

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District State of the District Date: 22 June 2022

Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 45 minutes

Members Present: Jim Evermann, Susan Weed, Allison Munch-Rotolo

Members Absent: Nathan Roberts, Amanda Tanner

Other District Personnel Present: Bob Maxwell, Roberta Kramer, Diane Hodge, Courtney Hodge

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Quality of Instruction:

- **Social and Emotional Learning**
 - Second Step Elementary
 - Look at new instrument for evaluation though (SAEBRS) principals are disappointed in the data (or lack there-of)
 - Middle School and High School programming will continue for one more year to implement better training for teachers
- **Summer School**
 - Nationwide shortage of teachers, teachers are exhausted from the pandemic, PSD will likely not be able to fill all the positions
 - High School summer school just started yesterday
 - 27 students have returned interest in the **English Language Arts** 3rd and 4th grade sessions

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- **Annual Budget Presentation**
 - Budget is about 1.6 million in the negative, but there is a carryover fund balance of 4.1 million
 - Staffing is higher than our FTE indicates it should be in order to maintain smaller class sizes in response to learning loss due to Covid-19
 - Lost 192 FTE during the pandemic (2019-2021)
 - Down about 50 students from last year (majority of students lost during the pandemic returned)
 - Up 5 students for next year thus far
 - 2.6 million over in budget for next year considering the carryover
- Although voters approved a certain **levy amount**, the actual rate is lower (e.g., levy request 5.3 million which translated to a projected rate of \$2.20 but an actual rate of \$2.05 in the end), that is a good thing
- All capital projects are finished except for the Pioneer center renovation

Public Meetings of interest to League:

Full Budget Presentation to be given at the 27 July 2022 School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM,
Pullman High School