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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 December 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room.

1. Tax Levy public hearing
2. Routine Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the following Minutes:
November 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
 - C. Approval of the December 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
3. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approve the 2023 Levy.
 - B. Approve the 1st reading of PRESS policy and Policies 6:305 on early graduation and 6:312 on an AP course substitution.
 - C. Approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 7:62 on school and lunch fees.
 - D. Acknowledge the completion of the Superintendent's Evaluation for 2023-24.
 - E. Approve a student activity account for HS Dance Team.
 - F. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Transitions of Western Illinois to provide community-based mental health and/or substance use disorder to our students, if approved as a comprehensive community behavioral health clinic.
 - G. Approve the new agreement with Pitney Bowes for 24 months, effective January 1, 2024-December 31, 2025.
 - H. Approve the purchase of a gas bus for \$142,882 from Midwest Transit Equipment, to be paid July 2024.
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 & Negative Lunch Balance Report
5. Personnel Report:
 - A. Approve the 8-week maternity leave for Jill Oberling, from April 3, 2024 until the end of the school year.
 - B. Approve an increase for the following support staff who have completed the 90-day probationary period:
Jennifer Cardamone
Teri Hughes
Sara Knuffman
Janice McCleary
Rose Schoonover
Mellia Treaster
Crystal Whelan
Gage Wellman
This will go into effect starting with work on January 3, 2024.

- C. Approve the resignation of Todd Fox as the Part-time Instructional Coach, effective November 28, 2023.
- D. Approve Leah Turner as the high school Special Education Teacher, BA, Step 0, effective January 3, 2024.
- E. Approve Adam Lee as a Volunteer Coach for High School Baseball.

Superintendent's Comments

Tax Levy

The tax levy for 2023, which will be applied in 2024 on property taxes, is a rate of 3.79. This is a decrease from the past few years. However, tax payers will see an increase due to the value of their land having increased in the equalized assessed value of about 8.6%.

Policy updates

PRESS policy had the first reading. A new policy on unpaid school fees had a second reading and has been adopted. It will be in effect for the 2024-25 school year. See attached. In addition, a first reading occurred on new policies regarding mid-term graduates and AP courses counting towards the GPA.

Superintendent's Evaluation

By law, the school board is supposed to conduct an evaluation each year of the superintendent. This occurs in December and is approved in January.

Dance Team

Since a high school dance team is being piloted this school year, a student activity account needed to be set up for the financial transactions associated with it.

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Transitions of Western Illinois has applied to be a comprehensive community behavioral health clinic. If this is approved, they will be providing services to Liberty School District.

IASB update

Under the reports section, we have added another report from our Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) rep, Laura Meyer, to give the entire board updates on what the school board association is doing.

Postal Agreement

Due to new postage rules and regulations, we had to update our postal machine. This required us to enter into a new agreement for 24 months.

Delayed Payment

The school board approved a purchase of a gas bus, but it will not pay for it until July 2024, to keep with the plan of purchasing one vehicle per year.

