

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School Board Date: 11 December 2019

Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 2 hrs. 42 mins

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

Members Absent: none

Others Present (e.g., media, public): Franklin elementary students and their parents who presented to the board, Franklin Principal Stephanie Bray, Franklin Elementary teacher Nancy Neilson, Franklin Elementary teacher Dom Ventresco, Jennifer Harbor STEM/STEAM lead, Special Education Services Committee representatives Megan Itani and Christina Johnson, District Nurse Michelle Hyatt, Operations Director Joe Thornton, members of the public: Meg Golnick, Melissa Ryan, Doug Ryan, Architect from Design West Amy Brown

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Quality Instructional Programming:

- **STEM/STEAM**—In order to make dual use of the arts instruction at the elementary level, STEM standards are being integrated into the arts, that is, science standards are being blended into the arts curriculum. Initial implementation is going well and further integration is planned
- **Special Education Programming**—is able to provide unique individualized instruction with specific goals for each qualifying student
- **Nurses** are busy and seeing an increase generally at all grade levels of issues regarding social/emotional issues
- **School District** has completed its first **Annual Report** to the Board which the Board is positive about and appreciates how comprehensive and visual the final product was
- Three parents spoke about ongoing concerns with the **Career and Technical classes** of shop, especially welding and preparation for state and national competitions and is requesting that the recently retired teacher be brought back as a coach to supplement the students' preparations.

Energy Efficiency:

- **Sustainability Committee** is functioning very well, has been impressed by the community's commitment to conservation of resources and energy efficiency
- The committee is studying measurable outcomes

Financial Responsibility:

- Amy Brown of Design West Architects walked the Board through the next phase of the **Regional Transportation Hub**
- This phase is called the "Schematic Design"
- Different sections of the Hub will be paid through different sources, taking advantage of the State's grant and filling in with local monies for design features not covered by the grant
- After a long presentation and lots of Q & A, the Board approved the Schematic Design