

LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 23, 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.

Chris Clausen gave the Oath of Office as the representative for Director District 2. A quorum was declared. Others present were board members Mark Bullock, Jeremy Engle, Aly Moles and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske

LEVY INFORMATION: Cory Plager from D.A. Davidson presented information to understand of Levy's and Bonds as well as past performance measures.

AGENDA REVIEW: Additions to the Consent Agenda were noted.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Kyle Dodge gave kudos to the grounds crew for their work.
- Jerrad Jeske thanked the Liberty Basketball Booster Club for sponsoring motivational speaker Blue Stiley, who spoke to our student body.
- Alex Saywers added his gratitude for the Basketball Boosters as well.
- Aaron Fletcher recognized Mrs. McKenna's work to have already put together a financial aid night, with multiple colleges on campus. He also mentioned that she has arranged WSU for their instant acceptance event on October 5th.

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

- Our current enrollment numbers have exceeded projections and are approximately 17 students higher than this time last year. Including Transitional Kindergarten (TK), we currently have 604 students enrolled to start the school year. This marks the first time the district's enrollment has reached the 600-student level since the late 1990's.
- The district recently completed the sale of two surplus vehicles: 2004 Dodge Neon sold for \$375 and the 2010 International Bus sold for \$750. Kyle Miller submitted the winning bids for both vehicles.
- Installation of the sound panels in the new gym is progressing well, with approximately one additional row remaining. We are already noticing an improvement in the acoustics within the facility.
- Repairs to the football field lighting were completed this month.
- While the lift was on site, the remaining light brackets were inspected and double-nutted to provide additional security, as well as replacing several non-functioning lights.
- We continue to await delivery of our new school bus. The anticipated delivery date was in September, and we expect the bus to arrive soon.
- Jenny Janson has ordered a new wheelchair-accessible van for the district. This vehicle will be an important addition to our transportation fleet and will help meet the transportation needs of our students.
- We are also working toward adding another qualified bus driver to the transportation department. We anticipate that our new driver will complete the required testing and be ready to begin driving by the end of the month. With two fewer routes this year, our buses operate at near capacity. Adding another qualified driver will provide additional flexibility and support for our transportation operations.
- Fire District #3 is scheduled to attend the October Board Meeting. Cody Rohrbach, Fire Chief and a current Liberty parent, has requested an opportunity to address the Board regarding the upcoming fire district levy.
- Educational Programs and Operations Levy; 2026–27 Levy Timeline
 - October: Review proposed levy amounts and draft resolutions.

- November: Adopt the Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) and Capital Projects Levy resolutions.
- December 11: File approved levy resolutions with the County Auditor.
- February 9: Election Day.
- The district will continue to communicate with the Board and community throughout the levy process and provide additional information as the proposed levy amounts and resolutions are developed.

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

- Welcomed 440 students TK - 8 into our building this year.
- During the first week of school, Deputy Vicini and Mr. Saywers went into classrooms to talk about our character traits, our Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying procedures, ways to let adults know about concerning things, devices, and ways we recognize positive behavior.
- On September 9th and 10th, all our TK - 8th got on buses with teachers and did a review of all of bus safety rules. This practice has seen reductions in bus discipline, and with much fuller buses this year we wanted to continue this effort.
- The first Kick-off Assembly for the space-themed Sport-a-thon was Wednesday, September 9th. Darci Smith talked about all the ways the Sport-a-thon supports our students. The first activity day is this Friday.
- On the Assessment front, we have either wrapped up or are finished with our STAR Assessments, and we will have our first Profile Meetings next week to look at what interventions may be needed for our students. We have also completed two trainings on these new assessments and how to interpret the data we receive.
- Over the last two late starts, our team has been working hard to analyze all of our SBA data and look at trends so we can identify new goals for our school improvement plan. We have our new goals mapped out and are meeting next week again to determine some more action steps and focus for the year.
- On Friday, our 5th grade classes will be celebrating Constitution Day. We have a few guest speaker parents coming out who are attorneys and will be speaking to classes as we recognize this day.
- On Monday, we will have our first K-5 Awards Assembly, focusing on the character trait of Responsibility.
- On Friday, October 2nd, we will have our first ASB Activity during periods 6 and 7.
- Also, on October 2nd, we will have our Fall Family Maple Bar Morning at 7:30.
- On October 7th, our 8th graders will be attending a field trip to the Unlock Your Future Trades event, where we will head to the Hub and learn about different career opportunities.

