



Pullman School District

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday August 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Location

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

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

Bob Maxwell, Courtney Hodge, Danielle Lynas, Juston Pollestad, Ryan Mulvey

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 Aug 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

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C. Flag Salute

D. Land Acknowledgement Statement

E. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the consent agenda:

- Personnel Report Addendum
- Professional/Personal Services Contract Report

Lisa Waananen Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Deena Bayoumi seconded the motion.

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

II. Reports, Correspondence & Program

A. Board Reports

- **Stephanie Horn:** Noted the start of the new school year and expressed appreciation for the time spent at the Board retreat setting goals. Shared that she will serve as the Board liaison for Sunnyside Elementary and will share the Pullman High School liaison role with Board Director Carter.
- **Deena Bayoumi:** Shared information about Spartan Start-Up on August 18 from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on a drop-in schedule. A free health clinic, including sports physicals and additional information, will be available August 19 from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Noted the upcoming WSSDA General Assembly meeting, and is planning to participate via Zoom. Any proposals or amendments must be considered and submitted by the Board as a whole, with discussion taking place collectively. Shared that the DEIB Task Force will meet in September.
- **Craig Nelson:** Shared that Pullman FCCLA students represented the district at the national competition in Washington, D.C., in July and recognized the students and their advisor for the awards they received. Expressed concern that there has not yet been an update regarding hiring to fill the FCCLA advisor position following the passing of Melissa Mayer, emphasizing the importance of leadership in these positions. Also raised concern that PHS will not be offering Physics this year, requiring students to explore alternative options, and expressed a desire for positive updates regarding these concerns.
- **Lisa Waananen Jones:** Thanked everyone involved with the summer meal program and shared information about an upcoming work party at Jefferson Elementary School for the outdoor learning lab. Also expressed appreciation for the work and dedication of staff throughout the summer.
- **Arron Carter:** Shared that the Board had the opportunity to review its self-assessment during the week, which will help guide the Board's work and priorities

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for the upcoming school year. Noted that PHS will hold Greyhound Gear Up on Monday, August 17. Also shared that Kiwanis invited the Board to the Stuff the Bus kickoff luncheon.

B. Superintendent's Report

PSD staff, along with Board Director Bayoumi, are attending the PLC conference in Spokane. Expressed appreciation for staff who worked throughout the summer and shared that the district has reached out to school districts impacted by wildfires to offer support. Noted that Stuff the Bus is taking place this week and reminded families in need of school supplies that they can reach out to any school main office for assistance.

At Pullman High School, the district is working through staffing challenges related to overstaffing from the previous school year. The district is working closely with building administration to determine necessary adjustments while minimizing the impact on students. The timing presents additional challenges, and the district has elected to fill positions from within at this point in the year. The Superintendent acknowledged that there are many factors involved and shared that staff are working hard to address the staffing challenges and find solutions.

C. No Program Reports

D. A Community of Belonging - Update

No report.

III. Public Comment

A. Speaker(s)

Speaker: Henry McCloy

Topic(s): Speaker provided comment on the removal of the physics class for the 2026-2027 school year at Pullman High School. Asked the school board to reconsider that decision.

Speaker: Quinn Bartley-Peck

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IV. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes - July 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Craig Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as part of the consent agenda from Regular Board Meeting on 07-22-26.

Lisa Waananen Jones seconded the motion.

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

B. Minutes - August 5, 2026 Board Work Session

Craig Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as part of the consent agenda from Board Work Session on 08-05-26.

Lisa Waananen Jones seconded the motion.

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

C. Personnel Report

D. Warrants

The following vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.090, are approved for payment. In addition, payroll warrants in the amount of \$20,731.88 are also approved.

