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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 February 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room.

1. Routine Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the following Minutes:
January 22, 2025 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 FFA Test Plot Contract 2025.
 - B. Approve the Senior trip of going overnight to Branson, MO.
 - C. Approve the Proposed calendar for 2025-26.
 - D. Approve school board meeting dates for 2025-26 fiscal year.
 - E. Approve the 3-year Skyward Renewal Agreement for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028
3. Discussion:
 - A. Financial Projections
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 & Lunch Balance Report
5. Personnel Report:
 - A. Approve the retirement of Michelle Duke as the Elementary Secretary, effective ten working days after the 2024-25 school year officially ends.
 - B. Approve Kylie Cole as a Substitute Teacher.
 - C. Approve the resignation of Faith Vance as the Assistant Coach to High School Softball, effective January 28, 2025.
 - D. Approve the resignation of Gena Mintle as the Freshman Class Sponsor, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

Superintendent's Comments

FFA Test Plot

Each year we renew the FFA Test Plot before planting season. The students plant crops across the street from the school.

Senior Trip

This year the seniors are going on an overnight trip to Branson, Missouri. They are going to eat at Lambert's in the Ozarks. Then, shop at the Tanger Outlet or go to the Track (amusement park). The next day they will go to Fritz's (an adventurous place with 19 attractions such as zip-line, multi-story rope course, climbing walls, etc.). It sounds like a lot of fun!

Financial Projections

ISBE now offers for a consultant from their finance dept. to come to districts to do some financial projections for the school district. This is a new feature available on their website through the interactive report card. It took several hours to input data in order to get a 5-year projection. Keep in mind some things are a guess. Continuing with the same expenditures, the next couple of years may produce an unbalanced budget for the fiscal year, but it eventually levels out. Much of this can be attributed to the elimination of ESSER funds, increased wages to be competitive and compliant with the increases of minimum wage, and the drastic increase of the cost of living. It is the hope that in the next five years, the State of Illinois will keep increasing the evidence-based funding and support grants and mandated categoricals proportional to the cost of living. Time will tell.

Calendars

The school board approved the Proposed School Calendar for 2025-26 school year. They also approved the school board meeting calendar for 2025-26.

Skyward

In order to lock in some prices for the next three years, the school board approved a 3-yr. renewal agreement with Skyward. This is the software used for the student information and our financial management systems.

