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# **LIBERTY COMMUNITY UNIT #2 SCHOOL**

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## **Administration**

**Kelle Bunch, Superintendent**

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**Kimberly Harrison 6-12 Principal**

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skills, and character to achieve personal success as they "Soar to  
Excellence."***

**Board Meeting Agenda for September 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room.**

1. Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget FY26
2. Routine Consent Agenda:
  - A. Approval of the Agenda
  - B. Approval of the following Minutes:  
August 20, 2025 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 26 Proposed Budget.
  - B. Approve the Seniority Lists for certified, support, and bus drivers/monitors for 2025-26.
  - C. Approve The first reading of the Artificial Intelligence Usage Policy 6:237.
4. Discussion and Action:
  - A. Approved applying for a matching School Maintenance Grant FY26 for refinishing the track using \$50,000 from the grant and \$100,000 from Health/Life Safety Funds (listed as Fire Prev).
  - B. Shared Facilities/Security Committee feedback.
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:
  - Approve the resignation of Alisha Stanley as Day Custodian, effective August 25, 2025.
  - Approve Megan Deming as the full-time Day Custodian for \$16/hr., effective September 17, 2025.
  - Approve John Barner as a Substitute Teacher for 2025-26.
  - Approve Anthony Goodwin as a Substitute Teacher for 2025-26.
  - Approve Tish Rowlands as a Substitute Teacher for 2025-26.
  - Approve Jason Orebaugh as a Substitute Teacher for 2025-26.
  - Approve Susan Woodward as a Substitute Cook for 2025-26.
  - Approve Glenette Castle as a Substitute Custodian for 2025-26, pending the results of her fingerprints.
  - Approve Michelle Girardin as a Substitute Bus Driver for 2025-26.
  - Approve Travis Knuffman as an Assistant Coach of JH Girls Basketball for 2025-26.
  - Approve the 5-day District Family Leave for Adam Lee upon the birth of 2nd child in February 2026.
  - Approve the resignation of Andrea Akers as the Freshman Sponsor, effective September 9, 2025.

- Approve Laura Meyer as a Co-sponsor of the Freshman Class, effective September 19, 2025; receiving half the stipend.
- Approve Grace Ross as a Co-sponsor of the Freshman Class, effective September 19, 2025; receiving half the stipend.
- Approve the retirement of Dan Sparrow as Dean of Students and Athletic Director, effective after the end of his 2025-26 contract.

### **Superintendent Comments**

#### **Proposed Budget**

The school board approved the Proposed Budget for FY26. The superintendent summarized what happens in each fund. As a result, the Ed Fund has a deficit for this fiscal year, but still has healthy reserves. The Transportation Fund has a slight deficit due to the pro-ration of the transportation reimbursement on regular and special education transportation.

#### **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.

#### **AI Policy**

The school board approved the first reading on the policy regarding the usage of Artificial Intelligence for both staff and students.

#### **Maintenance Grant**

The school board has decided to apply for the Maintenance Grant FY26 to refinish the track. We will use \$50,000 from the state and the remaining part from the Health Life Safety Funds (listed as Fire Prev on the school budget).

#### **Facilities/Security Committee**

The school board was informed on what the Facilities/Security Committee is working on. No vote was taken, just an update.