Fund: ASB

AP ACH Numbers 9000000001 through 9000000001, totaling \$4,876.24

Fund: Capital Projects

AP ACH Numbers 9000000002 through 9000000002, totaling \$9,968.35

Fund: General

Payroll warrants: Voucher numbers 26738208 through 26738208 totaling \$20,731.88

Check Numbers 26738210 through 26738247, totaling \$134,212.37

Check Numbers 26738248 through 26738249, totaling \$974.50

AP ACH Numbers 9000000003 through 9000000012, totaling \$10,133.03

AP ACH Numbers 9000000013 through 9000000013, totaling \$567.00

AP ACH Numbers 9000000000 through 9000000000, totaling \$63,870.77

E. Student Transfer Requests

F. Records Destruction Log

G. Professional/Personal Services Contract Report

H. Consent Agenda Approval

Craig Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items A-G).

Lisa Waananen Jones seconded the motion.

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

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V. Action Items

A. 2026-2027 School Meal Prices

Presenter: Juston Pollestad, Executive Director of Operations

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

Deena Bayoumi made a motion to adopt the 2026-2027 meal price schedule.

Craig Nelson seconded the motion.

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

B. 2026-2027 Assessment Plan

Presenter: Ryan Mulvey, Assistant Superintendent

This item was presented at the last meeting and no questions have been received since it was last presented. Reviewed the assessments required by the state along with the district. Noted there was a typo for the WA-AIM assessment that has been corrected on the website.

Stephanie Horn made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Assessment Plan for the Pullman School District.

Craig Nelson seconded the motion.

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

C. Board Policy 6100 Revenues from Local, State & Federal Sources

Presenter: Dani Lynas, Finance Director

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 adoption of Policy 6100 Revenues-Local State and Federal Sources.

Deena Bayoumi seconded the motion.

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

D. Annual Organizational Meeting

Presenter: Arron Carter, Board President

This item was discussed at the school board retreat, and the last board meeting. No changes have been made since it was last presented. Board Director Bayoumi noted there is an opening on the WSSDA Nominating Committee for any one interested in that position.

Lisa Waananen Jones made a motion to approve the annual organizational meeting.

Stephanie Horn seconded the motion.

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

VI. Discussion Items

A. 2161 Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students

Presenter: Dom Ventresco, Assistant Director of Special Services

Policy 2161, Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students, was revised by WSSDA to remove language duplicative of Board Procedure 2410 and incorporate procedural changes resulting from recent legislation. The revised evaluation timeline is five school days. The district is prepared to implement the changes, does not use restraint devices, and has already begun work to meet the new evaluation timeline.

B. 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences

Presenter: Bob Maxwell, Superintendent

Policy 3122, Excused and Unexcused Absences, was revised by WSSDA to improve clarity, organization, and consistency while maintaining compliance with state attendance requirements. The revisions clarify in-person and online attendance requirements and better distinguish the policy from its accompanying procedure. No changes to how the district assesses attendance data are required; however, the transition to Qmlativ should allow for more accurate coding and analysis of excused and unexcused absences.

C. 2410 High School Graduation Requirements

Presenter: Ryan Mulvey, Assistant Superintendent

Policy 2410, High School Graduation Requirements, was revised by WSSDA to align with recent legislative changes related to High School and Beyond Plans, special education transition planning, Running Start, and financial aid applications. The revisions include integrating HSBPs with IEP transition planning, temporarily reducing the Running Start funding maximum from 1.4 to 1.3 FTE for 2026–27 and 2027–28, and adding FAFSA/WASFA completion data to the statewide HSBP platform. It was clarified that current legislative discussions regarding graduation requirements are not reflected in these revisions and that additional changes may come later. The Running Start change affects the amount of coursework funded by the district; students may still take additional Running Start courses beyond the funded amount if the family covers the cost.

D. 2026-2027 State and Federal Grants Approval

Presenter: Ryan Mulvey, Assistant Superintendent

The district applies annually for multiple state and federal grants, with a complete list provided in the grant matrix. Board approval is requested for the grants, except for the state Highly Capable grant, which requires separate action. Proposed activities are

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included to clarify how the grant funds may be used. The TBIP grant remains the most challenging due to insufficient funding to fully support the program. The district plans to continue providing TBIP services using available funds while continuing to advocate for additional state and federal funding.

