

LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 27, 2026

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.

Aly Moles gave the Oath of Office as the representative for Director District 3. A quorum was declared. Others present were board members Mark Bullock, Jeremy Engle, Chad Denny and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske

AGENDA REVIEW: Amber Marsh's resignation from HS/JH Assistant Cross Country Coach was noted.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Kyle Dodge acknowledged the great turnout to support the girls softball at state. Rylie Omlin had a great show at state for golf.
- Jerrad Jeske:
 - Recognized the employees retiring this year for their dedicated service and commitment to the district. Noting their years of service: Kris Berry – 43 years, Barb Cressey – 26 years, and Melissa Doubet – 8 years. He thanks each of them for the positive impact they have made on our students, staff, and community throughout their careers.
 - Congratulations to our Girls Softball Team on an outstanding season and a 3rd place finish at state — the highest finish in school history!
 - OSPI Educational Growth & Excellence Awards: Last Thursday, Liberty School District was recognized at the ESD for receiving two additional awards through OSPI. Our Elementary/Junior High was recognized for Growth, and our High School was recognized for Excellence, the second consecutive year our high school has received the Excellence Award. Congratulations to all staff members for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to student success.
- Stephanie Stout thanked the entire Liberty community for all the amazing opportunities and support given to her soon-to-graduate senior.

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

- District enrollment remains steady at 574 students
- We had 15 families attend our Transitional Kindergarten Information Night and another 40 attended 6th grade orientation. Thanks, Mr. Saywers, for organizing those two events.
- The district financial audit has been completed with no findings. The auditors provided two recommendations for consideration: compensated absences, and lease capitalization threshold procedures. Dana Crider explained these recommendations.
- AM Landshaper visited last Friday to evaluate leveling improvements for the baseball field. This is the third company to provide a bid so we can compare pricing and determine next steps. Additional companies providing bids include: Halme Construction and Cannon River Construction
- TD&H is recommending that we begin repair design work this summer, with the goal of bidding the project in the fall. This timeline would allow parts to be manufactured over the winter, with installation planned for next summer.
- The next few weeks will go by quickly. As a reminder, our end-of-the-year Staff BBQ is scheduled for June 11th at 11 am

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

- During the week of May 4th - 8th, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week and Nurse Ali on School Nurse Appreciation Day on the 6th. Big thank you to all our teachers and Nurse Ali for all they do for our students!
- On May 8th, we hosted our Spring Family Maple Bar Day, and we served about 700 plus maple bars out to a long line of families. This was another very well-attended family day.
- We held our TK open house on Tuesday, May 12th, and we had a great turnout for this event! Folks are very excited that we can offer this program again for the 26-27 school year.

- We had the Mobius Science Team come out for our very own TK-5th-grade STEAM Day at Liberty on Tuesday, June 19th. Big thanks to the Logan family for sponsoring this event for our students.
- On May 18th, we held our 6th-grade orientation for parents. This was a very well-attended event, with about 40 families attending.
- On the 18th, we held our first TK Assembly and taught them our assembly expectations and worked to teach them the Lancer Fight song.
- We held the Fun Run on May 22nd and had an excellent turnout from our families. Special thanks to Mr. Davis and our parent volunteers for setting this up.
- Tomorrow, we will host our second K-4 STEAM night on May 28th. This will be our final K-4 STEAM night as we are transitioning back to a K-4 Music model for next year.
- On June 9th, we will continue our tradition of having a K-2 track meet and a 3-5 track meet. This has been a very fun and well-organized event for our students.
- We are working on finalizing the handbook and calendar for the next meeting. We met on May 13th to go over the handbook and make small changes. A draft of the handbook and calendar will be ready for the next meeting.
- We have put out a survey to staff to help us select Professional Development for next year.
- Today, we had our final awards assembly focusing on perseverance, and we will hold our JH quarter 4 awards assembly on the last day of school. We also had TK join us for this one!
- Our 8th-grade promotion is coming up on Tuesday, June 9th, at 7:00 pm. 8th graders will also go to Silverwood on June 10th.
- We will have our Field Day on June 10th, along with a ton of field trips in the coming weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT: The following were a part of Aaron Fletcher's report, presented by Alex Saywers:

