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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 September 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room.

1. Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget FY25
2. Routine Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the following Minutes:
August 21, 2024 Board Meeting
 - C. Approval of the Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
 - D. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
 - E. Approval of the Activity Report
 - F. Approval of the Imprest Fund
3. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approve the FY 25 Proposed Budget.
 - B. Approve the Seniority Lists for certified, support, and bus drivers/monitors for 2024-25.
 - C. Approve the job description for the Dishwasher/Custodian.
 - D. Approve the School Improvement Goals for District, Elementary, and JH/HS for 2024-25.
 - E. Approve the Trap Shooting Stipend Agreement.
 - F. Approve the new approach for FFA Activity Fee.
 - G. Approve the 1-year Agreement with Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) to have access to e-books.
4. Discussion and Action:
 - A. Consider applying for a matching School Maintenance Grant FY25 for air in the HS gym using \$50,000 from the grant and \$100,000 from Tort Funds for FY25 and FY26.
 - B. Consider netting/fence for the baseball and softball bleacher areas.
 - C. Consider the increase of board support on the insurance premium to make it affordable for support staff.
 - D. Consider new landscaping for two areas from the Leon Lentz Memorial.
5. Reports:
 - A. Elementary Principal's Report
 - B. Junior High/High School Principal's Report
 - C. Superintendent's Report
 - D. Technology Coordinator's Report
 - E. Unpaid School Fees & Lunch Balance Report
6. Personnel Report:
 - A. Approve Chris Reichert as a Co-Coach for Trap Shooting for 2024-25.
 - B. Approve Travis Zanger as a Co-Coach for Trap Shooting for 2024-25.
 - C. Approve Mysti Kindhart as the HR/Payroll Clerk, effective September 16, 2024.
 - D. Approve the resignation of Amanda Barry as the 5/6th Grade Volleyball Coach, effective September 4, 2024.
 - E. Approve Mariana Roberts as an evening Sub Custodian.

Superintendent Comments

Proposed Budget

The school board approved the Proposed Budget for FY25. The superintendent summarized what happens in each fund. As a result, the Ed Fund and Transportation have a deficit for the fiscal year, but still have healthy reserves. The overall budget is in the red.

Seniority Lists

Annually, the school board must approve seniority lists for bus drivers, monitors, support staff, and teachers. The teachers list indicate years of experience, education, and endorsements, and are used for budget purposes and if there is a reduction in force.

Job Description

A job description was approved for the full-time position of Dishwasher/Custodian. Two part-time positions were combined into one.

School Improvement Goals

Each building (Elementary and JH/HS) develops their goals for the year, along with a focus district-wide. These goals were presented and approved by the Liberty School Board to improve what we currently do and to help foster student achievement. For each building, a team works together to establish the goals for the school year based on several data points. Also, the district goals were formulated based on feedback from staff and parents.

Trap Shooting Stipend

Both coaches of trap shooting, Chris Reichert and Travis Zanger, plan to not accept the coach's stipend and have that money go to the trap shooting program for supplies. This is such an act of kindness. Thank you, gentlemen! An agreement was formulated to show why \$1000 was taken from the Ed Fund and placed into the Activity Fund for Trap Shooting.

FFA Activity Fee

This year we are trying a new approach for the FFA Activity Fee. Students will pay for each event they participate in, rather than a flat fee for the year. However, fees will be capped at \$40 per year. These activity fees will be paid by the Liberty Ag Alumni. We are hoping that this will encourage HS and JH students to try more events and grow our numbers in FFA.

E-books

The school board approved a 1-year agreement with Reaching Across Illinois Library System to allow our students to have access to e-books. Thank you Becky Esselman and Crystal Whelan for making this happen!

Maintenance Grant

The school board is undecided at this time on what to apply for in the Maintenance Grant FY25. The Facilities Committee will look into fans/air for the high school gym before a decision can be made.

Insurance Increase

This school year, the insurance premium took such a jump that the school board needed to increase their portion of contribution for support staff to make sure it met the Affordability requirement under Obamacare.

New Landscaping

Michelle Girardin and Sue Lefringhouse would like to upgrade two areas around the school with new

landscaping. The funds for this will come from the Leon Lentz Memorial money that the family has. The school board approved this generous donation.

Happy Fall!

