

# League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District State of the District Date: 10 August 2022

Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 45 minutes

Members Present: Allison Munch-Rotolo, Amanda Tanner, Jim Evermann

Other District Personnel Present: Bob Maxwell, Joe Thornton, Diane Hodge

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

Members Absent: Nathan Roberts, Susan Weed

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

### Quality of Instruction:

- School Board has made a commitment to attending **training regarding professional learning communities** in order to best support the educational staff who are all engaged in PLCs
- 2596 head count at that time
  - 2605 was the count at the end of last year
  - 119 in the process of enrolling so the number is expected to increase
  - **Good news that enrollment is almost back to normal**

### Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- **School meal prices** for 2022-2023 school year were approved since they align with the current reimbursement from the federal government
- Since 2016, **PSD does not lease copiers but rather purchases them**
  - This change was made in anticipation of changes to Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures that would require a medium-term lease such as a five-year lease to be completely accounted for in the first year
  - As of year-end 2021, PSD has no leased copiers
  - The new accounting rules went into effect at the end of August, 2022
  - The auditors have said that PSD can deviate from this practice so long as in their policy they state a threshold limit above which they will not undertake with regard to any medium-term lease (the district is proposing 1% as a threshold) but also is not leasing anything longer than one year based upon frequently changing circumstances
- **Census-led redrawing of board member maps** have been studied and discussed and **redrawn** to balance the number of residents represented by any particular board member
  - Districts are only about the board member, a board member must live in the zone they represent, does not affect school catchment zones, nor does it affect the voters who vote for any board member regardless of the zone within which the voter lives