

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District State of the District Date: 11 August 2021
Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1 hour 13 minutes
Members Present: Bob Maxwell, Roberta Kramer, Susan Weed, Jim Everman, Allison Munch-Rotolo, Nathan Roberts, Amanda Tanner, Joe Thornton, Diane Hodge

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Quality of Instruction:

- **Professional Learning Community initiative** over the next three years to make the process more effective and in-depth
- Meeting weekly with **State Department of Health and County Department of Health** about the metrics that are used to guide school district's decision-making
- State Law 5044 does not mention "**Critical Race Theory**", it is not the same thing as equity training which the district has been working on for years
 - District-wide book study on the same book that the administrators read last year "Belonging to a Culture of Dignity"
 - Public encouraged to check out the book if they are interested in what equity work the district is doing
- **Assessment plan** for up-coming school year
 - Approved
- Current **collective bargaining agreement for school secretaries and custodial staff** will roll-over except for implicit price deflater + 1% pay increase this year and next

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- **Construction** just before the start of school is always interesting, but if last minute things are not done, we have a plan B
- Public hearing on **2021-2022 budget**
 - No comments from public
 - Approved
- **School Lunch prices** for 2021-2022 school year approved
 - All meals are continuing free for all students as part of Federal Government's on-going summer program extension due to covid
- **Property purchase** for potential school site, approved in December 2020
 - Additional negotiations regarding easement-Document of Sale now complete
 - Capital Projects fund reserve from prior elementary school project, not new money, nor is it money taken from the general district funding
- Policy 6970—**Naming and Dedication of Schools and Mascots**
 - More research
 - Continue to be a discussion item next meeting
 - Board had said that they would revisit the request from the public to re-name **Jefferson**
 - Example Spokane Public Schools petition to change offensive name by young lady who is a tribal member