



## Pullman School District

# Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

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### Date and Time

Wednesday February 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM

### Location

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

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### Directors Present

Craig Nelson, Deena Bayoumi, Lisa Waananen Jones, Stephanie Horn

### Directors Absent

Arron Carter

### Guests Present

Bob Maxwell, Courtney Hodge, Diane Hodge, Juston Pollestad, Ryan Mulvey

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Lisa Waananen Jones called a meeting of the board of directors of Pullman School District to order on Wednesday Feb 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

*Arron Carter*

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**C. Flag Salute**

**D. Land Acknowledgement Statement**

**E. Approval of Agenda**

Change to the agenda:

- ASB Fundraisers - Added as consent agenda item

Craig Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda.

Stephanie Horn seconded the motion.

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

**II. Reports, Correspondence & Program**

**A. PHS ASB Report**

The PHS ASB student representative provided an update on recent ASB activities:

- The past two weeks have focused on TOLO and related activities. Funds raised from this event will support next year's prom.
- The Equity Committee organized a "Blind Date with a Book" event in recognition of Valentine's Day.
- Winter athletics seasons are underway, with several teams experiencing notable success; highlights were shared.
- Prom is the next major upcoming event.

**B. Board Reports**

- **Stephanie Horn:** Shared observations of the PLC process and expressed interest in exploring ways to highlight this work with the broader community. Noted a desire to continue observing the PLC process across all school buildings. Provided an update from the Curriculum Advisory Council (CAC) which included new course offerings at PHS and the addition of new literature books. Appreciation was shared for community members who have reached out and engaged in the work.
- **Deena Bayoumi:** Visited Sunnyside Elementary to observe PLC work in Kindergarten and 4th grade classrooms. Described the experience as highly informative and emphasized the importance of helping the community better understand the depth of effort and collaboration involved in the PLC process..
- **Craig Nelson:** Attended a Sustainability Committee meeting, where plans for roof replacements at FES and JES were discussed, including the installation of solar panels on various school/district buildings. The committee also explored using portions of existing property to establish Native Prairie area.

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- **Lisa Waananen Jones:** Shared that the JES PTA met last week to outline plans for the spring. Appreciation was expressed for volunteers' time and donations, and noted that there are still lots of opportunities for community involvement.

### **C. Superintendent's Report**

Provided an update on athletics, noting continued success among sports teams. Has been attending PTA, PTO, and booster meetings and encouraged community involvement. A legislative update was shared, with details available in the staff weekly report and community newsletter, emphasizing the importance of advocating for K–12 education.

### **D. Program Reports**

#### **Pullman High School Showcase - Visual/Performing Arts Report**

Presenter: Jerrod Fleury, Pullman High School Principal

Pullman High School's Drama Club performed an excerpt from their upcoming production of Frozen: The Broadway Musical. Advisor Andy Mielke, PHS Band, Choir, and Drama Teacher, provided background on the club and the production. Students shared what Drama Club means to them, and appreciation was expressed to the PHS Boosters Club and the community for their support.

#### **Sunnyside Elementary Showcase**

Presenter: Pam Brantner, Sunnyside Elementary Principal

Principal Brantner introduced Elementary Support Specialist Kelli Cox, who shared an overview of Sunnyside's School Counseling Program. The presentation highlighted efforts to make counseling accessible to all students, including a student lounge, whole- and small-group instructional lessons, and targeted support based on data screener results. The greenhouse was also noted as a tool to engage and motivate students through gardening.

#### **Nutrition Services Update**

Presenter: Jessie Campbell, Nutrition Services Supervisor

Supervisor Campbell provided an update on the district's Nutrition Services program, including information on unpaid meal balances, the school meal application process, and school meal pattern requirements—highlighting new guidelines to reduce added sugar and allow reduced-fat and whole milk options. Updates were also shared on the incorporation of scratch cooking equipment and recipes into school menus. Regarding the Farm-to-School program, it was noted that previous grant funding is no longer available, though some funds remain set aside to support local foods.

### **E. A Community of Belonging - Update**

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The DEIB Task Force is scheduled to meet next week. Superintendent Maxwell highlighted that NEWESD 101 will be hosting another equity summit and strongly recommended participation.

