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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."***

Regular Board Meeting Agenda for July 22, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room

1. Routine Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the following Minutes:
June 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
 - C. Approval of June 30, 2026 Bills
 - D. Approval of the Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
 - E. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
 - F. Approve the Financial Summary Report
 - G. Approve the Food Service Report
 - H. Approval of the Activity Report
 - I. Approval of the Imprest Fund
2. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Review keeping closed session minutes closed.
 - B. Authorize the Superintendent to destroy closed session verbatim recordings that have surpassed the required date for keeping on file.
 - C. Approve the Risk Management Plan for 2026-27.
 - D. Approve the standing orders, procedures, and indemnification form for Dr. Tim Smith. (epi-pens).
 - E. Approve the first reading of PRESS and Cell Phone Policy 6:238.
 - F. Approve the Agreement with Cornerstone for the Employee Assistance Program for 2026-27.
 - G. Approve the Transfer of Lease Levy proceeds to pay July 2026 lease payments from Ed Fund to the Debt Service Fund to American Capital Services for chromebooks for \$21,633.90.
 - H. Approve the Employee Guide 2026-27.
 - I. Approve the County Facilities Sales Tax Resolution.
 - J. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Western Area Schools Health Benefit Plan, which is now being provided services from Blue Cross, Blue Shield.
3. Reports:
 - A. Technology Coordinator's Report
 - B. Superintendent's Report
4. Personnel Report:
 - A. Approve the resignation of Sara Reichert as the HS Softball Co-Assistant Coach, effective June 22, 2026.
 - B. Approve the resignation of Jessica Jones as the HS Special Education Teacher and one of the Special Olympics Sponsors.
 - C. Approve the resignation of Megan Wellman as one of the Special Olympic Sponsors.
 - D. Approve Abbie John as the HS Softball Assistant Coach, effective June 23, 2026.
 - E. Approve Carter Sinnock as the HS Track Assistant Coach, effective July 22, 2026.
 - F. Approve Amanada Alexander as the HS Special Education Interim Substitute Teacher, effective August 17, 2026.
 - G. Approve Jay Lawler as the HS Special Education Interim Substitute Teacher, effective August 17, 2026.
 - H. Approve Lynette Schenk as the HS Special Education Cross Cat. Interim Substitute Teacher,

- effective August 17, 2026.
- I. Approve Todd Fox as the HS Boys Basketball Head Coach & Dual Credit Instructor/Consultant, effective July 22, 2026.
 - J. Approve Ginger Obert as one of the Special Olympics Sponsors, effective July 22, 2026.
 - K. Approve Jalie Peebles as one of the Special Olympics Sponsors, effective July 22, 2026.
 - L. Approve Gena Mintle as the HS Student Council Sponsor, effective July 22, 2026.
 - M. Approve Mariana Roberts as the Sophomore Class Sponsor, effective July 22, 2026..
 - N. Approve the reassignment of Abigail Hoener from 4th Grade Teacher to Art Teacher, effective August 17, 2026.
 - O. Approve the reassignment of Jocelyn Owens as a Part-time Para Educator to a Full-time Para Educator, effective August 17, 2026.
 - P. Approve the reassignment of Kathy Lynch as a Special Education Bus Monitor to a Substitute Bus Monitor, effective July 9, 2026.
 - Q. Approve the 5-day Family Medical Leave for Robby Young, when their new baby arrives around August 29, 2026. Congrats!

Superintendent's Comments

Six-Month Review

Every six months, the school board must decide whether to keep Closed Session minutes closed and to dispose of Closed Session minutes over 18 months old. Closed Session minutes will remain closed.

Risk Management Plan

Each year the school board must update and approve the Risk Management Plan. Nothing has changed from last year.

PRESS

There was a first reading for the new edition of PRESS Policy, which will have a second reading and adoption in August 2026. The Cell Phone Policy is exactly what is written in the handbooks at both elementary and JH/HS, but the State is requiring that each school district put it in a policy. The school board would like to get input from the JH/HS principal and JH/HS staff to see if it should be more strict at that grade level. So, the school board did not make any motion on the cell phone policy at this time.

Standing Orders

We appreciate Dr. Tim Smith for providing the standing orders for epi-pens.

Employee Assistance Program

The Liberty School Board approved the annual agreement with Cornerstone for the Employee Assistance Program. Staff or any member of their immediate family may have up to four 1-hour sessions per year to support social-emotional wellbeing. Note: Staff and family members on our health insurance can receive five free sessions per issue.

Lease Levy

Annually, the school board must approve the transfer of Lease Levy funds from the Ed Fund to Debt Service to pay for leasing of chromebooks. We are in a 3-year lease with American Capital Services, from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027.

Employee Guide

The Employee Guide is updated every year and approved by the school board. This year there were just a few

minor changes.

County Facilities Sales Tax Resolution

The school board approved the resolution to ask voters to decide if they approve a 1 cent county-wide sales tax to be placed on the November ballot. This would bring in an additional \$800,000 to the school district that could be used on facilities.....maybe we could eventually get a new addition.

Agreement

The school board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with Western Area Schools Health Benefit Plan, to reflect insurance being provided by Blue Cross, Blue Shield.

Fair Time

