

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School Board Date: 11-13-2019

Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1.5 hours

Members Present: Jim Evermann, Allison Munch-Rotolo, Nathan Roberts, Bob Maxwell

Members Absent: Susan Weed, Amanda Tanner

Others Present (e.g., media, public): Principal Fulstad (PHS), David Culper (Head Football Coach), football players and some parents, student presenters from new classes, Claire and Kellen student ambassadors, Diane Hodge (Finance Director), Joe Thornton (Executive Director of Operations)

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Quality Instructional Programming:

- PHS student spotlights
 - All Academic Champions—Football Team
 - Four New Classes added to offerings—Report on progress
 - Drama
 - Computer Science
 - Earth and Space Science
 - Integrated Math

Low Student Teacher Ratio:

- Superintendent Report
 - Kamiak received an art funding grant that is part of their smaller class size initiative

Financial Stewardship:

- Year-end Financial Report
 - Discussion of Rainy-Day fund to be maintained at 7% of operating budget to cover at least one month of payroll, that amount going forward may not be quite enough as salaries advance but per student allotments don't keep up
 - This goal was instituted by the board and Diane was suggesting that they may want to revisit it
 - Board approved schematic design for Lincoln Middle School renovation and expansion project

Process & Protocol: (Observations about participants and procedures of the meeting)

- Although two of the board members were absent, there was still a quorum, remaining members asked good questions about the Lincoln design and about the budget report