

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School Board Date: 13 May 2020  
Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 40 minutes  
Members Present: Jim Evermann, Allison Munch-Rotolo, Susan Weed, Amanda Tanner, Nathan Roberts, Bob Maxwell, Roberta Kramer, Diane Hodge, Joe Thornton  
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:

#### Quality Instructional Programming:

- Stay home, go outside virtual **5<sup>th</sup> grade camp** activities which as best as possible mirrors the usual experience. 90 minutes per day for five days starting 18 May.
- Lawn signs and Senior Pictures spread throughout town to celebrate the **graduating class**.
- Meeting the **State of Washington's requirements** for both instructional hours and number of days of school. District has met all the academic requirements for the year, teachers and administrators put together curriculum and enhancement programming that exceeds the state guidelines for Stay Home Stay Safe and has enough chrome books for one per student so distributing to students/families who requested was handled early on.
- District does need to request a waiver of five days on the requirement for the number of school days which the Board approved.
- According to Director Roberts, a lot of constituents are asking about **next year**. The above plan is only for this academic year through June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Governor's task force met today to begin drafting the guidance for schools depending on the re-opening phase of the region in which the district resides. Discussion of ways to achieve social distancing, according to Superintendent Maxwell. Haven't gotten that far in their discussions yet.
  - Both Superintendent Maxwell and Assistant Superintendent Kramer are on the Governor's task force with is divided into working teams who are reporting back, receiving feedback from other groups and then refining plans in an iterative process that includes team members who are middle and high school students
- New **capstone project** connected to high school and beyond plans. Video being produced to explain to students and their families. Roll out over social media because, "that's where kids go."
  - The Board was very enthusiastic about this change in the senior project design

#### Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- Superintendent Maxwell requested authority to complete paperwork for finalizing the **application for grant money from the State of Washington**. The paperwork's deadlines have been fluctuating due to the current unknowns with regard to the state budget. The Superintendent wants to be ready when the call for final proposals is made. This is only in regard to the Whitman County Transportation authority for expenditures for grant funds, the authority is needed in order to get paperwork to state in a timely matter.
  - The authorities would be Joe Thornton and the Superintendent.
  - The Board Approved.

Public Meetings of interest to League: Special Board meeting to consider the bids that come in for the Lincoln Middle School Project was held on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Observer report filed.

#### Your additional comments/opinions:

- District is doing a great job of making the zoom board meetings smooth. It is actually easier to see materials from the board packet in the zoom format.