

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District Date: 8 January 2025
Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 2 hours 18 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), Kathi Keefer (Franklin Elementary Principal), Sarah Davis (Franklin Core+), Ann Lee (Franklin Core+), Tyler Craigie (Information and Instructional Technology Supervisor)

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:

- Committee working on policy regarding use of generative AI
 - Learning Improvement Day (LID) with workshops on this subject is scheduled
- New position and hire—90-day plan
 - First 30 days
 - Listen to stakeholders
 - Next 30 days
 - System evaluation
 - Last 30 days
 - Execute strategic goals effectively
- Equity Update
 - Three meetings so far of the and elected chair, discussed surveys
 - Three goals
 - Not hearing a lot of the complaints that drove the creation of this committee
 - So, thinking about a new survey—decided to use the CCE survey instead
 - But, this survey may not happen b/c of the expense, it is NOT in the current budget
 - Group may create on rather than pay for the CCE which is very expensive (\$25,000 for only 140 responses)
 - Will reach out to CORE to see if they are hearing feedback (Director Roberts)
- Nonresident Students (out-of-district students)
 - Outdated
 - Needs to be adjusted
 - Need to align with Washington State Directors model policy
 - Small changes to formatting
 - Added language about student-signed contract regarding behavior/academics
 - Acceptance is for one year only
 - Revocation (only at the end of the school year not during the school year)

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- Transportation
 - Who is allowed onto PSD buses and who is not allowed

- Policy covers student parents and their young children
 - passed
- Finance Committee is going to meet every month during the State legislative session due to the overwhelming concern about budget shortfalls across the State
- Board has a Communication Plan for sharing information about the state of financing education in the State
 - Another Listening Session with the Board to be held in March (later than March 14th) regarding the direction of the State legislature as it relates to funding
- Board Operating Protocols—Annual Review
 - Last year the process took a long time and made many changes
 - Board members sign it anew each year
- Resolution of Staff Complaints
 - Updates to assure aligns with state model policy
- Policy Governance-Based Superintendent Evaluation
 - Several meetings with WSSDA
 - Presentation discussed: Policy-based or Standards-based (current revised in 2021, prior to then there was basically no process and definitely no on-going evaluation)
 - Pilot process with WSSDA
 - Two Alternatives for developing the policy which will be reviewed by WSSDA
 - Written by President/Superintendent based upon State presentation of Policy-based
 - Constant and consistent review of monitoring different reports upon how the Superintendent is implementing the district policies
 - Work still needs to be done
 - How Board will express dissatisfaction?
 - Director Carter has some suggestions on the Standards-based that he will be distributing to the other Board members for subsequent discussion
 - Outcome driven
 - Suggestions based more on the procedure
 - Studied what other districts do
 - Increase points of conversation from twice/year to thrice/year
 - Rubric standard with normalizations evaluation
 - Board members have to write why they are scoring high/low (as opposed to in the middle)