LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
October 28, 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, Chris Clausen, Jeremy Engle, Aly Moles and Superintendent Jerrad Jeske

SPOKANE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3 OPERATIONS LEVY: Cody Rohrbach presented information on the impacts of the current Fire District No.3 Operations Levy.

AGENDA REVIEW: It was noted that there were no changes to the agenda.

SALUTE TO LIBERTY:

- Aaron Fletcher gave a salute to the ASB Officers for a great Homecoming week
- Jerrad Jeske recognized our principles in honor of National Principals Month. He also thanked Brian Bothman and Avista for donating time and equipment to replace a JH parking lot light.

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT REPORT: Aaron Fletcher & Alex Saywers presented Liberty's assessment rankings since 2019 and how they compare to the state averages.

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

- Enrollment is still steady @ 584 students
- The E-Rate grant written for the fiber installation between the high school and elementary finally got approved. This project will probably be finished during late spring.
- Joe Rivera, our new bus driver, has done a fantastic job taking over one of our largest routes. He has been actively recruiting as well. We are still in need of more drivers.
- Jenny Janson continues to work through some issues with the new GPS tracking software, to solve some blackout coverage areas buses encounter on their routes.
- Our new School bus also arrived this month. It will start off as a trip bus.
- The district received a $3,500 insurance refund check for the removal of the previous surplused school bus and Dodge Neon car
- The previously approved surplus items are now open for bids:
  - White box truck
  - Beaver (small-wheel tractor)
  - Wheelchair-accessible bus

  The bidding deadline is **Friday, November 20, at 11:00 AM**.
- Connie has blown out all the sprinklers, and the cooling towers will be drained next week.
- A few electrical issues were addressed at the high school.
- One of our brand-new lights in the high school gym burned out already. It was replaced under warranty.
- Our playground equipment is all in. We are just waiting to get clearance from the site review in order to begin. Thank you to Alex and his dad for volunteering to help with the project.
- Connie has us stocked up on ice melt and will get the snow blade on at the end of next week.
- Reminder: LECF Foundation Dinner is November 14th. Invitations have been mailed—please be sure to mark your calendars. Doors open at 4:30 pm.

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

- The K-8 Sport-a-thon fundraiser earned over $20,000 from this event (Final total still to be determined). Big thanks to all our parents who helped Darci Smith organize this event. We will be having our parties for the Sport-a-thon coming up next week.
- On October 2nd, we server over 700 maple bars at our Fall Family Maple Bar Day.

- Fire District 3 came out on October 6th to teach our TK-5th-grade students all about Fire Safety. Our students learned a lot and got to use some of the firefighting tools.
- On October 7th, our 8th graders attended the "Unlock Your Future" event at the HUB sports center. This event had over 50 businesses in construction, trades, manufacturing, and medical fields. Our students did a phenomenal job of asking questions and engaging with all the adults present. Our staff was very impressed with how our Liberty students represented our school.
- On Friday, we will be having our next K-5 Awards Assembly focusing on the character trait of empathy, our Halloween Red Carpet, as well as our K-5 Halloween parties in the afternoon. We will also be hosting a JH Costume Contest at lunch, Spooky Movies Day, and a dance for our October ASB Activity.
- Tonight, we have our 7-12 Choir at the high school.
- Next month, we will hold conferences on November 19th, 20th, and 23rd. During this time, we will also host the Scholastic Book Fair.

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

- The HS staff are having fun with their own Staff Dress-up Days, for Homecoming.
- First quarter comes to an end on Friday.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are set for November 19-24. We will set the conference dates on Wednesday.
- During those ½ days the HS will have structured rotating periods.
- There will be an academic assembly to recognize students for their achievements for the first quarter on November 6th.
- Character counts classroom visits are Monday, with Deputy Vicini.
- The K-12 Veteran's Day Assembly is at 8:45, on November 10th.
- Knowledge bowl is underway, and we have a home match November 3rd.
- The first Choir recital is tonight.
- Jazz festival is November 4th, in Pullman.
- The ASVAB is scheduled for November 18th.
- Senior projects are November 24th, and Mr. Parrish will provide the high school report in Mr. Fletcher's absence.
- FFA Nation Range is November 8-11 in Tremonton Utah.
- FFA soils teams took 1st and 3rd place at the competition in Walla Walla.

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

- Middle School Sports
  - Volleyball, football and Cross Country finished up their seasons.
  - Girls Basketball has started and we will have a JV and a Varsity.
  - Wrestling also started this week with 7 girls and 9 boys wrestling.
- High School Sports
  - Volleyball finished up league play and will play in the District Tournament: 11/3 at Reardan, and 11/5 at Cheney.
  - Volleyball tournament was a big success
  - Cross Country will compete Saturday in the state qualifier in Reardan.
  - Football will play their last league game on Friday at Kettle.
  - The cost estimate for Golf was presented.

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 September 23, 2026
- General Fund check # 119298-119366 in the amount of $199,357.58
- GEN Comp Tax check # 202600010 in the amount of $67.24
- ASB Fund check # 119367-119369 in the amount of $1,139.68
- TVF Fund check # 119370 in the amount of $176,655.03
- Payroll for October 2026 TOTAL Checks # 119283-119297 in the amount of $736,548.93
- Resignations: Kyle DeGon – JH Head Wrestling Coach, Erica Chamberlin – Cook, Stephanie Rafferty - Para

- Appointments: Jose (Joe) Rivera – Bus Driver, Demi Hrytzik -Para

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Proposed Levy amounts and timelines were presented and discussed by the board.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of the CTE Agriculture, Business and Marketing, STEM, and Skilled Science programs.
Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the CTE Agriculture, Business and Marketing, STEM, and Skilled Science programs, Chris Clausen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of overnight WBIC all state band, November 19-22 in Seattle.
Mark Bullock made a motion to approve the overnight WBIC all state band, November 19-22 in Seattle, Jeremy Engle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of overnight Western Region National Rangeland, November 8-11 in Tremonton, Utah.
Jeremy Engle made a motion to approve the overnight Western Region National Rangeland, November 8-11 in Tremonton, Utah, Chris Clausen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Tuesday, November 24, 2026 - 6:00 PM

A. Levy Resolution

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:32 p.m. Stephanie Stout announced the board would enter into executive session to discuss personnel as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 (g) for 28 minutes.

The board exited the executive session at 8:00 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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