

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District Date: 9 October 2024
Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1 hour 41 minutes
Members Present: Nathan Roberts, Amanda Tanner, Craig Nelson, Lisa Waananen Jones, Arron Carter

Other District Personnel Present: Diane Hodge, Roberta Kramer, Bob Maxwell, Juston Pollestad (Director of Operations), Kelsey Winningham (JES Principal)

Others Present: _

Members Absent:

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:

- DEIB Task Force—nine total members including four students (membership names included in prior report)
 - Agenda item suggestions for their first meeting
- Artificial Intelligence task force has been put together
 - Will meet to discuss and begin to put together draft guidelines
- Survey on student cellphone/smartphone policy and procedure results
 - Still at the information gathering/discussion level
 - Aggregating comments

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- Interlocal agreement negotiations
 - Military hill park is a focus of discussion, city working through city attorney currently to draft language
 - Another meeting is scheduled for the end of October
- Ballot Initiatives and their possible effect on school funding
 - 2109 repealing capital gains tax, repeal excise tax, would decrease funding k-12, higher ed, early learning, and childcare
 - 2117 currently goes to transportation some of which goes to schools, indoor air quality, energy assessment grants to school districts
- 81 students transferred out of PSD last school year
 - Majority in grades K and 1
 - Slight increase of transfers out over time
- 78 students transferring in

Public Meetings of interest to League: *Were there any public meetings announced that you think League members may be interested in attending and/or becoming involved with that relate to League positions?*

NOTICE: Community Listening Session & Board Work Session - October 16, 2024

The Pullman Public Schools Board of Directors will hold a Community Listening Session on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 from 5:30pm-6:30pm and will then convene into a Board Work Session from 6:30pm-7:30pm. The community listening session and the board work session will be held in the Commons of Lincoln Middle School, located at 315 SE Crestview St, Pullman, Washington. *The specific business to be transacted is the following:*

Community Listening Session:

Community members are invited to have an open dialogue with the school board to share their thoughts on the following topics:

1. Transportation
2. Aquatic Center
3. Facilities Improvements