

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School Board Date: 2-12-2020

Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1.5 hours

Members Present: Jim Evermann, Allison Munch-Rotolo, Susan Weed, Amanda Tanner, Nathan Roberts, Bob Maxwell

Members Absent: None

Others Present (e.g., media, public): Joe Thornton, Diane Hodge, Roberta Kramer, parents and students from Kamiak, Principal Hecker, Sheeba Nalie Director of Food Services, Esther Park Head Cook Jefferson, Christina Johnson Hyde, Beth Fickland, Design West (Amy Brown and Ned),

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest

Financial Stewardship:

- Funding: preliminary results for Whitman County (2 levies and 1 bond) all three Pullman School District measures were passing at the time of the meeting. Of all the bond issues in the state, only five were passing. In three of the five the passing rate was in the low sixties so they could go either way. In contrast, the PSD bond measure for the Lincoln Middle School remodel and expansion was passing with support in the mid-seventies.
- Transportation Co-op in line for over 4 million which would cover about 90% of co-op part of the building from the state--final OK in July
 - Value Engineering—completed a couple of weeks ago 100 pages of recommendations about how to save money on the Transportation Co-operative from the perspective of various disciplines (e.g. architecture, civil engineering, construction, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, structural engineering). Adds \$25,000-\$35,000 cost for the process. Required for project not fully funded locally, Lincoln is completely locally funded, so the value engineering is not required.
- Projected enrollment for 2020-2021 school year 2675 (was 2938 in May of 2018).

Public Meetings of interest to League:

At next school board meeting on Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 (6:30—about 8:00 PM) action items on the designs of the Lincoln Middle School remodel and expansion as well as on the Transportation Co-operative will be voted on.