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**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 November 17, 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:
October 20, 2021 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 FY21 District Audit
 - B. Adopt the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to Levy for the Year 2021 and direct compliance with the Truth in Taxation law as necessary.
 - C. Approve paying the Bass Fishing Club mileage for the vehicles taken to each tournament, along with gas money for the boats equating to approximately \$225.
 - D. Approve the MOU with the Liberty Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) Joint Committee, the Liberty United Teachers Union, and Liberty CUSD 2 regarding flexibility on student growth for the 2021-22 teacher evaluations.

3. Board Discussion:
 - A. Discuss the progress of the court case regarding COVID mitigations.

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 Robby Young as the Varsity Baseball Coach, effective November 1, 2021.
 - Approve the resignation of Sara Schmidt as the JH/HS Assistant Cross Country Coach, effective, November 8, 2021.
 - Approve the resignation of Adam Lee as the JH Assistant Baseball Coach, effective November 8, 2021.
 - Approve Emmie Winkeljohn as a para educator in the elementary school, effective November 29, 2021.
 - Approve the resignation of Lexi Obert as the Student Council Sponsor, effective December 17, 2021, or when a new sponsor can be found, whichever occurs first.
 - Approve the intent to retire for Brenda Meyer at the conclusion of her 2021-22 extended contract.

Superintendent's Comments:

Audit

This year the audit was a little bit delayed. However, we are excited that our financial profile remains excellent; being a 4.0 out of 4.0. This shows how hard the school board is working to be fiscally responsible. I hope tax payers of the Liberty Community will be grateful for the school board's efforts. One value that is always shared during the audit is the cost to educate a student at Liberty School. That cost is \$7,949, which is what we would charge for out-of-district tuition.

Tax Levy

The Liberty School Board chose to keep the same tax rate as they have for several years. So, the only areas to adjust are Social Security, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, and Tort (which is safety items and services). We hope this is welcomed news to the tax payers. However, the value of land has gone up, so an increase in the equalized assessed value will be noticed by community members. It appears that this is going up around 7.7%. We have to keep the other funds of the tax levy at the maximum amount because we need it to operate the school effectively.

Bass Fishing Club

This group of sponsors who volunteer their time for the Bass Fishing Club do a phenomenal job! The school board wanted to help by covering the cost of gas for the vehicles who haul the boats and the gas to run the boats. The school board took action to support this. We have several students who participate in this club. Keep up the great work Fessler Family!!!

Memorandum of Agreement

The school board took action with the teacher's union and the PERA Joint Committee not to include student growth in this year's teacher evaluation, as approved by ISBE. We are still evaluating and still monitoring student performance. Yet, this score is not included in the overall summative rate for the evaluation. It makes sense not to do this during a pandemic, which is going on year three. Teachers were elated to be relieved of this stress!

Be Thankful!

During this holiday season, remember to be thankful for all that you have. Liberty School is thankful for our students, families, and staff, plus all the community support. May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

