

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District State of the District Date: 9 March 2022  
Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1 hour 20 minutes  
Members Present: Amanda Tanner, Susan Weed, Allison Munch-Rotolo, Jim Evermann,  
Nathan Roberts

Other District Personnel Present: Bob Maxwell, Roberta Kramer, Joe Thornton, Diane Hodge, Marla Haugen (science teacher LMS), Tammy Sewell (Asst. Pr. LMS), Willma Fields, Jess Sheppard, Analisa Kliben (Kinder. Teachers Sunnyside), Jessie Campbell (Food Service), Juston Pollestad (PHS Pr.)

Others Present: \_\_\_\_\_

Members Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### Quality of Instruction:

- On-going professional development on **Diversity Equity and Inclusion** continues with specific work in providing what the literature and trainers call a “guaranteed viable curriculum” for all students.
  - This involves ensuring that, based upon the standards within each discipline (e.g., Common Core math and language arts, and next generation science standards), professional learning communities of job-alike professionals such as each grade-level team at any given elementary school are at work designing curriculum that meets the learning needs of all students so that they can achieve benchmark performance in those disciplines
- **Lincoln Middle School program report:**
  - **Science Bowl**

#### Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- The **60 acres purchased as a future elementary/middle school** campus is in the process of turning it to a lease property for continued farming until the time comes, indicated by space needs, to build.
  - This was for information purposes only, but if the amount anticipated to get the property ready for lease exceeds \$10,000, then it will have to go out to bid
- Due to new **Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) rules and regulations**, the Pullman School District (PSD) will have to **stop relying on Pullman Transit for transportation of students** who reside within the Pullman City Limits.
  - The city has requested of FTA that they renew PSDs contract for a year to provide the time to plan for the adjustment
  - This will impact the number of buses, number of drivers, and start/end times for routes
  - District is in the process of collecting data, and doing research to inform decisions
- Food Service director has been applying for state/federal grants to continue to develop the **scratch cooking offerings** at PSD schools
- **LMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade ASB fees proposed to increase** from \$20 per student per academic year to \$25 per student per year which would make it the same as the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade ASB fees, due primarily to increased offerings in clubs for that grade level
- **PHS increase in art class fees** from \$20 to \$25 to cover increases in supply costs