

# League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District Date: 9 August 2023

Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 41 minutes

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

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

Others Present: Meg Golnick, Morann Johnson, Dr. Viergutz, Cheyanne Cochran

Members Absent: Nathan Roberts, Roberta Kramer

**Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:** *Include in this section 1) issues discussed that relate to League priorities or positions. Do you recommend local league action? If so, please refer to the League position that supports your suggestion.*

## **Quality of Instruction:**

- “Aspects of School Safety”
  - Mostly pro-active and also includes:
    - Environmental Health
    - Food Safety
    - Outdoor Spaces
    - Building Safety and Security
    - Social Emotional Learning
  - Annual inspections
  - Safety projects
    - Vector solutions (on-line reporting)
    - safeSCHOOLS training modules
    - cameras
  - locked outside doors.
  - controlled entry in all schools
  - Pro-active
    - Vector solutions
    - Threat assessment
    - Social emotional learning
    - First aid training
    - Annual inspection of all vehicles (40 vehicles)
    - Green cleaning
    - Quarterly safety meetings
    - Building safety drills (at least once per month)
    - SRO office at high school
    - Annual inspection fire department
    - Active shooter trainings
  - New initiatives
    - Updating comprehensive school safety plan aligned to regional plans.
    - Safety summit
    - Updated emergency handbook with “visual” bullets for quick lookups.
- Dr. **Sutton** of WSU, needed to reschedule with admin. group due to emergency.
- Assessment plan for 2023-2024 approved.

## **Responsible Use of Public Funds:**

- Pay school-based mental health professionals appropriately so that we do not lose them!
  - 2019 teen suicide
  - Dr. Viergutz was hired shortly after that.
  - Next year's budget does NOT include an increase in pay for them.
- In comparison to other school districts of comparable size, these positions are missing completely.
- Passed 2023-2024 budget, no public commented during public comment period.
- Meal price increases approved.
- State and Federal grants applications approval.
- Building Secretaries Bargaining Agreement for 2023-2026
  - Minimal changes
    - Revised salary schedule with wage increases
    - Fixed grammatical errors
    - Procedural changes to reflect current practices and changes to law.