



## Pullman School District

# Minutes

### Board Work Session

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday October 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

Lincoln Middle School  
315 SE Crestview St.  
Pullman, WA 99163

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#### Directors Present

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

#### Directors Absent

None

#### Guests Present

Bob Maxwell, Courtney Hodge, Ryan Mulvey

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Arron Carter called a meeting of the board of directors of Pullman School District to order on Wednesday Oct 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

*Arron Carter*

Signed by Arron Carter on 10/28/2025

## II. Agenda Items

### A. Community Listening Session Debrief

The Board reflected on community feedback gathered from the listening session, which was organized into two discussion groups—Elementary and Middle/High School—and focused on three themes: Family Engagement, Community Engagement & Partnerships, and Communication.

#### **Family Engagement:**

- ParentSquare was recognized as a valuable communication tool, with a suggestion to allow parents and guardians to add additional guardians to direct message threads for improved communication.
- Board members discussed the importance of curriculum nights but noted challenges with low attendance.
- Discussion centered on special education transitions, emphasizing the need for:
  - A structured vision or model for supporting students transitioning from high school to adulthood.
  - Increased collaboration with local businesses, WSU, and agencies to expand placement opportunities.
  - Practical skill-building opportunities (e.g., food handler permits, rental applications) to support independence.
  - Gather parent and administrator input to refine the transition process.

The Board discussed how this work could connect to Board goals, potentially developing a Transition Services Model and regularly receiving progress updates.

#### **Community Engagement & Partnerships:**

The Board discussed the need for clear, accessible pathways for community members and organizations to connect with schools.

Ideas included:

- Creating a centralized list or form for community partners interested in volunteering or providing services.
- Hosting a district parent night to build family-community connections.
- Documenting and streamlining how staff and partners can engage with one another.
- Exploring ways to automate community partner sign-ups on the district website, with consideration for including a background check process to help ensure safety and alignment with district protocols.
- Considering input from the DEIB Task Force or other advisory groups to help design a consistent partnership process.

*Arron Carter*

Signed by Arron Carter on 10/28/2025

**Communication:**

The Board emphasized continuing to streamline district communication through ParentSquare and ensuring families and partners understand the available communication channels.

**III. 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 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arron Carter

*Arron Carter*

Signed by Arron Carter on 10/28/2025