

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District Date: 24 April 2024
Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1 hour 7 minutes
Members Present: Nathan Roberts, Arron Carter, Craig Nelson, Lisa Waananen Jones, Amanda Tanner

Other District Personnel Present: Joe Thornton, Diane Hodge, Roberta Kramer, Cameron Grow (LMS 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:

- Student, parent, athletic/activities handbooks approved
- Student ambassador program extends down to LMS (was started at PHS three years ago)

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- Sustainability committee
 - Has one PHS student member, would like to expand student participation
 - PHS Students attended the Washington State sustainability summit
 - Probably through a CTE class or FFA since there is only one student on the committee
 - The students work and attendance is not related to the sustainability committee
 - Kamiak greenhouse plans, two years in the making, but should be installed by the end of May
 - Committee has received several grants
 - Clean school bus grant not applied for by the committee, reflects the district's on-going purchase of electric buses which is now partially funded by the State per a new law passed in the 2024 session
 - By the fall of 2025, the district will have three electric buses
 - EV charging grant through Avista application turned in
 - WSDA farm grant, not applied for by the sustainability committee, a school cafeteria endeavor
 - \$20,000 for purchased farm produce within 100 miles of Pullman
 - Outdoor education school grant \$61,000 not applied for by the sustainability committee, something that has been on-going for over 30 years
 - Phoenix Conservancy—Monarch Grant for butterfly native pollinator habitat at PHS
 - Priorities of the committee:
 - Reducing food waste
 - Composting
 - Reducing packaging waste
 - Curriculum and coursework
 - CTE professional development considerations
 - Comprehensive plan for creating outdoor green spaces on school campuses

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?*

- Assistant Superintendent vacancy still on-going, no rescheduling of a candidate forum yet
- Hired (as expected) Kelsey Winningham as new principal for JES
- Hired Kathi Keefer as new principal at FES

Process & Protocol: (Observations about participants and procedures of the meeting)

e.g., Did the members appear to have done their “homework”? Were members courteous to each other and the public? Was access to materials for certain agenda items available to you?

Your additional comments/opinions:

Reminders 😊

A LWV Observer is impartial, silent, and respectful. It is, however, acceptable to ask questions **for clarification** following the meeting.

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