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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 April 19, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room.

1. Routine Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the following Minutes:
March 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
 - C. Approval of the Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills presented at the meeting
 - D. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
 - E. Approval of the Financial Summary Report
 - F. Approval of the Food Service Report
 - G. Approval of the Activity Report

2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Amend the 2016-17 School Calendar.
 - B. Approve IESA Membership for 2017-2018.
 - C. Approve Letting Bids for Dairy Products.
 - D. Approve the first reading of PRESS Policy.
 - E. Approve the Summer Ball League Agreements and fees for summer 2017.
 - F. Approve the Official's Payment Schedule for 2017-18.

3. Board Discussion and Action
 - A. Review and set breakfast & lunch prices for 2017-2018.
 - B. Approve complimentary school passes, guidelines for sign-ins and selling o
Indoor & Outdoor High School season tickets, High School All Sport, Indoor &
Outdoor 5th-8th season ticket, 5th-8th All Sport, and the Ultimate Eagle ticket for
2017-18.
 - C. Approve the gate prices for extra-curricular events in 2017-18.
 - D. Approve the Pre Disciplinary Expulsion Agreement.
 - E. Professional Learning Communities early out for 2017-18.

4. Personnel Report
 - Approve the resignation of Nicole Mountain as the junior high social studies teacher, effective August 15, 2017.
 - Approve Dustin Dennis as student summer custodial worker at \$8.25 per hour, effective May 24, 2017 to August 17, 2017.
 - Approve the extension of the administrative contract of Kelle Bunch for one more year, ending June 30, 2019.
 - Approve the extension of the administrative contract of Jody Obert for one more year, ending June 30, 2019.
 - Approve the extension of the administrative contract of Justin Edgar for one more year, ending June 30, 2019.

- Approve Montanna Neisen as the 4th grade teacher at BA+0 Step 0, effective August 18, 2017.
- Approve Christina Duffy as the Band teacher at MA+0, Step 0, effective August 18, 2017.
- Approve Sara Knapp as a para educator, effective May 1, 2017.

Soar to Excellence. Every student, Every day!”

Superintendent’s Comments:

PLC

What is PLC? PLC stands for Professional Learning Communities. It is an opportunity for staff, teachers and student support staff to talk collaboratively about student’s academic progress, behavior, social-emotional issues, and anything else that can get in the way of a student learning. The goal is to provide intervention and support immediately BEFORE it gets out of hand. PLCs is a framework for providing systematic interventions to students who are struggling to receive additional time and support for learning in a timely and directive manner. PLC is also a time to set up enrichment and rigorous learning opportunities for those students who are ready, eager, and capable of taking on more learning.

PLCs must be done on a consistent basis in order to have the greatest impact on student achievement. There is plenty of research available about PLCs, and how to set up PLC meeting times in the most efficient manner. *Best practice* is to provide PLC during the school day, otherwise it will not happen. Teachers and paras are pulled in many directions before and after school with IEP and 504 meetings, along with leadership, math, English Language Arts, science and faculty meetings. Top-rated schools in Illinois have PLC scheduled during the school day, which likely contributes to why they are a top performing school. Many researchers have stated the most effective way to ensure that PLC occurs is to implement regularly-scheduled meetings. The training provided to school leaders through the National Institute for School Leadership (NISL) has an entire unit on PLC because it is that important to the success of a school.

Therefore, next year, Liberty School District is scheduling PLCs every Wednesday at 2:15, which means school will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. Busses will be running one hour early and for those student athletes who have no ride back and forth to school, there will be a homework lab available for them to stay and complete assignments before sports practice. Also, the school district has reached out to one of the area churches to see if they would be interested in

providing daycare for the one hour directly after school. They are looking into it and have thought about this in the past. All teaching staff and student support staff will meet one hour each week to discuss students and how to help them, look at data, and how to provide articulation within subject areas K-12 grade. There are several areas that have gaps that we know need to be addressed. This is Liberty School District's attempt to take the district to a higher level in student achievement.

Now, one might be concerned with the amount of instructional time that will be lost. In comparison to this year, it ends up being 33 hours. However, if you look at that in comparison to 176 student attendance days, taking a half hour out for lunch, it is 2.9% of the total time or roughly 3%. However, by giving up the 3%, we will be maximizing the 97% we have, getting more for our students in the long run. We are excited to provide this opportunity to the students of Liberty School from being a part of a good school district to a *great school district!*

We will be spreading the word to all staff and parents/ guardians of our students very soon.

Congratulations!

We are in the final phase of securing a new collective bargaining agreement with the teachers. Yeah! The school board will take official action at the school board re-organization special board meeting on May 1, 2017. This will be the last order of business for this current school board. It will be soooooo nice to have a three year agreement!