the character trait of Fairness.
- Mandy and I are working on scheduling classes for next year. We have finalized the Junior High schedule and are now working on the Elementary Specials, WIN, and Lunch Schedule. Once we complete our draft, we will meet with our teachers to finalize it for next year. We will also survey our Junior High Students for their elective classes in the next couple of weeks.
- We will also begin the process of determining class placements for next year on May 4th. We are continuing our process from last year, where each grade band will have dedicated time to carefully place students into balanced classes.
- We have a lot of fun activities planned for May and June, including:
 - Spring Family Maple Bar Day on May 8th
 - Fun Run on May 22nd
 - K-4 STEAM Night on May 28th
 - K-2 and 3-5 Track meet on June 9th
 - 8th Grade Promotion on June 9th
 - TK - 5 Field Day on June 10th
 - Plus, lots of Field Trips

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

- Testing season is on a roll.
- Teacher Appreciation is coming up the week of May 5-9th
- ASB elections were held and the officers elected are: President Linus Bair, Vice President Brenna Tiegs, Secretary Boston Pendell, Treasurer Jakob Harward, Sargent At Arms Ellis Cobbs.
- We have started the process of getting ready for graduation. Practice days are June 4-5th.
- Senior check-out day is June 3rd.
- State FBLA was last week, we had 39 students qualify for State. 11 students qualified for Nationals in San Antonio.
- Junior Show is this week, and we have 18 students with animals at the show.
- We will have 37 students participating in State FFA in Pullman WA, May 13-16th.
- May 19th we will host new Freshman orientation at 6:00 pm.
- Our band will participate in Spangle Days and Lilac Parade on May 16th.
- The Band/Choir Concert is May 27th.
- Val and I are working on an internal audit, to review state course codes.

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

- JH Softball and Baseball and track are going well
- HS Baseball/Softball: Regular season coming to an end on Saturday, in Colfax. We host the play in games for Softball on May 6th, then Districts start on May 8th at Merkel then the top three teams from Districts will play at State in Yakima.
- HS Track is finishing their season and will compete in the League Championships at Newport on the 5th.
- As a league, we have been working on the next two years of JH schedules and that should be completed tomorrow.

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 March 25, 2026
- General Fund check # 118768-118830 in the amount of \$196,729.30
- GEN Comp Tax check # 20250043 in the amount of \$59.10
- Capital Projects Fund check # 118831-118832 in the amount of \$2,228.81
- ASB Fund check # 118833-118838 in the amount of \$7,905.30
- Payroll for April 2026 TOTAL Checks # 118752-118767 in the amount of \$696,471.29
- Resignations: Barbara Cressey – Paraeducator, Derek McIalwain – STEAM Teacher
- Appointments: 2026-27 Coaches (Fall-Winter), Kimberly Konshuk – Paraeducator (remaining 25-26 SY)

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. The First Readings: 3414/3414P – Infectious Diseases, 3420/3420P – Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response, 3424/3424P – Opioid Related Overdose Reversal, 3432 – Emergencies, 6700/6700P – Nutrition were discussed.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. FFA overnight to Pullman WA, May 13-16

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the FFA overnight to Pullman WA, May 13-16, Chad Denny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 - 6:00 PM

- A. 2026-27 Certificated Contracts
- B. Sign Diplomas
- C. Approval of summer programs
- D. FBLA Nationals, overnight to San Antonio
- E. Oath of Office for new board member
- F. 2nd Readings and approval

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

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

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting May 27, 2026.