

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School Board Date: 27 March 2019  
Observer Reporting: Carol Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1 hour 15 minutes  
Members Present/Absent: Susan Weed Absent  
Others Present (i.e., media, public): Three Parents came to speak, there was someone else taking notes but he left before I could check in with him

### Superintendent's Report, Action Items and Discussion Items:

#### Construction Related

- Asset Preservation Program Report—Required to check all buildings built with state monies every year and rate buildings from excellent to unsatisfactory, in 2024 they must hire an outside company to review
- Executive Director of Operations presented that four companies bid on the new transportation co-op building and the middle school redesign—have selected Design West Architects

#### Energy Efficiency and Transportation

- Transportation Supervisor and Assistant presented on new bus route proposal which will decrease transfers, number of stops, and thus fuel usage
- Due in part to the new elementary building and new elementary boundaries, bus routes were being revisited, the department is recommending a ten-minute difference in start/end times to give them a little extra time between buildings
- The difference will allow students to transfer at elementary schools so that it is only the older kids who will have to transfer
- No students will be accepted to out-of-service area schools

#### Quality Education and Job Training

- Presented Textbook Adoption recommendations which were all accepted by the Board for Integrated Math and Social Studies
- Presented Requests for new courses which were all accepted—Earth and Space Science, Integrated Math, Drama
- Assistant Superintendent presented on the multiple levels and types of Professional Development the district is conducting this year and on an on-going basis
- Several Parents spoke in frustration over the Superintendents recommendation to promote the Acting Principal and Vice Principal of Pullman High School to permanent positions. The major complaint was the lack of transparency in the process, the concern being that hiring should be done in the same way all the time. These parents feel the public has not been heard with regard to feedback given to the district in the past.

#### Public Meetings of interest to League –

None mentioned