



Pullman School District

Minutes

Board Work Session

Date and Time

Wednesday August 5, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Location

Pullman Public Schools
District Office - Community Room
240 SE Dexter St.
Pullman, WA 99163

Directors Present

Deena Bayoumi, Lisa Waananen Jones, Stephanie Horn

Directors Absent

Arron Carter, Craig Nelson

Guests Present

Bob Maxwell, Courtney Hodge, Ryan Mulvey

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 Aug 5, 2026 at 4:30 PM.

Arron Carter

Signed by Arron Carter on 8/24/2026

II. Agenda Items

A. Board of Distinction Application

The Board discussed the 2026 Board of Distinction application and potential essay themes. The Board expressed consensus around highlighting efforts to support students experiencing poverty and its continued, long-term focus on reducing chronic absenteeism. Additional areas discussed included school recognitions, consistent review of student data, alignment of school improvement goals with Board goals, and Board Director professional development. The Board also discussed connecting the Board Standards to the essay themes and demonstrating how the Board's ongoing work aligns with those standards.

B. Board Goals & Professional Development Plan

The Board reviewed the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Board Standards and confirmed that the focus for the 2026–2027 school year will remain on Standard 3 (Accountability) and Standard 5 (Community Engagement), consistent with district and Board goals.

The Board reviewed their board goals and will continue their focus on:

- Student attendance – chronic absenteeism (5th, 8th, and 9th grade)
- Increasing achievement for target populations in the subject areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics

The Board reviewed the upcoming professional learning schedule and discussed aligning professional development opportunities with these focus standards. The Board also discussed using work sessions to review the District's strategic plan priorities and success indicators.

C. Board Policy Review – Social Media Use for Board Directors

The Board discussed potential approaches to establishing guidelines for Board Director use of social media, including how to incorporate social media expectations into existing Board protocols rather than creating a standalone policy. Discussion included opportunities for soliciting community input through various platforms and incorporating social media-specific language into Board materials. The Board discussed reformatting 1101F2 to include a public forum section with applicable social media guidelines. Next steps include incorporating the draft social media policy from the District's Board policy materials into 1101F2 and developing language comparable to the District's social media registration form and code of conduct. The Board emphasized the importance of complying with the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) and establishing clear rules of engagement for social media use.

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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 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Waananen Jones

Documents used during the meeting

- 2026-2027 PSD Board of Directors Professional Development Plan.pdf
- 1101F2 Board Communication Protocols 8.27.25.pdf
- WSSDA 1815-Ethical Conduct for School Directors.pdf
- Social Media Policy Draft_Director Bayoumi.pdf

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