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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 August 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Gym.

1. Andrea Sims was voted as the new Secretary. Congrats!
2. Routine Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the following Minutes:
July 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
July 19, 2021 Special Board Meeting
August 9, 2021 Special Board Meeting
 - C. Approval of the August Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
 - D. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
 - E. Approval of the Activity Report
 - F. Approval of Imprest Report
3. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approve the Tentative Budget for FY22.
 - B. Approve the EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report 2020-21.
 - C. Approve and adopt the 2nd reading of PRESS Policy
 - D. Approve the 1-year contract (August 15, 2020-August 15, 2021) with Republic Services for garbage pick-up.
 - E. Approve the bid for caged area housing volleyball and PE equipment in the high school stage area and for a caged door in the Room 117 to secure concession stand items by NMC General Contracting.
 - F. Approve the 2021-22 Gate Admission Changes and no season tickets.
4. Board Discussion:
 - A. Things put in place to follow Governor's Executive Order.
5. Reports:
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 - B. Technology Coordinator's Report
6. Personnel Report:
 - Approve Kristi May as a part-time bus driver, effective August 23, 2021.
 - Approve Kristi Campbell as the Assistant Coach for Junior High Basketball, effective August 19, 2021.
 - Approve the resignation of Jeff Bunch as the part-time bus driver of the special education route to become the full-time Transportation Director, effective August 2, 2021.
 - Approve Sam Harris to adjust his weekly hours from 16 hours on Thursday & Friday to 8 hours on Friday, effective August 23, 2021, and to work on electrical/maintenance projects that are incomplete for approximately 98 hours totaling \$1,176. The electrical/maintenance work will average about 20 hours per

week.

- Approve Zane Dyer to change his work hours from Monday-Wednesday from 3:30-11:30 PM to Monday-Thursday from 3:30-11:00 PM, effective August 23, 2021.

Superintendent's Comments:

General remarks

We have had a pretty rocky summer to get us to the point of starting school. While many people vary on their approach to masks, the Liberty School Board felt they had no choice but to approve a plan that follows the Governor's Executive Order of masks being mandated for indoors. We had several visitors speak on this. The school board always appreciates hearing from their community and having people take an active role in the school district by attending the school board meetings. Please continue to be involved. Also, any support you can give staff and board members is greatly appreciated. Many times it can be a very thankless job.

Consent Agenda

Routinely, at this time of year, a tentative budget is presented and approved. After thirty days, the budget becomes the proposed budget for the 2021-22 school year. The EIS Report due every year at this time is approved and posted on our web-site. It confirms what staff were paid in the previous school year. The 2nd reading of PRESS Policy and approval occurred. A new garbage contract was approved, causing the District to contract with Republic rather than Area. A bid for a new caged area for volleyball and PE equipment along with concession stand food items was approved from NMC General Contracting. Finally, admissions gate prices were changed due to not offering a season ticket, just in case our sport seasons are impacted by COVID again. We hope there will be no issues, but anything is possible, so we have seen these past few weeks.

Other

A discussion took place on how to handle students coming to school unmasked. As much as we hope this will not be the case, we must have a plan of action. Details will be shared on social media. In the end, I believe with all my heart that the Liberty community will stand strong and work with the school. This community always comes together during tough times. So, why not now? We are not against the parent group who would like masks optional. As a matter of fact, the board members agree with most of their points, but know we must follow the current guidelines of the Governor, ISBE, and IDPH. Please keep our school community in your thoughts as we try to move forward and get back to what schools were meant to be about—teaching and learning!

Let's all strive for a great first day on August 23rd!