

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: **Pullman School Board** Date: **27 April 2020-Special Session**

Observer Reporting: **Ndambuki** Length of Meeting: **15 minutes**

Members Present: **Jim Evermann, Allison Munch-Rotolo, Susan Weed, Amanda Tanner, Nathan Roberts, Bob Maxwell, Diane Hodge, Joe Thornton, Ned Warnick (Design West)**

Members Absent: _____

Others Present (e.g., media, public): **No public permitted at school board meetings at this time; held over zoom**

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- **Lincoln Middle School Expansion and Renovation Project** Presentation of Bids by Ned Warnick of Design West:
 - Bids received 24 April 2020
 - Five bids received:
 - Relieved that there was a good number of bids given the current circumstances with the restrictions on commerce and movement
 - The bids all came in within 7% of one another which is great, anything under a 10% range is considered a good bid competition result.
 - It is “likely an indication of the lowest fair market value for this work.”
 - When all five bids were compared and included the majority of the bid alternates, the company recommended was also the lowest bid; when all five bids were compared just with the core work and no bid alternates, the company recommended came in at the second lowest bid.
 - The recommended company’s bid comes in under the budget available.
 - The bid alternate about roofing was considered by the board to be particularly important and they were glad that it will be included.
 - In order to make this happen, the district is transferring part of the funding from the rainy-day fund. It is less expensive to do that work now rather than do it as a stand-alone in a few years.
 - Other bid alternates that made it into the final are the maximum additional number of classrooms including two science labs.
 - Motion detectors and LED lighting as well as electronic bleachers were bid alternates that did not make it- may be able to be funded later through various means—
 - For example, the bleachers could be funded through the budget line for furniture.
 - **The recommended company was approved:**
 - **Wellens Farewell Construction**
 - The timeline may be slightly moved up for the first summer’s work (2020) due to students not being in the building.