

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report Form

Name: Pullman School District Board of Directors _____ **Date:** 10 -24 -18

Observer Reporting: Barb Palmer **Length of Meeting:** 6:30 pm-7:45 pm

Members Present: Evermann, Rotolo, Roberts, Weed --- **Absent:** Tanner

Others Present: Beth Fricklin and Mr. Honeywell, parents, Jan Estep, PHS teacher and other community members. People came in and out during the meeting. I counted a total of eight at one point.

Agenda

Reports

Board: Susan Weed reported that she attended the high school vigil for Lauren McCluskey, a former student at PHS who was murdered by her ex- boyfriend in Utah. She was remembered by many students and teachers at the high school. Susan expressed her sympathy for the family and for all who attended the vigil.

Superintendent's Report:

Reported that the construction progress at Kamiak Elementary School has been great because the weather has been great.

Reported on the " Professional Learning Day Training" that was available for all staff members that took place recently. The district contracted with an outside facilitator to provide the training and exercises in "Partners in Leadership" where everyone makes a personal commitment. The teachers who participated in the training were paid for their attendance. A copy of the training was available to download in the School Board Packet but not at the meeting. The Cultural Transition Process.pdf (p,6)

Report: Scratch Cooking Program

Sheba Nalle reported that a \$15,000 grant was used to get the program started and it's now up and running well at levels in the district. Students are learning about good nutrition and are trying different food options. Chefs have participated in the program. Recent lentil days explored foods made with lentils.

Report: Curriculum Adoption Cycle & Development

Roberta Kramer, Assistant Superintendent, presented an overview of curricular programs and materials needed in all areas K-12. Committee is looking at available Science hands on curriculum for elementary students. The curriculum materials used in Math are not in alignment with state standards so need updating. However, the 1996 Calculus textbook used at the HS is still valid and used by the math teacher. Social Studies also needs updating for standards have shifted demanding new approaches in how it is presented and taught. LESS emphasis on memorizing facts in one textbook and more on gathering information in multiple sources. Curriculum committees are working on the areas listed.

Visitors:

Three people addressed the board: Beth Fricklen and Mr. Honeywell, parents, and Jan Estep PHS math teacher.

Beth Fricklin, shared some positive things happening with special needs students. Beth, addresses the board frequently with reports concerning Special Education issues both positive and negative.

Mr. Honeywell who has several children attending the Pullman Schools was complimentary about the outstanding Band Concert he went to recently. However, he was very critical with the board concerning the recent transfers of the PHS Principal Erik Heinz and the Title 1/LAP teacher Debbie Crabtree to assume interim assistant principal duties at PHS. His children will be affected by these transfers. Why didn't you make these changes over the summer and for what reason? He criticized the board for not listening to parents and community concerns and not responding to their concerns.

Jan Estep, PHS math teacher was brief and to the point with her remarks. She said that not all people agreed with the decision the board made to transfer PHS Principal, Erik Heinz. However, all found the change upsetting for they were unaware of what was going on. She then challenged the board to pay attention to what the community is telling you.

Consent Agenda:

Susan Weed voted against approving the Consent Agenda because Amanda Tanner was absent and the Executive Session was about complaints against Public Employee/s. She was overruled.

Action Items:

The next item on the agenda was School Board policy # 1400: Meeting Conduct, Order of Business, and Quorum. When the Board looked at the amount of suggested changes added to the 1400 Policy they decided they needed more time to review. It was tabled.

Nathan Roberts said that he was going to put on the agenda at the next meeting results of the Ombuds Report.