

# League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District Date: 14 August 2024  
Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 56 minutes  
Members Present: Nathan Roberts, Amanda Tanner, Arron Carter

Other District Personnel Present: Diane Hodge, Bob Maxwell

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Members Absent: Craig Nelson, Lisa Waananen Jones

**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:**

- Social Media use forum—first one last spring, will there be more?
  - There is a second documentary and a third documentary
  - Involves a cost
  - What is the Chromebook use policy?
    - Building by building and teacher by teacher
      - Issue: Students rushing through assignments and then just playing on them
    - No current district-wide policy
    - LMS and PHS have cell phone use policies that are slightly different b/c they are aligned to age-related appropriate focus
- Task force for DEIB participation applications
  - First meeting in mid-October

### Selection Process

Members of the DEIB Task Force were selected through an application process open to the entire community. We were fortunate to receive a strong number of applications from individuals passionate about making a positive impact within the district.

The selection process involved a thorough review and ranking of each application by the Pullman School District Board of Directors. Board members evaluated applicants based on their experience, perspectives, and demonstrated commitment to DEIB principles. The final appointments were made during a regular board meeting, where the top-ranked candidates were chosen to serve on the task force.

The district's DEIB Task Force will address DEIB issues relevant to the district and its schools and will submit their findings and recommendations to the superintendent and/or board, following Policy and Procedure 4110.

### Task Force Members:

- Pullman High School Student Representatives
  - Ahmad Alssalem
  - Libby Pyo
  - Daun Park
  - Retal Abdellatiffe
- Community Member Representatives
  - Ashley Boyd
  - Bekah Miller MacPhee
  - Stephany RunningHawk Johnson
- Pullman School District Staff Representative
  - Courtney Hodge
- Pullman School District Administrator Representative
  - Cheyenne Webber
- Board Member Representative
  - Craig Nelson
  - (Alternate) Nathan Roberts

- PLC (Professional Learning Communities) Conference in Spokane
  - 30 Staff attended
    - Focus on designing instruction around essential standards for all students
    - PSD is seeing really good student growth data related to this work
  - Saved money b/c this year the conference was held in Spokane and on the West side of the state making attendance much cheaper for Eastern WA teachers
- Student Handbook Discussion:
  - Plagiarism, cheating language?
    - Superintendent will gather information
    - Chat GPT should be added
      - Guidelines rather than policy b/c of how quickly things are changing

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

- Boys and Girls Club will be doing after school programming
  - Franklin and Kamiak are the sites
  - The directors for each site have been hired
  - 25 students at each site for now hopefully to double in size
  - Transportation to get students from North end and South to closest site
- Small schools studies and survey grant for \$37,000
  - Depending on the amount of money eligible for the projects which have already been reported on in July 2024 Board Report
- Enrollment:
  - 2701 headcount with some of those students could be part-time
  - 77 headcount pending
  - Good numbers at this point
  - 131 with 23 pending for kindergarten—hoping for 185, so less than that
  - 248 in third grade, one teacher moved from Franklin to Jefferson at third grade already
  - 259 PHS senior class
- Board unanimously approved update of school district facilities rental fee schedule