

LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 26, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Jeremy Engle 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, Aly Moles and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske.

AGENDA REVIEW: Additions to the Consent Agenda were noted.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Jeremy Engle gave kudos to Connie and Randy for the tremendous shape the grounds are in, for the start of the new school year.
- Jerrad Jeske thanked the administration and all of our staff for the tremendous amount of time and effort they have put in over the past couple of weeks preparing for the start of the new school year.
- Jerrad Jeske also thanked Melissa McFadgen for coming out to speak to our staff at orientation and volunteering her time to do that.

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

- We are currently searching for a new high school special education teacher. Aaron Watson has accepted a position with the Deer Park School District in order to be closer to home.
- Brittany Lasz will fill our open cook position.
- First day of school is tomorrow, August 27. TK and Kindergarten will begin on September 1.
- We are still looking for bus drivers. If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact the district.
- Connie added new playground bark and installed new swings on the elementary playground this week.
- The spill buckets at the gas pump at the bus barn were replaced. We have been informed that the tanks have approximately five years of remaining life.
- Our electrician has completed a number of smaller projects throughout the district and plans to repair the football lights next week.
- Affordable Home Irrigation began installing the new sprinkler system on Tuesday. This system will replace the approximately 10 hoses and the extensive hand-watering Connie has been doing over the past several weeks.
- Please be aware this is a levy year for the district. One of our major priorities during the coming year will be the successful renewal of the Educational Programs and Operations Levy. Additional information will be shared with the community as we move through the levy process.

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

- Our building looks amazing thanks to our wonderful custodial staff and all of their hard work this summer. We had a lot of classroom moves over the year, and our team did a great job of navigating these changes.
- We had a great turnout at our open house.
- We have quite a few changes to our staff with some new hires and some role changes:
 - We have hired Marina Cobbs and Justice Brown to teach 5th grade
 - Megan Becker has moved to teach TK - 4 Music and Technology
 - Cami Canning has moved to teach 2nd grade
 - Haley Winegar has moved to teach 1st grade
 - We have a couple of name changes with some marriages, with Haley Marsh becoming Haley Winegar, and Tiffany Buys becoming Tiffany Johns.
 - Chris Riddell is moving back into the EJH building
 - Tanya Kanenwisher has moved into Mrs. Berry's classroom to take over JH Science
- We are making a curricular change to our elementary math program and will now be using Illustrative Mathematics in grades 4-8 (formerly 6-8) and will continue to use Bridges in grades K-3.

- In August, we took a team of six folks out to the Solution Tree PLC training at the Spokane Convention Center again. Our team came away with tons of new ideas and methods for improving instruction here at Liberty, and we were able to present what we learned to our teams today.
- Last spring, we had a team of staff and parents work together to apply for a grant for some new playground equipment. We were able to secure funds from the Liberty Junior Boosters, LCEF, and some other grants to purchase some items we hope to install over the course of the school year.
- Next week, we will welcome our Kindergartners and Transitional Kindergarteners.

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

- Ready for a great first day of school and we will have a kickoff assembly with our band and cheer.
- Shoutout to our custodial crew who pulled together to support one member who was out during the last part of summer break.
- Great staff trainings the last 3 days and a good open house.
- Staff did a deep dive into math/ELA assessments to see where Liberty stands and pull from it some changes that could be implemented.
- Enrollment current numbers

185 FTE	
1	Lilac learning
1	PACE
1	Skills Center
3	UCA
18	RS
161	in building
- CTE Advisory committee meeting in September/October.
- Mrs. McKenna will host a Financial Aid night September 16.
- Launch NW made it out to Open House.
- We will again be able to offer College In The Classroom this year:
 - Dual Credit: CiHS: English 101 & 170, Pre-Calc, Calc, Statistics
 - Dual credit: CTE Fin. Success, Business Tech, Bus Ethics, Bus mgmt.
- Just a reminder that you can stay current with what's happening around the school by checking out "Mr. Fletchers' Weekly Update" on the High School website.
- Character Counts program rolls out again with classroom visits from Deputy Vincini and Mrs. McKenna.
- We will do new hand prints on the wall, next week.
- Late starts focus on PLC building goals and subject matter goals. Focusing on attendance and Freshman passing rates.
- ASVAB will be on the schedule for this fall.
- Mr. Parrish is completing his principal cert. internship, so you may see him with his mentor, Mr. Fletcher around campus.
- In response to Jeremy Engle; Mr. Fletcher confirmed that students can earn up to 68 credits through the College In The Classroom program.