### III. Public Comment

#### A. Speakers

**Speaker: Nathalie Herrin**

Topic(s): District leadership, operations, and staffing.

**Speaker: Willma Fields**

Topic(s): Superintendent contract extension.

**Speaker: Gabriel Wofford**

Topic(s): Student wellness and holistic education.

### IV. Consent Agenda

#### A. Minutes - January 28, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Craig Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as part of the consent agenda from Regular Board Meeting on 01-28-26.

Stephanie Horn seconded the motion.

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

#### B. Minutes - February 4, 2026 Board Work Session

Craig Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as part of the consent agenda from Board Work Session on 02-04-26.

Stephanie Horn seconded the motion.

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

#### C. Personnel Report

#### D. Professional/Personal Services Contracts

#### E. Warrants

#### F. Student Transfer Requests

#### G. ASB Fundraisers

#### H. Consent Agenda Approval

Craig Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Stephanie Horn seconded the motion.

*Arron Carter*

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

## V. Action Items

### A. 5011 Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited

This item was presented at the last meeting and no questions have been received since it was last presented.

Craig Nelson made a motion to approve the revisions to Policy 5011 Harassment of District Staff Prohibited as presented.

Stephanie Horn seconded the motion.

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

### B. 6635 Use of Charter or Commercial Buses - NEW

#### **Presenter: Juston Pollestad, Executive Director of Operations**

This item, previously presented at the last meeting, received no additional questions since that time. One question was raised regarding flexibility of the 200-mile radius; it was clarified that flexibility would be allowed to ensure student participation in activities when all other options have been exhausted.

Stephanie Horn made a motion to approve the adoption of policy 6635 Use of Charter or Commercial Buses.

Craig Nelson seconded the motion.

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

## VI. Discussion Items

### A. Superintendent Contract Renewal

#### **Presenter: Board of Directors**

The board discussed the renewal and extension of the Superintendent's contract through 2029. Board Director Waananen Jones provided an overview of the contract process, noting that annual review and renewal is built into the superintendent contract, with March 1 as the deadline for the board's decision. It was clarified that this discussion is separate from the superintendent's evaluation process.

Board members confirmed that the contract length and annual renewal are standard, and in recent years, the item has been presented as a discussion item rather than on the consent agenda. Appreciation was expressed for the evaluation process, which occurs in executive session and includes review of relevant criteria and evidence. The mid-year evaluation was recently completed, with the final evaluation scheduled for June.

## VII. Informational Items

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**A. Administrative Requirements Update**

- February

**B. Current Enrollment**

**C. Expense Claim Audit - Community Update Board Schedule**

**D. Board Calendar**

**E. The Pullman Promise: Priorities, Goals, Success Indicators**

**VIII. Executive Session**

**A. Executive Session**

**L. Waananen Jones announced there will be an Executive Session to discuss the evaluation of public employees that will end at 8:15pm. No action will be taken.**

**IX. 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 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Waananen Jones

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- Board Report - 2.11.2026 Personnel.pdf
- Board Report - Contracts 2.11.2026.pdf
- CK Summaries 2.11.26.pdf
- 2026 02.11 Regular Board Meeting - Student Transfer Requests.pdf
- ASB Fundraiser - PHS Key Club\_Rose Sales 2.11.26.pdf
- ASB Fundraiser - PHS DECA\_Nationals Fundraiser 2.11.26.pdf
- ASB Fundraiser - PHS Football - Digital Greyhound Cards 2.11.26.pdf
- ASB Fundraiser - PHS FCCLA - Treat Sale 2.11.26.pdf
- ES 5011 Harassment of District Staff Prohibited 1.28.26.pdf
- 5011 Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited 1.28.26.pdf

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- ES 6635 Use of Charter-Commercial Buses NEW 1.28.26.pdf
- 6635 Use of Charter-Commercial Buses NEW 1.28.26.pdf
- Board Report - 2.11.2026 Personnel\_Supt Contract.pdf
- February Administrative Requirements Update.pdf
- Expense Claim Audit Comm Update Schedule.pdf
- 2025-2026 Board Meeting Content Calendar REV 6.9.25.pdf
- 2025-26 Strategic Plan Goals\_Priorities\_Success Indicators.pdf

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