

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School Board Date: 5 August 2020
Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1 hour 10 minutes
Members Present: Jim Evermann, Allison Munch-Rotolo, Susan Weed, Amanda Tanner, Nathan Roberts, Bob Maxwell, Roberta Kramer, Diane Hodge, Joe Thornton, other members of the reopening steering committee: Cristina Johnson-Hyde, Garren Shannon, Dagny Myers, Luke Conley, Stephanie Horn, Michelle Hyatt, Juston Pollestad, Pam Brantner, Grace Crow
Members Absent: none
Others Present: No public permitted at school board meetings at this time; held over [zoom](#)

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Special Session on Re-opening plan

Quality Instructional Programming:

- Learning Management Systems (LMS) Seesaw and Google Classroom
- Aligned Professional Development for these LMS systems
- Special Programs Planning
- Technology and Translations as needed
- Including Social and Emotional training, screeners and support
- Flexibility with specific parameters between hybrid and distance 2.0 is still a question—thinking about six-week intervals
- Safe and Reliable decision is recommended by teacher’s union to open in distance learning mode

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- State still has not published guidance and rules for attendance yet
- In conversations with Pullman Transit for secondary students’ transportation since the number of riders is limited
- Bus for elementary students is funded by ridership so if distance 2.0, there will be no funds for busing
- During spring had waiver to feed, “any child who was hungry” but that will not be the case for this coming school year
- Schweitzer Engineering offered to provide “staging equipment”
- ESD 101 through Skyward for checkout of equipment
- WSU has also reached out to offer support as well

Public Meetings of interest to League:

Board Meeting on August 12 the Board will be asked to approve the reopening plan. A copy of the plan is posted on the District website. www.pullmanschools.org

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.