



*“Soar to Excellence.”*

**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 May 17, 2017, 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 1, 2017 Special Board Meeting—Final Meeting
    - May 1, 2017 Special Board Meeting—Organizational Meeting
  - C. Approval of the Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills presented at the meeting
  - D. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
  - E. Approval of the Financial Summary Report
  - F. Approval of the Food Service Report
  - G. Approval of the Activity Report
  
2. Consent Agenda
  - A. Identify Board Members attending the School Board Conference.
  - B. Appoint the Superintendent to prepare the FY 18 School Budget.
  - C. Approve milk bids for 2017-2018.
  - D. Approve Extended School Year Classes for FY17.
  - E. Approve student fees for 2017-18.
  - F. Approve the renewal of the Blanket Student Accident Policy with Gerber Life Insurance Company.
  - G. Approve the renewal of the Catastrophic Blanket Accident Insurance with Gerber Life Insurance Company.
  - H. Approve the tentative amended budget for FY17
  - I. Approve the 2017-18 Extra-Curricular Sponsorship Listing.
  - J. Approve the 2nd reading and adoption of PRESS Policy.
  
3. Board Discussion and Action
  - A. Approve support staff wages for 2017-18.
  - B. Approve administrative wages for 2017-18.
  - C. Approve the extension of the elementary principal's contract from 10 to 10 ½ months.
  
4. Personnel Report
  1. Approve the resignation of Amanda Liesen-Miller as a para educator, effective May 23, 2017.
  2. Approve Emily Miller as the High School Cheerleading Coach for 2017-18.
  3. Approve the resignation of Brandon Douglas as the 5/6th grade Girls Basketball Coach.
  4. Employ the following as tenured certified staff:  
Justin Adams
  5. Employ the following non-tenure certified staff:  
Fourth Year: Sara Callahan, Peggy Steinkamp

Third Year: Sara Reichert

Second Year: Janice McCleary, Jill Oberling, Alexis Partlow, Jessica Saunders, Kayla Thomas

6. Approve Becky Lucas as a student summer custodial worker at \$8.25 per hour, effective May 24, 2017-August 17, 2017.
7. Approve Jadon Bryant as a student summer custodial worker at \$8.25 per hour, effective May 24, 2017-August 17, 2017.
8. Approve the resignation of Jeffrey Obert as the 5/6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.
9. Approve the hiring of Sara Tuter for 4-6 grade special education teacher, at Bachelor's, Step 5, effective August 18, 2017.
10. Approve the hiring of Morgan Thorsen as the Chorus teacher, Bachelor's, Step 2, effective August 18, 2017.
11. Approve the hiring of Alex Altmix as the junior high English teacher, Master's, Step 0, effective August 18, 2017.

Soar to Excellence. Every student, Every day!"

### **Superintendent's Comments:**

#### **What a Fabulous Year!**

As the 2016-17 school year comes to a close, we look back at all the great things that have occurred. First of all, what a great job elementary staff has done to implement the Leader in Me! Students are now taking part in being door greeters, running the morning meetings, presenting their Data Notebooks at Parent-teacher Conferences, and performing at family engagement activities such as the End-of-the-year Celebration. Wow, great things are happening for our young students! But it doesn't stop at the elementary level, as junior high students have been exposed to some cutting –edge curriculum with robots, drones, and coding this year. Both junior high and high school students are excelling in positive behavior referrals and Mr. Edgar has completed his first year as the junior high and high school principal doing an outstanding job!

Next year for the first time at Liberty, students will be able to take Advance Placement courses, not to mention guitar and music essentials which include reading music, understanding chords and doing some song-writing. There will be more art classes available for both junior high and high school since they love Art! Junior high students will have a chance to take an exploratory course of art, music, journalism, cooking, or Taekwondo through PE. Elementary students will continue to excel in Reflex Math, be able to take advance math and reading, develop and maintain a butterfly garden, and experience science simulations, just to name a few! We are excited for the new staff members that will be joining our "family" and feel Liberty will be

making Excellence *not just a place to visit from time to time* (as Charlotte Danielson notes), but *Excellence will become the norm in our district*. The icing on the cake is to provide professional learning communities where we are constantly monitoring student progress, analyzing data, and having articulation within subject areas and grade levels. This systemic change is only possible when you have a top-notch guiding coalition, which is the **entire staff** at Liberty CUSD2. Thank you to **everyone** for doing your part and giving our students what they deserve!

Look out, the 2017-18 school year is going to be amazing!!! Enjoy your summer until then.

#### Golf Outing

The Liberty Education Foundation's (LEF) annual Golf Outing is set for June 8, 2017 at the Arrowhead Golf Course, Camp Point, Illinois. I hope the elementary staff is up for the challenge, as the junior high/high school staff have been talking "smack" that they will win the school competition between the two schools. Come out and enjoy the competition, the weather, and the comradery. We would love to see lots of staff there! Remember, the LEF always gives out money each semester for teacher grants so that teachers can do "extra" or pilot a great initiative. Please show up in support of LEF!