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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 November 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in Chorus Room.

1. Routine Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the following Minutes:
October October 23, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
 - C. Approval of the August 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 FY23 District Audit
 - B. Present the 3-year Fund Expenditures
 - C. Adopt the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to Levy for the Year 2023 and direct compliance with the Truth in Taxation law as necessary.
 - D. Approve the Resolution to support the Safe Routes to School Project and the Application for the Infrastructure Improvements for Walking and Biking.
 - E. Approve the 2022-23 District Report Card.
 - F. Approve the purchase of a trailer for athletics and band for \$4,990 from New Line Trailer in Troy, MO.
 - G. Approve the first reading of the Policy on Unpaid School Fees.

3. Board Discussion
 - A. Discuss and consider having Williams Tinting place 3m film on windows and doors of the school building. This will increase security and cost \$24,771 from the Tort Fund.

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. Unpaid School Fees & Negative Lunch Balance Report

5. Personnel Report:
 - Approve the six week maternity leave for Danielle Dietrich from April 15, 2024 to May 24, 2024.
 - Approve the 60 school day maternity leave, per FMLA, for Julia DeMoss from February 26, 2024 to May 22, 2024.
 - Approve Kathy Lynch as a Pre-K Bus Monitor, effective October 30, 2023.
 - Approve Matt Winkeljohn as a 3-hr part-time Night Custodian to clean the JH hallway/classrooms, small gym, and restrooms after ballgames on student attendance days, effective November 13, 2023.
 - Approve the resignation of Char Cearlock as a high school special education teacher, effective December 14, 2023.

Superintendent's Comments

District Finances

The audit for the district was presented and approved. A 3-year expenditure report was presented, as required by law. This led into talking about the tax levy. The school board is keeping the same tax rate as it has been for a few years. The reason is that property value is going up about 8.6% in the Liberty District, so the school board did not want to add to this increase. In comparison to other districts in this area, which was provided at the board meeting, Liberty has one of the lower tax rates. Thus, tax payers will see an increase in their property taxes due to the increase in the equalized assessed value of their property, not because the school board raised their tax levy rate.

Resolutions

One resolution was approved for the estimated Tax Levy for 2023. Another resolution was to support the application for a new sidewalk funded by Safe Routes to School. If the application is approved, the village of Liberty will put in a new sidewalk from the school parking lot that wraps around the block to Highway 104.

School Report Card

The 2022-23 District Report Card was approved. This year JH/HS received a summative designation rating of being Exemplary and Elementary received the rating of Commendable. Schools fall within one of four performance **designations**: Exemplary, Commendable, Targeted Needs, and Comprehensive Needs. Discussions are being had by the staff on how to continue to grow and be better for years to come. This involves looking at the data constantly on both proficiency and student growth. Tennille Gimm, RTI Coordinator, was at the board meeting to go over fall benchmark data at the various grade levels.

Policy for Unpaid Fees

There was a first reading on a policy regarding unpaid school fees. By Oct. 15 of each year, families need to pay their fees in full, set up a payment plan, or contact school with a plan on how to work off the fees. After October 15, all parties with outstanding fees will be turned over to the collection agency. At that point any payments must be made to the collection agency.

Purchasing a trailer

A trailer to use for band and athletics was approved to be purchased from New Line Trailer located in Troy, MO. This will help our extra-curricular groups with their equipment.

Discussion item

The school board discussed putting 3m film on windows and doors of the school building to increase security. This will be paid out of the Tort Fund. This item is still being looked at.