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

- High School sports are off and running.
 - Football: 28 boys are eligible to practice, a few not cleared yet. They have a jamboree on the 29th, at Freeman.
 - Volleyball: 31 players counting 6, 8th graders. They have a jamboree on 9-1 at Freeman and the home opener is on 9-3 against Reardan.
 - Cross Country: Boys have 6 high school runners and have brought up the 2, 8th grade boys. Girls have 6 high school runners.
 - Cheer: 13 athletes out and has worked all summer long. The squad will be working with the band tomorrow at the welcome back assembly.
- Junior High Sports start tomorrow.
- Golf: several A.D.'s say they estimate the cost was around \$10,000, with coaches driving. They do not have issues finding volunteers to help. Next step is to survey the students for interest.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mark Bullock made a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approval of regular board meeting minutes from July 29, 2026
- General Fund check # 119109-119172 in the amount of \$701,843.72
- GEN Comp Tax check # 20250063 in the amount of \$1,297.73
- Capital Projects Fund check # 119173-119176 in the amount of \$63,566.77
- Payroll for August 2026 TOTAL Checks # 119095-119108 in the amount of \$669,137.61
- Resignations: Jennifer Waddell – Cook, Hailey Derrig – Paraeducator, Ron Rogers – HS Assistant Football Coach, Joe Turner – JH Assistant Football Coach, Pete Romnek – JH Assistant Basketball Coach, Brittany Lasz – Paraeducator, Aaron Watson – Teacher
- Appointments: Janet Greenburg – Paraeducator, Lindsey Derry – Paraeducator, Ron Rogers – JH Head Football Coach, Kellan Flanigan – HS Assistant Football Coach, Pete Romnek – JH Head Basketball Coach, Brittany Lasz – Cook, Rebecca Smith – Paraeducator, JH Assistant Football Coach – Randy Degenhart

Aly Moles seconded the motion, and it passed all-in-favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

ACTION ITEMS

A. WAC 181-82-110 Out of endorsement approval for: Tanya Kanenwisher – Visual Arts, 9-12 Earth Science; Dan Groom – Spanish; Logan Posey – Special Education.

Mark Bullock made a motion to approve WAC 181-82-110 Out of endorsement for: Tanya Kanenwisher – Visual Arts, 9-12 Earth Science; Dan Groom – Spanish; Logan Posey – Special Education, Aly Moles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve to purchase 8-passenger, Wheelchair Van

Aly Moles made a motion to approve the purchase of an 8-passenger, Wheelchair Van, Mark Bullock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve 2026-2029 LEA CBA

Mark Bullock made a motion to approve the 2026-2029 LEA CBA, Aly Moles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Second Reading and approval of the following policies and procedures: 2020P - Course Design, Selection, and Adoption of Instructional Materials, 2161 & 2161P – Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students, 2230 – Transition to Kindergarten Program, 2410 & 2410P – High School Graduation Requirements, 3115 & 3115P – Students Experiencing Homelessness: Enrollment Rights and Services, 3120 – Enrollment, 3122 & 3122P – Excused and Unexcused Absences, 3124 & 3124P – Removal/Release of Students During School Hours, 3246 & 3246P – Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force, 5401 & 5401P – Sick Leave, 6100 – Revenues from Local, State, and Federal Sources, 6220P – Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements

Mark Bullock made a motion to approve the policies and procedures as listed, Aly Moles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 - 6:00 PM

- A. LCEF dinner
- B. Corey Plager presentation on Levy

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:28 p.m. Jeremy Engle 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 6:58 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting September 23, 2026.