E. Board Policy – Social Media Use for Board Directors

Presenter: Board of Directors

There has been interest among the Board and community members to review, update, and strengthen our policy about social media use for board directors. The Board recently met in a work session to discuss potential updates to the policy and considerations for Board member social media use. Discussion focused on how to incorporate social media expectations into existing policies, make the information easy to locate, and potentially establish a process for Board members similar to the process staff follow when operating district social media accounts. Board Director Bayoumi is finalizing a draft that incorporates the proposed changes into the existing communications policy, along with key points provided by Assistant Superintendent Mulvey. The draft will be forwarded to the Policy Committee and brought back to the Board as a discussion item.

VII. Informational Items

A. Administrative Requirements Update

- August

B. Non-Substantive Policy Updates

- 3120 Enrollment

C. Procedures

- 2020P – Course Design, Selection, and Adoption of Instructional Materials
- 2161P – Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
- 2410P– High School Graduation Requirements
- 3122P – Excused and Unexcused Absences

D. Expense Claim Audit - Community Update Board Schedule

E. Board Calendar

F. The Pullman Promise: Priorities, Goals, Success Indicators

G. 2026-2027 Handbook Revisions

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Changes to the Family & Student Handbook and Athletics & Activities Handbook:

- School addendums with staffing changes
- Updated model handbook language:
 - Updated: Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying, HIB & Discrimination, & Gender Inclusive Schools sections, and the Table of Contents
 - Added: Willful Noncompliance, Safety at School Events & Activities sections

VIII. 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 7:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arron Carter

Documents used during the meeting

- 2026_07_22_board_meeting_minutes.pdf
- 2026_08_05_board_meeting_minutes.pdf
- Board Report - 8.12.2026 Personnel.pdf
- Board Report - 8.12.2026 Personnel - Addendum.pdf
- Payroll Warrant Authorization Form_7.28.26.pdf
- CK Summaries 8.12.26.pdf
- 2026 08.12 Regular Board Meeting - Student Transfer Requests.pdf
- Records Destruction Log_Supt Office 8.12.26.pdf
- Records Destruction Log_Nutrition Services 8.12.26.pdf
- Records Destruction Log - Finance 7.22.26.pdf
- Records Destruction Logs - Human Resources 8.12.26.pdf
- Board Report - Contracts 8.12.2026.pdf
- ES 2026-27 Meal Prices.pdf
- ES 2026-27 Assessment Plan 7.22.26.pdf
- PSD Assessment Plan 26-27 FINAL.pdf
- Executive Summary Policy 6100.pdf
- 6100 Revenues-Local, State and Federal Sources 7.22.26.pdf
- Representatives and Committee Appointment 2026-27.pdf
- ES 2161 Special Education-Related Svcs for Eligible Students 8.12.2026.pdf

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- 2161 Spec Education-Related Srvcs for Elig Students 8.12.26.pdf
- ES 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences 8.12.26.pdf
- 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences 8.12.26.pdf
- ES 2410 High School Graduation Requirements 8.12.26.pdf
- 2410 HS Grad Requirements 8.12.26.pdf
- ES 2026-27 State and Federal Grants Approval 8.12.26.pdf
- PSD 2026-27 Grant Matrix.pdf
- ES Discussion - Social Media Policy for Board Directors 8.12.26.pdf
- August Administrative Requirements Update.pdf
- 3120 Enrollment 8.12.26.pdf
- 2020P Course Design Selection Adopt Inst Mat 8.12.26.pdf
- 2161P Spec Education-Related Srvcs 8.12.26.pdf
- 2410P High School Grad Requirements 8.12.26.pdf
- 3122P Excused and Unexcused Absences 8.12.26.pdf
- Expense Claim Audit Comm Update Schedule.pdf
- 2026-2027 Board Meeting Content Calendar 5.27.26.pdf
- 2026-27 Strategic Plan Goals_Priorities_Success Indicators.pdf
- 2026-2027 Family Handbook 8.6.26.pdf
- 2026-27 Athletics & Activities Handbook 8.6.26.pdf

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