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

- School is off to a great start, with great students.
- Character visits with Deputy Vicini were completed with an emphasis on student's digital footprint.
- Band will perform at the Rockford Parade on Saturday.
- Homecoming is next week with the Football game and Dance on Friday the 2nd.
- Assessment score reports will be sent home next week.
- The Great Washington Shake Out earthquake drill is October 15th.
- October is Disability Awareness month, and we will be showing a powerful video in all classes.
- PSAT is set for October 14th.
- Liberty has two National Merit commended Scholars: Allison Hanegan and Thomas Hay.
- The first Choir Concert is October 28th.
- The HS continues with a building goal, focusing on the 9th grade on-track rate and the goal of 90% daily attendance.
- Knowledge Bowl starts next month with a new advisor, Molly Carr.
- CTE Advisory meeting is October 14th.
- First EWU Aspire training is this month. We will have 2-year and 4-year colleges, along with military and trades.

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

- Middle School Sports
 - Volleyball is playing their 4th match tonight at NWC.

- Football had a rough first game but kids and coaches were very positive and made some changes for tomorrow's game against LRS.
- High School Sports
 - Volleyball is going well. Liberty Volleyball Tournament is on the 3rd.
 - Cheer is going well. Lots of positives on both the girls and the coaches.
 - Cross Country: both JH and HS runners will compete this weekend at the Nike Bob Firman Invitational meet with teams from all over the PNW.
 - On September 21st, we hosted the Cheney/Liberty Combine Soccer team who had a victory over Lewiston. Before the start of the varsity game we had Senior Night which was super positive for Molly Domrese to get to play at home and have a senior night here. The game was well attended.

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 August 26, 2026
- General Fund check # 119178 in the amount of \$11,390.28
- General Fund check # 119194-119273 in the amount of \$182,519.03
- GEN Comp Tax check # 202600005 in the amount of \$11.79
- Capital Projects Fund check # 119274-119276 in the amount of \$13,709.88
- ASB Fund check # 119277-119282 in the amount of \$14,988.42
- Payroll for September 2026 TOTAL Checks # 119179-119193 in the amount of \$797,958.02
- Resignations: Morgan Schafer-Martensen - Cook
- Appointments: Erika Kelly – Paraeducator, Lindsey White – Special Education Teacher, Jodi Schmidt – Paraeducator, Suzun Kaiser – Paraeducator, Erica Chamberlin - Cook

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Foundation Dinner with alcohol on November 14th

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the Foundation Dinner with alcohol on November 14th, Aly Moles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of donations for new playground equipment: \$30,000 from Liberty Booster Club and \$15,000 from LCEF.

Aly Moles made a motion to approve the donations for new playground equipment: \$30,000 from Liberty Booster Club and \$15,000 from LCEF, Jeremy Engle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of overnight to Grandview for volleyball tournament, October 9-10.

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the overnight to Grandview for volleyball tournament, October 9-10, Aly Moles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of 26/27 overnight State Athletics: Cross Country – November 6-7, Tri Cities, Volleyball – November 10-12, Yakima, Football – various places throughout the state: Round 1: November 13 or 14, Round 2: November 20 or 21, Round: 3: November 27 or 28, Championship: December 4-5 (Seattle), Wrestling (Boys & Girls) – February 18-20, Tacoma, Baseball – May 28-30, Selah, Softball – May 20-22, Yakima, Track & Field – May 27-29, Yakima.

Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the 26/27 overnight State Athletics as listed, Aly Moles seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 - 6:00 PM

- A. Guest speaker from Spokane County Fire District No. 3
- B. Review proposed Levy amounts
- C. Approve CTE programs

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:50 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 7:20 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes not approved until signed at the next regular board meeting October 28, 2026.