

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District Date: 17 April 2024
 Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 45 minutes
 Members Present: Nathan Roberts, Arron Carter, Craig Nelson, Lisa Waananen Jones, Amanda Tanner

Other District Personnel Present: Joe Thornton, Diane Hodge, Roberta Kramer, Juston Pollestad (PHS 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:

- Parent teacher conferences in March were very well attended
- The School Board is working on a new system of Superintendent evaluation to begin in the 2024-2025 school year
- District has been criticized by state evaluation of Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the area of Sports Medicine
 - It has been difficult to find an instructor for that course
 - Low student interest
 - Dropped class from offerings for next school year
 - District in discussion with Pullman Regional Hospital for Health Sciences courses more broadly to answer the criticism of the state in regard to that aspect of CTE
 - Hope to have a class running in 2025-2026 school year
- Aligning handbooks for students, family, and staff to state produced “model language” with regard to Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying is being undertaken by the Superintendent
 - Policies and procedures and flow charts have been updated handbooks take a bit longer b/c of changes in graduation requirements that often result from the legislative session

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- High level of turnover at Jefferson ES which is losing 5 teachers at the end of the school year
 - Free and reduced qualifying numbers average over the last three years was over 51% at Jefferson and over 45% at Kamiak

Free/Reduced Price Lunch % by Building & School District

NOTE: JES/KES are CEP so they do not collect f/r meal applications which does factor in their numbers.

School Name	2024-25 FINAL FRPL% based on Oct. 2023 Data	2023-24 FINAL FRPL% based on Oct. 2022 Data	2022-23 FINAL FRPL% based on Oct. 2021 Data	3 Year Average for 2024-25 Eligibility
Franklin Elementary	24.30%	21.81%	27.03%	24.31%
Jefferson Elementary	47.74%	57.47%	48.27%	51.49%
Kamiak Elementary	46.75%	44.47%	44.51%	45.24%
Sunrise Elementary	19.00%	16.79%	16.33%	17.37%
Lincoln Middle School	30.90%	33.05%	30.15%	31.37%
Pullman High School	27.72%	26.15%	26.56%	26.81%

- Forum for Principal candidates for Jefferson Elementary School on 18 April 2024 was very poorly attended, only three parents showed up, staff session prior to parent/community forum was well attended
- One question that came up from the parents who were there was how the administrator candidates would back staff up when there is a disruptive student in their class

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?*

- The Assistant Superintendent candidate forum that was cancelled abruptly b/c two of the three applicants withdrew their application has not been rescheduled