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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 February 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Chorus Room.

1. Routine Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Agenda
- B. Approval of the following Minutes: January 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

January 29, 2024 Special 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

2. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve the FFA Test Plot Contract 2024.
- B. Approve the lowest bid to repave a portion of the elementary /high school parking lot.

3. Discussion:

- A. Discuss moving forward on the County-wide sales tax
- B. Discuss Policy 8:15– Wednesday practices
- C. Discuss Policy 6:240–field trips
- D. Discuss having Face-to-face conflict resolution
- E. Discuss the FFA Study Abroad opportunity
- F. Parking lot during high school basketball games
- G. Snow removal

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 & Lunch Balance Report

5. Personnel Report:

- A. Approve Darren Funk as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for High School Baseball.
- B. Approve the intent to retire for Denise Lucas, School Nurse, after the 2027-28 school year.
- C. Approve the resignation of Brennan Parkhill as the JH Girls Basketball Head Coach, effective February 13, 2024.
- D. Approve the resignation of Dan Sparrow, as a Co-Coach for JH Boys Basketball, effective February 15, 2024.
- E. Approve Rhonnetta Marquess going from a full-time para educator to 40% (Tuesdays and Thursdays), effective March 20, 2024.
- F. Approve the resignation of BJ Fessler as a Co-Coach for 5/6th Grade Boys Basketball, effective February 20, 2024.
- G. Approve the resignation of Justin Edgar as a Co-Coach for 5/6th Grade Boys Basketball, effective February 20, 2024.
- H. Approve the resignation of Eva Callahan as a JH/HS Para Educator, effective February 20, 2024.

Superintendent's Comments

FFA Test Plot

Each year we renew the FFA Test Plot before planting season. We cleaned up the wording so it spells out when the payment is to occur.

Fuel Bid

There was a discussion on fuel bids that were submitted. After other information was presented, the school board decided to continue paying market value for now and look at a contract for the future. This seemed the most economical way to approach this expenditure.

Parking Lot

Diamond Construction was approved to repave the rest of the elementary and the high school parking lot for \$114,000. The project will occur in the summer. A maintenance grant from the state will cover \$50,000 and the rest will come from Tort funds.

Discussion items

Several policy items were discussed, so we could clean them up and make a few edits at the next policy committee meeting. These referred to field trips and holding games/practices on Wednesdays. It was decided that students would not miss a field trip based on unpaid fees. As for the Wednesday practices, the school board may change the time practices should end, but are seeking input from coaches and the AD. The school board said no practices or open gyms for school teams on Sundays, with no exceptions.

Other items included a common understanding of face-to-face conflict resolution. We do this when dealing with student discipline. All the research says that students do need to come face-to-face to put closure on an issue. This should be under the guidance of the principal and/or dean. Students are asked before doing this. In some circumstances, parents need to know beforehand.

Prior to the meeting, a power point was shared with board members regarding the county-wide sales tax or better known as the one cent sales tax. All the school districts in Adams County are in the exploratory stage of this process. The money raised from this can be used for facilities. For Liberty CUSD 2, this revenue could help us in adding on to our school building.

Other topics of discussion were FFA Study Abroad opportunity, parking lot use during boys' basketball games, and snow removal.

