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## **LIBERTY COMMUNITY UNIT #2 SCHOOL**

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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 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room.

1. Routine Consent Agenda:
  - A. Approval of the Agenda
  - B. Approval of the following Minutes:  
October October 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
  - C. Approval of the August 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. Present the 3-year Fund Expenditures
  - B. Adopt the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to Levy for the Year 2024 and direct compliance with the Truth in Taxation law as necessary.
  - C. Approve the 2023-24 District Report Card.
  - D. Approve the renewal of agreements for yearbook and pictures
    - School pictures for all with Inter-State Studio 2025-26
    - K-JH yearbook with Inter-State Studios 2025-26
    - HS yearbook with Jostens 2025-30
3. Board Discussion
  - A. Approve applying for a Maintenance Grant FY25 for air conditioning in 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. Unpaid School Fees & Negative Lunch Balance Report
5. Personnel Report:
  - A. Approve Jessie Roberts as an Interim Substitute Teacher for JH/HS Special Education for second semester, effective January 6, 2025.
  - B. Approve Amanda Alexander as an Interim Substitute Teacher for JH/HS Special Education for second semester, effective January 6, 2025.
  - C. Approve the resignation of Shelley Bunt as the full-time Day Custodian, effective October 29, 2024.
  - D. Approve reassigning Alisha Stanley as the full-time Day Custodian, effective November 4, 2024.
  - E. Approve reassigning Chris Taylor as a 3 1/2-hour Dishwasher/Custodian, along with 3-hour Evening Custodian, for student attendance days, effective Nov. 4, 2024.
  - F. Approve the resignation of Ashely Wolf as the High School Volleyball Coach, effective November 15, 2024.
  - G. Approve Mike Llewellyn as a Substitute Teacher for 2024-25.
  - H. Approve Heather Mason as a Substitute Para Educator for 2024-25.

## Superintendent's Comments

### **Tentative Tax Levy**

As part of presenting the Tax Levy for FY24, the board and public were presented the 3-year Fund Expenditures. The tentative tax levy for FY24 was presented and voted on. This year, the tax rate is 3.78, similar to last year. The total tax levy amount is 9.5% above last year's tax levy amount. This is due to the increase of the equalized assessed value of land (determined by the county clerk), not because the school board chose to increase the tax rate. Actually, the tax rate is a little lower than it was a few years ago.

### **Report Card**

The district report card was approved by the Liberty School Board. It will be posted on the school's website. This year, the elementary and junior high rated Commendable on their summative rating, while the high school received the summative rating of Exemplary. Over 50% of the summative rating score at the high school level is based on the graduation rate. Liberty High School offers potential graduates credit recovery and provides extra help to students to ensure they meet the graduation requirements.

### **Agreements**

The board approved a 1-year agreement with Inter-State Studio for school pictures and for the elementary yearbook in 2025-26. A five-year agreement from 2025-2030 with Jostens was approved for the high school yearbook.

### **Maintenance Grant FY24**

After many discussions and gathering data, as well as a recommendation from the Facilities Committee, the school board agreed to apply for the Maintenance Grant for FY25 for air conditioning in the high school gym. The maintenance grant is worth \$50,000 from the state, with the school district matching at least that amount or more. To cover this entire project, \$100,000 will come out of Tort funds for both FY25 and FY26. Then, the gym will be able to be used year-round and we will no longer have a slippery floor due to humidity or be unbearably hot for PE class and events held in the late spring, summer, and early fall, which is a safety concern.

