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**LIBERTY COMMUNITY UNIT #2  
SCHOOL**

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skills, and character to achieve personal success as they “Soar to  
Excellence.”*

## **Board Meeting Agenda for June 21, 2021 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 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
    - June 2, 2021 Special 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 Fund Report
  
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 2021-22.
  - E. Approve the Elementary and JH/HS Handbooks for FY22.
  - F. Approve the revised proposed school calendar for 2021-22
  - G. Approve the Amended Budget FY21.
  - H. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with bus driver/monitor union regarding hourly rate for summer school driving.
  
3. Board Discussion and Action:
  - A. Approve the increase in support staff wages, coaches' stipends, and contractual employees' salaries for 2021-22. (Discuss in Closed Session) Vote after Closed Session.
  - B. Approve scraping of the 1999 and 2006 Suburban. They have been out of commission for student transportation for a couple of years. (Time to get rid of them.)
  - C. Approve transportation for extra-curricular programs in FY22 to be covered 100% by the District, as discussed and agreed upon by the Liberty School Board and Athletic Director.
  - D. As recommended by the Student Services/Programs/Curriculum Committee, approve that 100% of the payment for CTEI classes at QAVTC/WCR for students enrolled in these courses for 2021-22 is paid by the District. This will be reevaluated for the 2022-23 school year.
  - E. Approve the purchasing of a new paging system from Adams Expert using Tort Funds FY 22 for \$12,500.
  - F. Approve a new Vulcan convection oven for the cafeteria for \$15,650.71 from Central Restaurant Products in FY22.

4. Reports:
  - A. Superintendent's Report
  - B. Technology Coordinator's Report
  
5. Personnel Report:
  - Approve the correction of the student summer workers to begin their shift at 7:00 AM instead of 6:00 AM in compliance with the Illinois Department of Labor law for students on a work permit.
  - Approve Elizabeth Lucas as a summer worker doing painting from June 3- completion of all projects at minimum wage from 7:00 AM- 2:30 PM, effective June 3, 2021.
  - Approve the resignation of Brad Bergman as the Head Coach for High School Girls' Basketball, Junior High Girls' Basketball, and High School Softball, effective June 3, 2021.
  - Approve the resignation of Greg Wellman as the Assistant Coach for High School Girls' Basketball, Junior High Girls' Basketball, and High School Softball, effective June 3, 2021.
  - Approve the resignation of Amy Geczi as the High School Cheerleading Coach, effective June 4, 2021.
  - Approve the resignation of Karen Jingst as a cook in the cafeteria, effective June 7, 2021.
  - Approve that the substitute bus driver rate for a summer school route offered during the summer of 2021 will be paid at \$17.50 per hour.
  - Approve the resignation of Melissa Seals as the Title I teacher, effective August 14, 2021.
  - Approve Matt Buhr, as the High School Band Teacher at BA & Step 0, effective August 20, 2021.
  - Approve the resignation of Lindsay Myers as the High School Computer Science Teacher, effective August 14, 2021.

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

#### **Routine Items**

All the items under the Routine Consent are things we routinely do at this time of year. However, we had to formulate a Memorandum of Understanding on how to pay for summer school bus drivers, since we have never held summer school for all students. In the past, we only had Extended Year for our special needs students who needed extra help and paid the hourly "extra-curricular" rate for this route. This year, we offered summer school to all students in order to close the learning gap that COVID may have created. This opportunity was funded by an ESSER II Grant available from Cares money the government provided to schools. Thus, we needed set a rate for a summer school bus route, which was not explicitly defined in the bus driver/monitor union contract.

#### **Discussion and Action**

Several items are being addressed because it is summer time and that is a great time to do

projects when students are not attending school. Raises are set for all staff. We are cleaning up and getting rid of junk, such as two old suburbans that can no longer transport students because they are unsafe. There is a definite safety need for a new intercom system using the Tort Funds. We need to invest in a new stove for the cafeteria that can better meet the cooking needs of our hot lunch program. Plus, we are trying to find better ways to help support extra-curricular programs with funding and students taking classes at the vocational center in Quincy, which serves all surrounding schools in this area including Liberty.

### **CARES money**

I thought it would be a good idea to let you know what we purchased using the Cares money the government gave to schools during the pandemic. The ESSER I Grant was designed to support schools for remote teaching. Using these funds, we paid staff to be trained throughout the summer for remote teaching. We also purchased Remind in order to have one communication platform, as requested by our parents. Screencastify and Zoom licenses, along with document cameras, were purchased to make videos in all the classrooms and to connect with remote learners. Drivers education was offered over the summer to get all students caught up, as this was shut down during the school closing from March-May 2020. Finally, we had to purchase an abundance of cleaning supplies and PPE to keep students and staff healthy.

The Digital Equity Grant was money to purchase software and technology equipment. Funds were used to pay staff throughout the summer to make videos to help remote learners and their parents understand how to operate Google Classroom. We purchased NoRedInk, Kami, and Classwork Zoom licenses, along with a few Chromebooks so all students would have them if we had to go fully remote. We secured 20 Wifi hotspots for families to have good internet connectivity. Projectors were purchased to replace old ones to have better quality videos for remote learners.

The purpose of ESSER II Grant, which is currently being utilized, was to address space issues for social distancing and the learning gap caused by COVID. We are providing summer school for all regular and special need students in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade, along with providing them transportation to and from school. We have a few days of offering driver education during the summer so that we could be through mid-September on our student's birthdays. Having to quarantine staff and students put us behind in driver education. We are paying for more CTEI offerings to our students by hiring a CTEI teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Renovations in the high school office and some shifting of people allows for us to have another classroom, since we are running out of space. We will purchase a promethean board for this classroom. We could also use the money to cover licenses and internet connectivity. Thus, allowing some relief to the Education Fund, which makes up 80% of the overall school district's budget. This will help to cover the cost of wage increases, as required by law to reach the \$15.00 minimum wage and the \$40,000 minimum teacher salary in a few years and meeting the annual benchmarks.

Wow, that is a lot of things that our students were able to benefit from! Your portion of CARES money has done some great things in Liberty CUSD2. Can't wait to receive ESSER III monies!