

## **Pullman School District School Board Meeting – August 26, 2015**

School has started!

2,647 kids enrolled – OH MY! This number includes Running Start...budget was 2,470 FTE (full time enrollment). Superintendent Sturm thinks after everything is tallied, the number will be about 2,600 FTE. Twenty-six new teachers hired this year – so far!

The high school looks amazing! I haven't been up to see it in the past 30 days – lots of noticeable progress.

Superintendent Sturm spoke of the push at the high school to complete several items before school started today....many people were at the high school until midnight last night putting on the finishing touches.

Tonight's meeting served as a public hearing for the 2015-2016 budget. Mr. Dan Hornfelt invited the public to come forward and make any comments or ask questions. No one from the public was present to make comments or make questions. Mr. Hornfelt noted that if any one wanted to look at the 2015-2016 budget, it was available in the district office. I believe it is available on-line as well.

Mr. Hornfelt presented the budget to the School Board and asked for approval. The School Board approved the 2015-2016 Budget.

### **Discussion Items**

- Maintenance & Operating levy; current levy will expire at the end of 2016. Committee met this week to begin work on the structure of a new levy. The Committee agreed to recommend to the board a four-year levy and maintain the same \$5.3 M collection amount as the past three years. Levy election will take place in February 2016. Also being discussed is the Technology levy that will expire at the end of 2018. It is being recommended that these two levies be combined. Exact numbers can be reviewed in the School Board Packet for the August 26, 2015 School Board Meeting.
  
- New Policies; Pullman School District having a hard time keeping up with all the new laws and policy changes coming down from the legislature. Superintendent Sturm did a master spreadsheet to look at some of the policies that need to be updated. The School Board needs to review. Many of these policy changes are changes in wording, some are more complex. This seems to be so tedious – unfortunate our administrators are bogged down with this.

**Next Board Meeting – September 9, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.**