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**LIBERTY COMMUNITY UNIT #2
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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 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Small Gym.

1. Routine Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the following Minutes:
January 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
 - C. Approval of the Bills, Payroll, Treasurer's Report, and Additional Bills
 - D. Approve the Financial Summary Report
 - E. Approve the Food Service Report
 - F. Approval of the Activity Report
 - G. Approve the Imprest Report

2. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approve the FFA Test Plot Contract 2022.
 - B. Approve the 10.5 month contract for LaNiece Primus as 7-12th grade Principal, effective 2022-23 and 2023-24 school year.
 - C. Approve the Skyward Software Agreement, effective July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025.
 - D. Approve First reading of changes to Policy 5:220 Substitute Teachers and Policy 5:330 Educational Support Personnel.
 - E. Approve the Medical Homebound Eligibility, Procedures, and Guidelines.

3. Board Discussion:
 - A. Rescind the previous carpet bid approval in January and approve the revised bid for carpet in the K-2, band, and chorus classrooms, as recommended by the Facilities Committee.
 - B. Approve the T Mobile Lease Acquisition from Wisper ISP.
 - C. Approve the request to establish a Junior High Student Council as a school sponsored club.

4. Reports:
 - A. Elementary Principal's Report
 - B. JH/HS Principal's Report
 - C. Superintendent's Report
 - D. Technology Coordinator's Report

5. Personnel Report:
 - Approve the resignation of Sue Craft as the Ticket Seller for JH and HS Games, effective the close of the indoor season of 2021-22.
 - Approve Travis Ruppel as the Head Coach for High School and Junior High Baseball.
 - Approve Bob Lease as the Assistant Coach for High School Baseball.
 - Approve Justin Edgar as the Assistant Coach for Junior High Baseball.
 - Approve the 2-year extension of the contract for Jody Obert as the Pre K-6th grade Principal, effective 2022-23 and 2023-24 school year.
 - Approve the 2-year extension of the contract for Michael Smith as the Technology Director, effective July 1, 2022-June 30, 2024.

- Approve the retirement of Peggy Steinkamp, Special Education Teacher, after the completion of the 2021-22 school year.
- Approve Sara Tuter for special leave during chemotherapy treatments of her child, while she continues to remotely prepare lessons, develops and assess IEP goals, and does the necessary special education paperwork/meetings to be applied to ½ day attendance.
- Approve Melissa Straley for one week of extended maternity leave after the doctor's return-to-work note. She will return on February 22, 2022.
- Approve Jeff Bunch as the Special Education Bus Driver, effective February 24, 2022 through the remainder of the 2021-22 school year, per MOU with the bus driver and monitor union.

Superintendent's Comments:

FFA Test Plot

Each year at this time we renew our agreement with FFA on the test plot. It is nice to see that the students have this opportunity to grow crops and have this hands-on experience.

Principal's Contract

The Liberty School Board finalized a 2-year contract for the new JH/HS Principal, LaNiece Primus. She has been visiting the JH/HS a few times to get familiar with Liberty. We are looking forward to working with her!

Saving Money

Each year the District renews their license fees with Skyward, which is our accounting management software system. This agreement will be for three years to lock in a lower price each year.

Policy and Procedure Updates

We are updating our policy on long-term substitute teachers who teach the full year as the teacher. We are allowing them to have sick and personal days that are equivalent to the annual allotment of a first year teacher. Another policy on absences of staff had revisions made on the eligible family members for sick and personal bereavement leave. We are also adopting eligibility, procedures, and guidelines for Medical Homebound students.

Revised Carpet Bids

Due to the carpet bids not being exactly the same as proposed at last month's board meeting, the Liberty School Board is looking at this again. The carpet bids are to replace the carpet in K-2nd grade and in the Band and Chorus/Music Rooms. This is being paid for by a matching Maintenance Grant we received from the state. Jeff Green was awarded the bid for \$44,050.21.

New Lease

We currently lease an FCC educational broadband license to a company named Wisper. Wisper

was not able to develop a viable business model around it. So, Wisper is entering into an agreement to transfer the license to T-Mobile. We had the school attorney look it over and we are ready to move forward. The same amount of money we were receiving continues under the new lease. However, payments will be made annually, instead of monthly.

JH Student Council

Junior High students made a presentation to the school board for them to establish a Junior High Student Council. This gave some thought on how to set up guidelines and procedures for the formation of future school-sponsored clubs. This group was able to answer all the necessary questions on their purpose, activities they will do, and how they will function.

Other

Winter benchmark data was provide by the RTI Coordinator, Rose Bergles, on student performance in math and reading.

We also had a teacher present information regarding a medical leave to be granted when their child receives chemotherapy on Closed Session