

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District Board of Directors

Date: 9/10/2025

Observer Reporting: Anderson Brian

Length of Meeting: 54 minutes

Members Present: Amanda Tanner, Lisa Waananen Jones, Craig Nelson, Nathan Roberts

Members Absent: Arron Carter

Others Present (e.g., media, public): Hills and Rivers Housing Trust

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. 2) links to further information available on an issue, if available.*

Child Care - The current slots available for the Boys and Girls Clubs after school programs are filled, and the District is in talks with the Club to expand slots, and perhaps add a new site next year.

Housing - Hills and Rivers Housing Trust is expanding to Pullman and gave a public comment expressing interest in partnering with the District in unspecified ways. More of a notice of intent to work on affordable housing in Pullman.

Whitman County Health Services - Franklin Elementary's school psychologist gave a presentation about the services they provide to students surrounding social emotional learning and mental health.

Education - PHS principal gave an overview of Alternative Learning Experience (ALE), which is online and summer school classes provided by the High School to students. Focuses on "credit recovery" meaning those who have failed a class and need to make up the credits to stay on track for graduation.

Education - District is implementing a new internet filter software called Linewize that allows for more effective filtering of specific internet domains, while allowing teachers more control over what students can access on the internet during class. They said that last year the top 2 domains visited in schools were google, then YouTube. This year YouTube is 26th after the implementation of Linewize. It seems like there is also functionality for parents to use the software. Not sure about that.

Education - The Superintendent presented revised Student Discipline standards from the state, and they discussed adopting a Civility in the Workplace policy document that is provided, but not mandated by the state. Board Member Jones expressed some hesitation

that this policy, if adopted, could be used in ways that are not constructive.

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?*

There is a listening session with the PSD Board on October 15th 5:30-6:30 at Lincoln Middle School about Family Engagement, Community Engagement and Partnerships, and Communication.

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?*

They were courteous and had questions.

Your additional comments/opinions:

Reminders 😊

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