

"Soar to Excellence." LIBERTY COMMUNITY UNIT #2 SCHOOL

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Liberty School District will equip the whole student with knowledge, skills, and character to achieve personal success as they "Soar to Excellence."

Board Meeting Agenda for March 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room.

1. Routine Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Agenda
- B. Approval of the following Minutes: February 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- C. Approval of the Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
- D. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
- E. Approve the Financial Summary Report
- F Approve the Food Service Report
- G. Approval of the Activity Report
- H. Approval of the Imprest Fund

2. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the Final 2024-25 School Calendar.
- B. Approve the IHSA membership for 2025-26.
- C. Approve Title I School-wide Waiver.
- D. Approve the Consolidated District Plan for 2025-26.
- E. Approve the annual transfer of Lease Levy proceeds from the Ed Fund to Debt Service for the copy machines with Digital Copy Systems, LLC.
- F. Approve the first reading of the Wellness Policy 7:286 and the Procedures on Use of Behavioral Interventions 7:230-AP.
- G. Approve establishing a Student Activity Fund for JH Washington DC Trip.

3. Discussion and Action:

- A. Approve the FS Prairieland bid and the recommendation of 50% diesel and gas at contract price for both time periods presented in the bid.
- B. Update on HVAC in the high school gym.
- C. Update on the Tracking refinishing.

4. Reports:

- A. Elementary Principal's Report
- B. Junior High/High School Principal's Report
- C. Technology Coordinator's Report
- D. Superintendent's Report
- E. Unpaid School Fees & Lunch Balance Report

5. Personnel Report:

A. Approve:

Tenured Kobi Blair, Amy Folkenroth, Brooke Ruppel, Amy Allen, Aimee Hannel, Theresa

Owens, Marilyn Motley, Grace Ross

4th year Mariana Roberts, Mercedes Wittenbrink, Elena Moran-Cortes, Christopher

Barrett

3rd year Lisa Lawler, Kendra Obert, Adam Lee, Melissa Obert, Danielle Dietrich

2nd year Laura Meyer, Travis Ruppel, Marla Cramsey, Joanna Hoskins

B. Approve Abbie John as a Co-Assistant for High School Softball, splitting the stipend equally.

- C. Approve Sare Reichert as a Co-Assistant for High School Softball, splitting the stipend equally.
- D. Approve Danielle Dietrich as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for High School Softball.
- E. Approve Gavin Risley as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for High School Baseball.

- F. Approve Jill Oberling as part-time (60%) Pre-K Coordinator for 2025-26 school year, which is a grant-funded position.
- G. Approve Janice McCleary as a Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year.
- H. Approve the resignation of Katie Stegner as 6-12 Special Education Coordinator, effective March 14, 2025.
- I. Approve the resignation of Rachel Whitlock as Ag Teacher and FFA Co-Sponsor, effective June 30, 2025.
- J. Approve Jill Failor as a Substitute Para Educator and Nurse for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year.
- K. Approve Rose Schoonover as a Special Education Teacher, BA, Step 0, effective August 18, 2025.

Superintendent's Comments

Final Calendar

The Liberty School Board approved the final calendar for 2024-25. The last day for students and Eighth Grade Recognition is May 28. The Teacher Institute is May 29.

Annual Tasks

The school board approved the IHSA membership for the next school year. They also approved our annual Consolidated District Plan, which allows us to apply for state and federal grants for 2025-26. Finally, the Title I School-wide Waiver was approved. Thus, more students can receive Title I services or extra help in reading rather than just offering targeted assistance to fewer students.

Lease Levy

Each year we must move money from the lease levy proceeds out of the ED Fund into the Debt Service to be able to pay our lease for the copy machines.

Discipline & Behavior Interventions

Annually, a team must review each school's discipline procedures, which include behavior interventions, and make changes where necessary. This is the first reading of the policies.

JH Washington DC Trip

The school board approved establishing a Student Activity Fund for the JH Washington DC Trip. This way, there is a place to hold the money they raise through fundraising efforts for their trip. The trip will take place at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Presentation

Dan Sparrow, Madelyn Hyer, BJ Fessler and Kelle Bunch made a presentation on Athletic Finances. No vote was taken at this time, just information was shared and board members could ask questions. This will be voted on at the next board meeting in April.

<u>Fuel Bid</u>

The school board looked at all bids submitted for fuel and approved the one from FS Prairieland at 50% contract price for gas and diesel during the time periods suggested in the bid. For gas the time periods are April 1-September 30, 2025 and October 1, 2025-March 31, 2026. For diesel the time periods are April 1-November 30, 2025 and December 1, 2025-March 31, 2026.

<u>Updates</u>

There was updated information shared on the HVAC in the high school gym and the refinishing of the track.

