

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School Board Meeting Date: 13 January 2021
Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1 hour 36 minutes
Members Present: Jim Evermann, Allison Munch-Rotolo, Susan Weed, Amanda Tanner, Nathan Roberts, Bob Maxwell, Roberta Kramer, Diane Hodge, Joe Thornton, Linda Tippett (LMS), Cameron Grow (Principal LMS), Stephanie Bray (FES), Evan Hecker (KES), Jim Bruce (JES), Tammy Sewell (LMS), Pam Brantner (SES), Garren Shannon (district tec director), Natalie Fisher
Members Absent: none
Others Present (e.g., media, public): No in-person public joined via zoom as previously signed up; held over zoom

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- Technology Levy has been used primarily for the **purchase of Chromebooks** so going forward that won't be significantly different but previously the use was for carts which allows for the district to upgrade as part of that to meet the state requirements for testing, moving forward with one-to-one will change that
- Since the **attrition of equipment is increasing** due to the online and hybrid contexts of instruction, it looks like the levy will be able to cover most replacement costs, but it is something to keep an eye on

Quality of Instruction:

- **743 Chromebooks still needed** - will be a challenge with hybrid.
K-5 in-building support since the students are still online part time.
Currently still have enough for **every student to check out a Chromebook if desired**, hoping that in-classroom use will be at a minimum.
Many students are currently using their own equipment but that won't work for testing.
Skyward is not the best tool for checking out equipment but it is great from the teacher/parent side b/c they can see what is checked out to whom.
Much larger number of equipment coming back damaged.
2021-2022 hoping that district will be at a full 1 to 1 (student per Chromebook) and students will transport equipment back and forth from school.
- **Revised stages of reopening plan** - State of WA DOH came out with new metrics
 - Whitman County encouraged district to adopt new measures
 - Whitman County still recommended the addition of 2nd and 3rd grade hybrid starting on 18 January 2021
- District is working with Whitman County Health, WSU and ESD 101 all of which provide **information about positive cases**

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.