

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District State of the District Date: December 8, 2021

Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1 hour 48 minutes

Members Present: Bob Maxwell, Roberta Kramer, Susan Weed, Allison Munch-Rotolo,
Jim Evermann, Nathan Roberts, Amanda Tanner, Joe Thornton, Diane Hodge

Members Absent: _____

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Quality of Instruction:

- **Jefferson Elementary School National award** for federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) **Distinguished school for improvement in scores for Multi-lingual students in math and English Language Arts**, part of the award was a requirement that the nominees produce a 2-minute video about their school—available on the district website
- **Redistricting of Board of Directors** must be revisited every ten years based upon the new census data, outside analysis (Sammamish Data Systems), each district must be adjusted by 612 people to match up with the overall population growth, if there is a significant difference between districts, a rebalancing to the extent possible must be made
 - Discussion considerations included having two “at-large” positions in the rebalancing but ensuring that Albion and the Title I schools maintain a singular representative to protect their representation
 - Will be further discussed at January Board Meeting

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- **Still short on bus drivers**, still have four open positions
 - Have a fleet of 25 buses
 - Have added a new position of a tech/mechanic to perform maintenance on buses of other districts in the transportation co-op, the time will be billed, but the position needed to be created in anticipation
 - **Ridership down 10% but enrollment is down 8.5%**, accounting for the majority of the change
- **Minimum Fund Balance** was moved to 7.5% from its current 7% in order to always have one month’s payroll in reserve
- **Updating Surplus items** to be able to designate them “Zero Value” so that those items can be donated to families in need rather than having them end up in the land fill (e.g., books from old adoptions) will be voted on in January