

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District State of the District Date: 24 August 2022

Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 52 minutes

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

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

Others Present: _____

Members Absent: _____

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Quality of Instruction:

- Full **development of social and emotional development curriculum requirements** are being completed for anticipated changes to be required in 2023-2024 school year, all the primary schools have been working with the selected curriculum for several years, Lincoln middle school has been working with their selected curriculum starting last year and Pullman High School is continuing work on selection of materials for use next year
- **Language Access**—goal to engage families and they have an obligation to do that, liaison/coordinator appointed (likely Dr. Kramer), reporting requirements, full implementation in 2023-2024, accurately and efficiently to identify affected families, oral interpretation already do, provide written interpretation, board will periodically review, collect family feedback, annually review district's spending, are paid for building budgets, or program budget, sometimes curriculum budget, all major documents (depends on your definition of 'major' document)
 - **45-50 different languages in PSD**, for a small district, that can be a big financial expenditure

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- **All capital projects are now complete**, that is Lincoln middle school expansion, the HVAC upgrades at Sunnyside, Franklin, and Jefferson elementary schools, and the Transportation Co-op
- Board approved the **Whitman Country Transportation Cooperative Commissioning report**
 - The commissioning report is given by the engineering company contracted to ensure that all complex systems in new construction for the district are installed properly and functioning properly
 - The transportation cooperative commissioning report itself is about 20 pages in length with the other 500 or so pages being comprised of the engineering firm's weekly reports on the progress of construction
 - The complexity of the various building systems (e.g. HVAC, electrical, and so on) makes the hiring of an outside auditor with expertise in those areas well worth the investment
 - The state of WA requires that the board approve the certificate of completion of the construction and a full inspection by the state once the board signs off on the certificate and the commissioning report since the state provided much of the funding for the project