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# **LIBERTY COMMUNITY UNIT #2 SCHOOL**

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**LaNiece Primus, 7-12 Principal**

***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 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Chorus Room.**

1. Routine Consent Agenda:
  - A. Approval of the Agenda
  - B. Approval of the following Minutes:  
February 21, 2024 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 2023-24 School Calendar.
  - B. Approve the Proposed 2024-25 School Calendar.
  - C. Approve the First Reading of Policy 6:240
  - D. Approve the IHSA membership for 2024-25.
  - E. Approve the Senior One Day Trip for 2023-24 to St. Louis, MO.
  - F. Approve the FFA Study Abroad opportunity in Italy for summer 2025.
  - G. Approve the board meetings for 2024-25.
  - H. Approve the Consolidated District Plan for 2024-25.
  - I. Approve the annual transfer of Lease Levy proceeds from the Ed Fund to Debt Service for the copy machines with Digital Copy Systems, LLC.
  - J. Approve the agreement with SysCloud, an off-site back-up and security scanning of all Google workspace and local server data, for an annual cost of \$3,000 from Tort Funds from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027.
  
3. Discussion:
  - A. Discuss and consider fuel bid contracting by FS Prairieland.
  - B. Discuss and consider Policy 8:15.
  - C. Discuss and consider guidelines for Senior Trip
  - D. Items to discuss and consider from the Facilities Committee:
    - a.) 3 M film on the windows
    - b.) Sound system upgrade for the high school gym
  
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. IASB Update
  - F. Unpaid School Fees & Lunch Balance Report
  
5. Personnel Report:
  - A. Approve:

Tenured	Abbigail Hoener, Laura Ohnemus, Stevi Smith
4th year	Kobi Blair, Amy Dawson, Brooke Ruppel, Rachel Whitlock
3rd year	Mariana Roberts, Mercedes Wittenbrink, Elena Moran-Cortes, Theresa Owens, Christopher Barrett, Aimee Hannel, Amy Allen (full-time)
2nd year	Lisa Lawler, Marilyn Motley, Grace Ross, Kendra Obert, Adam Lee, Melissa Obert, Danielle Dietrich, Katie Stegner, Kayla Epley

- B. Approve Sara Reichert as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for H.S. Softball.
- C. Approve Matt Winkeljohn for an increase as Night Custodian, as he completed the probationary period of 90 days, effective for work in April 2024.
- D. Approve Amber Perrine for an increase as Night Custodian, as she has completed the probationary period of 90 days, effective for work in April 2024.
- E. Approve Gage Wellman for an increase as Dishwasher/Cafeteria Custodian, as he completed the 60 day secondary probation period, effective for work in April 2024.
- F. Approve Ashley Wolf as the High School Head Volleyball Coach.
- G. Approve the resignation of Darrell Cearlock as a JH/HS Special Education Teacher, effective August 14, 2024.
- H. Approve the resignation of Tonya Boker as a JH/HS Special Education Teacher, effective August 14, 2024.
- I. Approve the resignation of Jill Knuffman as a JH/HS Special Education Teacher, effective August 14, 2024.
- J. Approve the resignation of Jason Bryant as a 5th Grade Teacher, effective August 14, 2024.
- K. Approve the resignation of Jamie Mixer as the High School Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective March 4, 2024.
- L. Approve the resignation of Tom Crow as the Junior High Co-Coach for Boys Basketball and the Junior High Assistant Coach for Girls Basketball, effective March 4, 2024.
- M. Approve Kyle Hannel and Aaron Schafer as Co-Coaches for 5/6 Grade Boys Basketball, splitting the stipend for 2024-25.
- N. Approve the resignation of LaNiece Primus as the JH/HS Principal, effective July 31, 2024.

### **Superintendent's Comments**

#### **School Calendars**

The school board approved the final calendar for the 2023-24 school year, since we know the end date because of using all 5 emergency dates. Also, they approved the proposed school calendar for 2024-25. Next year, we are out later than this year because of the way the calendar falls. Also, we do not have an extra day in February due to leap year.

#### **Policies**

The school board had a first reading of Policy 6:240, which removed the part about keeping students from participating in a field trip if they had unpaid fees. We are now addressing this through a collection agency. The other policy discussed was Policy 8:15 regarding Wednesday night practices, games, events, etc.

#### **Membership**

At this time of year we always renew our IHSA membership. IESA membership will be renewed in April.

#### **Trips**

The school board approved a study abroad trip for FFA next summer 2025 to Italy. Also, the senior trip 2024 to Chesterfield, MO. for a day was approved.

#### **Board Meetings**

The 2024-25 board meeting dates have been approved. Next fiscal year, we were able to get back to the third Wednesday of each month, except for three occasions.

### **Plans & Waivers**

Each year the school board must approve the annual Consolidated District Plan in order to write for all the state and federal grants. Again, the elementary school was able to offer Title I services school-wide rather than targeted assistance. This ability is obtained each year through a waiver. Both the Consolidated Plan and the Title I waiver are reliant on each other.

### **Lease Levy**

Every year the principal and interest for the copy machines must be moved from the Ed Fund to Debt Service in order to pay our copy machine lease.

### **Agreement**

The school board entered into an agreement with SysCloud to have off-site backup and security scanning for Google workspace and local server data. This will be paid from Tort Funds.

### **Recommendations**

The Facilities Committee recommended putting 3M film on the glass windows/doors for school safety. This will not keep the “bad person” out, but it will hinder them. We also know that having more SRO time will be a huge safety relief.

We plan to upgrade the sound system in the high school gym for more quality sound. Currently, we are running our system beyond its capacity.

### **Discussion & Consider**

Items discussed were the Senior Trip guidelines. Seniors have always had to have all fees paid before they participate in the senior trip. It is our one last time to get those families “caught up” on their unpaid fees.

The school board looked at fuel contract pricing again with Prairieland FS. They decided to approve 33% of usage at contract price on gas from April 1, 2024-September 30, 2024 and October 1, 2024-February 28, 2025. Also, the school board approved 33% of usage at contract price on diesel from April 1, 2024-November 30, 2024 and December 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.

Lots of discussion took place on Policy 8:15. The school board had invited the AD and coaches to share their perspective. It is always great to have a school board that looks at all angles of a situation. It was decided to remove the information regarding Wednesday practices and change the information about Sunday practices being avoided, unless administration approves.

Happy Spring!

