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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 December 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in Chorus Room.**

1. Truth in Taxation Hearing was held.
2. Routine Consent Agenda:
  - A. Approval of the Agenda
  - B. Approval of the following Minutes:  
November 16, 2022 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
3. Consent Agenda:
  - A. Approve the 2022 Levy.
  - B. Approve the 1st reading of PRESS policy and Policy 8:23.
  - C. Acknowledge the completion of the Superintendent's Evaluation for 2022-23.
  - D. Approve the Job Description for the Student Personal Care Assistant.
  - E. Approve the Final Exam Exemption Policy regarding semester classes and including all grades.
  - F. Approve Liberty School's Threat Assessment Plan.
4. Board Discussion and Action:
  - A. Approve the purchase of a new eXmark lawn mower from Selby Implement Company for \$10,559.
5. Reports:
  - A. Elementary Principal's Report
  - B. Junior High/High School Principal's Report
  - C. Superintendent's Report
  - D. Technology Coordinator's Report
6. Personnel Report:
  - Approve the resignation of Sara Knapp as the Ticket Seller, effective November 16, 2022.
  - Approve the intent to retire of Deb Kappner as School Librarian at the completion of the 2022-23 school year.
  - Approve Paul Fessler as the Assistant Coach of Junior High Girls' Basketball for 2022-23.
  - Approve Steve Dietrich as a Sub Bus Driver, effective November 17, 2022.
  - Approve Lois Knuffman as a Student Personal Care Assistant long-term sub, effective December 9, 2022, for 5 hours per day when student is in attendance.
  - Approve the resignation of Sara Schuette as the High School Volleyball Coach, effective December 14, 2022.
  - Approve the resignation of Alexis Ormond as a High School Special Education Teacher and Special Olympics Co-sponsor, effective January 2, 2023.

## Superintendent's Comments

### **Truth In Taxation Hearing**

Whenever the Tax Levy is over 5% from the previous year, a Truth In Taxation Hearing must be held. The Tax rate remains the same as it has been in the past three years. However, the value of land in Liberty has increased around 7%, which impacts the taxes placed upon the citizens of Liberty. The Liberty School Board has made a conscientious decision not to overburden the taxpayers, since they are already experiencing many increases on other items like gas, food, etc.

### **Policy Changes**

The first reading on changes to policies occurred. The Policy Committee met on December 14 to address these changes and brought it forth to the school board.

Also, some tweaking to the Final Exam Policy was done by the HS staff. The school board approved these changes, which basically provide an exemption to second semester exams for all high school students who exhibit appropriate behavior, attendance, and academic success, rather than just seniors. Hopefully, this will be an incentive for the students to do their best. It also allowed for first semester only courses to take advantage of this opportunity.

### **Superintendent Evaluation**

Each year the school board is to evaluate the superintendent. So this task is usually conducted before Christmas break, allowing for areas of improvement to be worked on during second semester.

### **A New Job Description**

The school board approved the job description for a Student Personal Care Assistant. This position is needed for one of our students with special needs. We are grateful to find such quality candidates for this unique position.

### **Threat Assessment Plan**

The Liberty Threat Assessment Team developed a detailed plan on how to handle potential risks and threats to our school. The plan consists of being proactive with anyone struggling and to provide interventions and supports. The four components that the plan focuses on is to identify, inquire, assess, and manage. While each school district is required to have a plan turned into the Regional Office of Education, Liberty wanted to make sure our plan was solid and addresses our specific needs. Having several people work on this made for a more cohesive, systematic approach.

### **New Lawn Mower**

The school board agreed to purchase another lawn mower, as our older one no longer works. The new mower will be an eXmark with a 5 year warranty purchased from Selby Implement Company for \$10,559.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

