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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 September 20, 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:
August 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
 - C. Approval of the Bills, Payroll, and Additional Bills
 - D. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
 - E. Approval of the Activity Report
 - F. Approval of the Imprest Fund
2. Public Hearing on the Proposed FY24 Budget
3. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approve the FY 24 Proposed Budget.
 - B. Approve the Seniority Lists for certified, support, and bus drivers/monitors.
 - C. Approve revised job descriptions for Instructional Coach and the Literacy Coach.
 - D. Approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 7:61 for Nonresident Tuition Exemption.
 - E. Approve the first reading of the Wellness Policy 7:286.
4. Reports:
 - A. Elementary Principal
 - B. High School Principal
 - C. Superintendent's Report
 - D. Technology Coordinator's Report
5. Discussion and Action
 - A. Considered and approved piloting a High School Liberty Dance Team for 2023-24.
 - B. Approve applying for a matching School Maintenance Grant FY24 for repaving a section of the elementary parking lot using \$50,000 from the grant and \$50,000 from Tort Funds.
6. Personnel Report:
 - A. Approve Joanna Hoskins as an Interim Substitute Teacher for the 2023-24 school year, effective August 16, 2023.
 - B. Correction: Char Cearlock is on Step 11, not Step 9.
 - C. Approve Kayla Thomas for an 8-week maternity leave approximately December 6, 2023-January 30, 2024.
 - D. Approve Todd Fox as the Instructional Coach for 2023-24, up to 595 hours, funded by the Teacher Vacancy Grant.
 - E. Approve Melissa Straley as the part-time Literacy Coach, effective September 25, 2023, funded by the Teacher Vacancy Grant.
 - F. Approve Amy Allen as a full-time Reading Interventionist, effective September 25, 2023.
 - G. Approve Silas Mixer as the 5/6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, effective September 15, 2023.
 - H. Approve the resignation of Jamie Johnson as the full-time night custodian, effective September 14, 2023.

Superintendent Comments

Policies

A second reading and approval took place for the policy regarding Nonresident Tuition Exemption for full-time

staff members who want to send their children to Liberty. A first reading occurred for the Wellness Policy. Every two years the District has a committee of staff and parents review the policy and make updates.

Job Descriptions

Last month, the Liberty School Board approved a job description for a full-time Instructional Coach. However, the District decided to break this position into two parts based on the talented people who applied. So, two job descriptions were approved. One is for the part-time Instructional Coach and the other is for a part-time Literacy Coach. Congrats to Todd Fox, Instructional Coach, and Melissa Straley, Lit. Coach!

Seniority Lists

The school board approved the seniority lists for teachers, support staff, bus drivers, and monitors. This must be updated and approved annually. Seniority is important when moving people to different teaching positions and years of experience for teachers. For bus drivers, seniority is the order in which they are offered extra-curricular trips, per their union contract. All staff are asked to review the information for accuracy.

Proposed Budget

The Proposed Budget for FY24 was approved. A public hearing was held for any questions. Overall, we have a balanced budget for the fiscal year. However, the Education Fund is in the red due to an increase in a special education teacher and para educators, along with higher pay and no more ESSER money to offset cleaning supplies, technology needs, and curriculum/instructional items. Also, the Transportation Fund was under by the cost of the activity van that was ordered two years ago. The money for that vehicle is in savings or reserved funds, not through fiscal year revenue.

Parking Lot

The Liberty School Board approved applying for another matching Maintenance Grant of \$50,000 from the state and \$50,000 from Tort Funds to continue to repave more of the parking lot. Cullen Duke, community member and architect, is helping us with this project.

Dance, Dance, Dance

The school board approved for a dance team at the high school to be piloted for 2023-24. We had a sign up of 16 students who are interested. Holly Schell is willing to provide this experience to our high school students by volunteering her time and skills.

Fall is coming!

