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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 June 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room.

1. Routine Consent Agenda:
  - A. Approval of the Agenda
  - B. Approval of the following Minutes:  
May 22, 2023 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
  
2. Consent Agenda:
  - A. Approve Safety Hazard Finding
  - B. Approve Prevailing Rate of Wages
  - C. Approve the IASB membership
  - D. Approve the School Fees for 2023-24
  - E. Approve the Elementary and JH/HS Handbooks for FY24
  - F. Approve the Amended Budget FY23
  - G. Approve Agreement with CBQ Services for 2023-24 to recoup outstanding school fees and lunch fees of \$22,683.58.
  - H. Approve the Interagency Agreement with Child & Family Connections to collaboratively work with Liberty community families for 2023-24.
  
3. Reports:
  - A. Elementary Principal's Report
  - B. Junior High/High School Principal's Report
  - C. Superintendent's Report
  - D. Technology Coordinator's Report
  
4. Board Discussion and Action:
  - A. Approve piloting trap shooting for 2023-24; no stipend paid.
  - B. Approve paying a stipend of \$750 for JH Cheerleading and supporting the program as any other extra-curricular activity.
  - C. Approve the ICRMT insurance bid of \$55,979 (A total of \$62,052 with Catastrophic and Earthquake/Flood insurance included) from Forsyth Insurance for 2023-24.
  
5. Personnel Report:
  - A. Approve Lois Knuffman as the Student Personal Care Assistant, effective August 16, 2023.
  - B. Approve Charlotte Cearlock as the JH/HS Special Education Teacher, MA, Step 9, effective August 16, 2023.
  - C. Approve Katie Stegner as the JH/HS Special Education Coordinator, MA+24, Step 18, effective August 16, 2023.
  - D. Approve Danielle Dietrich as the Elementary Special Education Teacher (Cross Cat), BA, Step 0, effective August 16, 2023.
  - E. Approve Jay Lawler as a Daily School Year Substitute Teacher for 2023-24.
  - F. Approve Gage Wellman as Dishwasher/Cafeteria Custodian, effective August 21, 2023.
  - G. Approve Jamie Johnson as a Full-time Night Custodian, effective July 17, 2023.

## Superintendent's Comments

### Fees/memberships

The school board approved prevailing wage and school fees for the 2023-24 school year. The board also approved the membership to the Illinois School Board Association.

### Routine items

The school board reviews and approves the Elementary and JH/HS Handbooks. This year the JH/HS Handbook went through a rigorous review in the Student Success/Programs/ Curriculum Committee. Some of the items were incorporated into the Elementary Handbook. Next year, we may move to a District student handbook.

### Safety and Finances

The safety hazard finding for school routes was approved. The Amended Budget for FY23 was approved after all grants expenditures and expenses were analyzed for this current fiscal year.

### Agreements

Two agreements were approved. One agreement was with the Child & Family Connections to work with us in supporting Liberty community families. The other agreement was with CBQ Services, a collection agency, to help us collect outstanding school and lunch fees of \$22,683.58. To put it in perspective, this amount of debt would pay for a full-time support staff member to support students. We have tried to set up payment plans, let people work the fees off, or help them complete paperwork if they qualify for free/reduced lunch. It is really hard to function effectively and efficiently when fees go unpaid year after year. This year, the state is having us report our unpaid fees in the audit.

### What's new?

Several new things were under the school board's consideration. A trap shooting team was approved, along with paying a stipend to the sponsor for JH Cheerleading and officially making it an extra-curricular program.

### New Insurance

The school board studied the two lowest bids for insurance and decided to accept the one from ICRMT with Forsyth Insurance out of Springfield.

Summer is fair time!