- Graduation preparation is coming together, with 42 students are on track to graduate. Valedictorians: Addilee Buys, Lucy Smith, Daniel Nollmyer, Colin Degenhart, Kinley Fish, and Jordyn Jeske. Salutatorian: Gwen Olson
- Graduation is June 6th at 1:00 pm
- Incoming freshman orientation parent meeting was held. This was a great opportunity for new parents in our high school to learn about the differences between high school and junior high.
- Finals schedules are set: Senior finals this week. All other finals will take place June 4-9th
- Assessments are completed
- Congratulations to our FFA teams who performed very well at the State competition held in Pullman.
- Students performed well at the Jr. Show in Spokane.
- Mr. Terry and the band performed in both the Lilac Torchlight Parade. Earned the Gold Medal at the Lilac Parade. They will also be participating in the Fairfield parade on June 13th.
- The handbook committee is reviewing changes for next year, and those changes will be presented in June.
- Class schedule 2026-27 is complete.

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

- Junior High: We are set for all junior high sports next year. With all the schedules made.
- High School:
 - Baseball had a great season and is going to be good the next few years.
 - We had a number of kids make the all-league team in both baseball and softball:
 - Baseball:** Braven Hodl, JJ Hodl, and Garrett Gollehon
 - Softball:** Aubrey Hofmann, Haylee Mitzemberg, Sadie Stout, and Jordyn Jeske was selected as the Co League MVP and Co Pitcher of the Year
 - Track heads off to State on Thursday. We had 6 kids qualify:
 - Parker Myers in the 110, 300H, and long jump
 - Lucy Smith in the Shot, and Disc
 - Girls 4X100 relay team: Leslie Bothman, Presley Holling, Grace Hymas and Molly Domrese

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 April 29, 2026
 - General Fund check # 118854-118919 in the amount of \$164,289.84
 - GEN Comp Tax check # 20250048 in the amount of \$8.42
 - General Fund Void/Re-Issue check #118926 in the amount of \$296.40
 - Capital Projects Fund check # 118920 in the amount of \$46.62
 - ASB Fund check # 118921-118925 in the amount of \$2,501.80
 - Payroll for May 2026 TOTAL Checks # 118839-118853 in the amount of \$716,845.49
 - Resignations: Amber Marsh - HS/JH Assistant Cross Country Coach
 - Appointments: Logan Posey – Special Education Teacher
- Jeremy Engle seconded the motion, and it passed all-in-favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. The Small Modernization Grant was discussed. Jerrad Jeske presented a list of facility improvements, and collectively the board ranked the 10 improvements by priority.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Second Reading and approval of policies and procedures: 3414/3414P – Infectious Diseases, 3420/3420P – Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response, 3424/3424P – Opioid Related Overdose Reversal, 3432 – Emergencies, 6700/6700P – Nutrition**

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve policies and procedures: 3414/3414P – Infectious Diseases, 3420/3420P – Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response, 3424/3424P – Opioid Related Overdose Reversal, 3432 – Emergencies, 6700/6700P – Nutrition, Chad Denny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of summer programs**

Chad Denny made a motion to approve the summer programs, Jeremy Engle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- C. Approve 2026-27 Certificated Contracts and Classified Assignments**

Aly Moles made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Certificated Contracts and Classified Assignments, Chad Denny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- D. Approval of overnight to FBLA Nationals in San Antonio, June 27 – July 3**

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the overnight to FBLA Nationals in San Antonio, June 27 – July 3, Aly Moles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 - 6:00 PM

- A. Review and approve 2026-27 board meeting dates
- B. Approve 2026-2027 EJH Handbook
- C. Approve 2026-2027 HS Handbook
- D. Approve the 2026-2027 Highly Capable Program

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:53 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 7:23 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting June 24, 2026.