

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District State of the District Date: 12 October 2022

Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 39 minutes

Members Present: Allison Munch-Rotolo, Amanda Tanner, Susan Weed, Jim Evermann,  
Nathan Roberts

Other District Personnel Present: Bob Maxwell, Joe Thornton, Diane Hodge, Roberta Kramer,  
Mrs. Brantner (principal Sunnyside ES)

Others Present:

Members Absent:

### Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

#### Quality of Instruction:

- Teachers continue their work in Professional Learning Communities with late-start Mondays. The dedicated time is being used efficiently and teams are creating common assessments to measure student progress.

#### Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- Meeting with state legislator from Issaquah interested in understanding **transportation issues in rural school districts**. The state transportation formula tends to fund completely the west side districts that are smaller in geographical area than on the east side where districts can be quite large geographically.
- Superintendent Maxwell will continue to work with him throughout the legislative session and is hopeful some improvements to the formula may be made
- The **school district insurance rate** increased by 6%, over the past seven years has doubled, the good thing is that the policy expands to cover unexpected cases
- Rewriting the **facilities planning policy** that hasn't been updated since 2000. In recent years, many issues have come up that make it a good idea to further develop a policy around facilities planning. This is not related to capital projects but rather to landscaping, playground equipment, visual art, gardens, out-buildings, etc. In the discussion, several board members reflected on situations they have encountered recently where a community member or community group would like to donate, for example, trees to be planted. The issue becomes how sustainable is the maintenance after such donations.

#### Your additional comments/opinions:

- No board members gave personal reports, this is the second meeting in a row where there were no board member reports.