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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, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room.**

1. Routine Consent Agenda:
  - A. Approval of the Agenda
  - B. Approval of the following Minutes:  
Regular board meeting on November 19, 2018
  - C. Approval of the Bills, Payroll, Treasurer's Report, and Additional Bills presented at the meeting
  - D. Approval of the Financial Summary Report
  - E. Approval of the Food Service Report
  - F. Approval of the Activity Report
  
2. Consent Agenda:
  - A. Approve the 2018 Levy.
  - B. Approve the 1st reading of PRESS policy.
  - C. Approve the 2018-19 School Improvement Goals.
  - D. Acknowledge the completion of the Superintendent's evaluation for 2018-19.
  
3. Board Discussion and Action:
  - A. Approve the proposal for a Bass Fishing Club at Liberty High School for 2018-19.
  - B. Approve the Superintendent to apply for the Property Tax Relief Grant Application.
  
4. Old Business:
  - A. Long-range planning
  - B. Random Drug-testing
  
5. Personnel Report:
  1. Approve Kayla Thomas as the Assistant Junior High Track Coach.
  
  2. Approve Levi Obert as the Assistant Junior High Track Coach.
  
  3. Approve Reed Haubrich as the Assistant High School Track Coach at one stipend.
  
  4. Approve changing Jared Schmidt to High School Track Coach, rather than Girls and Boys High School Track Coach at the current stipends combined.
  
  5. Approve changing Sara Schmidt to Junior High Track Coach, rather than Girls and Boys Junior High Track Coach at the current stipends combined.
  
  6. Approve Laken Frese as the one-on-one para educator (replacing Michelle Schultz), effective January 3, 2019.

7. Approve Josh Weisenberger as a seasonal technology worker with Michael Smith during the Christmas break.
8. Approve a 10-week maternity leave for Melissa Straley from December 17-February 22, 2019.
9. Approve a 10-week maternity leave for Marla Cramsey from March 2-May 13, 2019.

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### **Superintendent’s Comments:**

#### **Tax Levy**

The Liberty School Board made the decision to keep the tax levy the same as it has been of \$3.94. There will be an increase in funds due to the Equalized Assessed-Value of property. It was important to the school board that they not over-burden taxpayers. On another note, the school board agreed to let the Superintendent apply for a grant from the State of Illinois that could give the tax payers a tax relief of about \$613,115. This would be a one-time decrease in the Tort Fund. If the grant is awarded, the school district would be given \$533,964, which would become a part of the Evidence-Based funding in the future for Liberty. Liberty CUSD is rated 806 out of 868 schools in need of a tax relief. Our likelihood of receiving this tax break is pretty slim. However, it can’t hurt to apply!

#### **School Improvement Goals**

School Improvement Goals were developed and documented by each building’s Instructional Team. We are excited to have a team of staff from both the elementary building and the junior high and high school working on this with the principals. The more perspectives on this and buy-in, the better chance of success for improvement in our district.

#### **New Opportunities**

Some discussion took place on how to reach all students, from the at-risk of dropping out of high school, to those who might be high achievers and possibly gifted students. A proposal was made to begin a Bass Pro Fishing Club, which is being piloted for one year in 2018-19.

**Everyone at Liberty CUSD2 wishes all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**