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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 November 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in Chorus Room.

1. Routine Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the following Minutes:
October 19, 2022 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 FY22 District Audit
 - B. Adopt the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to Levy for the Year 2022 and direct compliance with the Truth in Taxation law as necessary.
 - C. Approve the 2021-22 District Report Card.
 - D. Approve the establishment of the Eagles Café Student Activity Fund.
3. Board Discussion and Action:
 - A. Approve the Skyward Agreement on Student Information System for 2022-23.
4. Reports:
 - A. Elementary Principal's Report
 - B. Junior High/High School Principal's Report
 - C. Superintendent's Report
 - D. Technology Coordinator's Report
5. Personnel Report:
 - Approve the resignation of Abbie John as the Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, effective October 19, 2022.
 - Approve the resignation of Johnathon Howell as a Bus Driver, effective November 3, 2022.
 - Approve the resignation of Tressia Fox as the Full-time Day Custodian, effective November 7, 2022.
 - Approve the resignation of Allen Flynn as the Maintenance Director and Sub Bus Driver, effective November 4, 2022.
 - Approve the resignation of Cherie Sherfy as an Elementary Para Educator, effective November 4, 2022.
 - Approve BJ Fessler to help with summer maintenance projects in June and July of each fiscal year, effective 2022-23.
 - Approve Trent Grotz as a part-time bus driver for Monday-Thursday, effective November 7, 2022, and then Mon-Fri., effective November 28, 2022.
 - Approve Destiny Fuhrman as an Elementary Para Educator, effective November 9, 2022.
 - Approve the maternity leave for Brooke Ruppel for 60 work days, per FMLA, effective January 22-April 19, 2023.
 - Approve Shannon Robinson as the Full-time Day Custodian, effective November 9, 2022.
 - Approve Grace Will as the Full-time Night Custodian, effective November 9, 2022.
 - Approve Trent Grotz as the Building and Grounds Maintenance Director, effective November 28, 2022.

Superintendent's Comments

District Audit for FY22

The auditors presented the district audit. Once again, we received no findings and scored a financial profile of 4.0 out 4.0 on the annual financial audit.

Because of the abundance of ESSER money we received from the federal government, they had to conduct a single audit on our federal funds. Because of a change in how ISBE decided to code debt service, which they did not share until July 2022, a month after the fiscal year ends, we had one finding. We overspent in debt service because of a separation of principal and interest that needed to occur on leasing the copy machines. This is very frustrating, as we pride ourselves in having a clean audit each year and being very meticulous in the finances of the District. How in the world does ISBE expect school districts to be able to plan when they change the rules after the fact! Apparently, this caused us and several other districts to have a financial statement compliance finding because of the changes. What should that tell ISBE?

Tax Levy

Once again, we are keeping the tax levy rate for 2022 close to the same rate it has been for the past 4 years prior. No estimate was given by the county clerk this year because of some assessment disputes. However, our trend for equalized assess value (EAV) has been increasing about 7.1%, so we based our levy on this information. The actual EAV will be known in December when the tax levy will be approved by the Liberty School Board.

An increase will be noticed by tax payers due to their property value going up, not because the school board increased the tax levy rate. Since the estimated increase is about 7.1%, a Truth in Taxation hearing will be needed at the December school board meeting, unless the county clerk determines otherwise.

District Report Card

The school board approved the district report card. Both elementary and junior high/high school buildings received a summative rating of Commendable. The staff at Liberty work very hard to support our student's learning and development. We seem to be trending in a positive direction, when compared to other school districts in the area. However, this is not a time to stop working hard as we want our Liberty Eagles to keep soaring to greater heights!

Eagles Café

The high school cross categorical program prepares coffee and snacks, like muffins and coffee cake, to sell to staff each day. The school board approved for them to have a student activity account to run their money through. Ms. Ormond is teaching the students about food preparation, budgeting, and how to run a small business. Kuddos to a great initiative!

New Student Information System

An approval was given to change from Lumen, to a new student information system, Skyward for the 2023-24 school year. Skyward is the current financial management software system we use, so we will complete the transformation and have both systems integrated.

