



Pullman School District

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday June 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Location

Paul R. Sturm Community/Board Room
Pullman High School
510 NW Greyhound Way
Pullman, WA 99163

Directors Present

Amanda Tanner, Arron Carter, Lisa Waananen Jones, Nathan Roberts

Directors Absent

Craig Nelson

Guests Present

Bob Maxwell, Courtney Hodge, Diane Hodge, Juston Pollestad

I. Opening Items**A. Record Attendance****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Nathan Roberts called a meeting of the board of directors of Pullman School District to order on Wednesday Jun 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

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C. Flag Salute

D. Land Acknowledgement Statement

E. Approval of Agenda

Changes to the agenda:

- Personnel Report Addendum – Added as consent agenda item
- Payroll Warrant Authorization – Added as consent agenda item

Arron Carter made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Amanda Tanner seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Reports, Correspondence & Program

A. Board Reports

- Arron Carter: Shared that he is working on a community update article to be published in August and invited fellow board members to share any topics they'd like included. Board members suggested covering ongoing issues such as the path project and the Aquatic Center, encouraging community involvement. Additional ideas included highlighting school supply needs and promoting the Kiwanis "Stuff the Bus" donation drive, including how the community and board members can support the effort. Board Director Carter noted that other organizations are also involved in supporting the event.
- Lisa Waananen Jones: No report.
- Amanda Tanner: No report.
- Nathan Roberts: No report.

B. Superintendent's Report

- Introduced our new administrative hires, Elizabeth Pavlik, the new Franklin Elementary Principal, and Cheyenne Webber who is continuing her leadership as the Principal of Kamiak Elementary. Principal Pavlik and Principal Webber provided a brief background and noted what they are looking forward to in these new positions.
- Received email regarding Johnson Property to start the application process for the title which will then lead to the selling of the property.
- Purchase and sales agreement on the Pullman Aquatic Center is underway.

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- Working on short-term interlocal agreement for September-December with the City of Pullman and then will work on a more permanent interlocal agreement.

C. A Community of Belonging - Update

The board recently approved adding a new member to the DEIB Task Force to represent the community of individuals with disabilities. Discussion focused on how to recruit this new member and replace student members who have graduated. Board members suggested reviewing previous applications, particularly from individuals who identified with this perspective, before issuing a new call for applications. There was support for also reaching out to students and encouraging reapplication from those who previously applied. Board Director Roberts will review existing applications with Board Director Nelson, make recommendations, and develop a plan to finalize membership by July.

III. Public Comment

A. Speakers

Written Public Comment Submitted to the Board by Chris Cook (*Read aloud by Amanda Tanner*)

Topic: A written comment was submitted by a representative of the Garfield-Palouse Track & Field program expressing gratitude to Lincoln Middle School Principal Cameron Grow and Assistant Athletic Director Amy Caessens. The letter thanked them for their generosity in providing access to the LMS track facility during the season, noting that LMS was the only school to respond to their requests. The writer highlighted the positive impact on their athletes and praised Cameron Grow and Amy Caessens for their leadership, empathy, and support.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes - June 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Arron Carter made a motion to approve the minutes as part of the consent agenda from Regular Board Meeting on 06-11-25.

Lisa Waananen Jones seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Minutes - June 18, 2025 Board Work Session

Arron Carter made a motion to approve the minutes as part of the consent agenda from Board Work Session on 06-18-25.

Lisa Waananen Jones seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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Personnel Report

D. Professional/Personal Services Contracts

E. Warrants

F. Student Transfer Requests

G. Budget Status Report

H. Consent Agenda Approval (Items A-G)

Arron Carter made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Lisa Waananen Jones seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Discussion Items

A. Pullman School District - ZEN Solar Power Purchase Agreements

Presenter: Juston Pollestad, Executive Director of Operations and David Funk, ZEN Solar Representative

Mr. Funk provided an update on the ZEN Solar proposal, summarizing key points from a previous presentation and outlining next steps. The project includes installing solar panels at four district facilities—Pullman High School, Lincoln Middle School, Kamiak Elementary, and the Transportation Facility—under separate Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) at a fixed rate per kilowatt-hour. There is no cost to the district for the first 10 years, after which the district has the option to purchase the systems. The estimated net energy savings is approximately \$3 million, which must be used to support low-income students. ZEN Solar will handle installation and ongoing maintenance, and the panels are expected to last 30–40 years. Insurance for the systems would typically be provided by the district, with reimbursement from ZEN. Renewable energy credits will be owned by ZEN, with any monetized revenue shared with the district.

In response to board member questions, the ZEN representative clarified that each project would take about two years to complete, and insurance coverage would begin once a system is fully operational. While 2D site plans and stamped electrical drawings are standard, 3D renderings may be possible at some locations, such as Lincoln Middle School, where panels would be more visible. The representative confirmed that while no existing grant funding is included for student learning components, ZEN can provide system data to support student engagement and analysis in career-path programs. Annual reporting on the program's impact is required, and PRWA can assist with fund aggregation and compliance. Regarding damage, ZEN will monitor the systems remotely and cover repairs unless the damage is caused by the district, in which case the district

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would cover the cost. The representative also explained that solar panel replacement strategies include storing extra panels on-site for future use, though evolving technology may influence how replacements are managed. The board will continue reviewing the proposals and determine next steps.

B. Resolution 24-25:11 Lease of Surplus Real Property - Pioneer Center

Presenter: Juston Pollestad, Executive Director of Operations

The Pioneer Center contains classrooms, offices, and storage space that are not currently needed for school district purposes. In accordance with District Policy 6112, outlining the general process for leasing surplus real property not currently needed for school district purposes, the district is initiating the process to lease a portion of this facility and proceed with the advertisement in the paper for 45 days as required.

Amanda Tanner made a motion to move Resolution 24-25:11 Lease of Surplus Real Property - Pioneer Center to an action item.

Arron Carter seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Board Director Tanner clarified this is not the actual lease but the approval of the advertisement of the surplus real property.

Amanda Tanner made a motion to approve Resolution 24-25:11 Lease of Surplus Real Property - Pioneer Center.

Arron Carter seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Executive or Closed Session

A. Personnel and Negotiations

N. Roberts announced there will be an Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Negotiations that will end at 7:50pm.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nathan Roberts

Documents used during the meeting

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- Board Report - 6.25.2025 Personnel.pdf
- Admin Salary Schedule 2025-2026.pdf
- Board Report - 6.25.2025 Personnel - Addendum.pdf
- Board Report - Contracts 6.25.2025.pdf
- CK Summaries 6.25.25.pdf
- Payroll Warrant Authorization Form_June 2025.pdf
- 2025 06.25 Regular Board Meeting - Student Transfer Requests.pdf
- Budget Status Report May.2025.pdf
- ES ZEN Solar Power Purchase Agreement 6.25.25.pdf
- Pullman SD Community Solar Project Update.pdf
- ZEN Power Purchase Agreement_Pullman SD_Pullman HS.pdf
- ZEN Power Purchase Agreement_Pullman SD_Kamiak ES.pdf
- ZEN Power Purchase Agreement_Pullman SD_Lincoln MS.pdf
- ZEN Power Purchase Agreement_Pullman SD_Bus Depot.pdf
- ES Lease of Surplus Real Property - Pioneer Center 6.25.25.pdf
- Resolution 24-25-11 LEASE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY.pdf
- June Administrative Requirements Update.pdf
- Expense Claim Audit Comm Update Schedule.pdf
- Board of Directors Communication Plan 2024-2025_1.22.25.pdf
- The Pullman Promise.pdf

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