



Pullman School District

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday August 26, 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, 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 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

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C. Flag Salute

D. Land Acknowledgement Statement

E. Approval of Agenda

Consent agenda item added:

- Personnel Report Addendum

PHS ASB Report added to Reports, Correspondence and Program section of the agenda.

Craig Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda with the revisions.

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 and upcoming ASB activities, including a welcome-back assembly and the annual Block Party, which will be open to the public and provide an opportunity for clubs to connect with students through activities and yard games.

B. Board Reports

- Stephanie Horn: Attended Elementary Back-to-School Night at Sunnyside Elementary.
- Deena Bayoumi: Reported on the LMS Spartan Start-Up and recognized the student volunteers who supported the event. She shared that LMS will host an open house on September 10, with volleyball and cross-country tryouts underway. She encouraged students to try new sports and noted that free physicals will continue to be available for students considering participation in athletics during the school year. She also reported that a DEIB Task Force meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 15..
- Craig Nelson: Noted that Transportation staff have been working effectively with constituents and that additional work remains to strengthen transportation services. Shared appreciation regarding efforts to offer Physics, the hiring of a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, and continued work to align club advisors with teachers in the related program.
- Lisa Waananen Jones: Provided an update on Jefferson Elementary's successful Back-to-School Night, which featured popsicles and live music, as well as a display of the school's outdoor learning lab. Appreciation was also expressed to everyone who contributed to the Stuff the Bus effort.

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- Arron Carter:

- Provided an update on the Clear Risk Report, noting that the report has been reviewed and discussed individually and by the Board, with additional discussion moved to the annual retreat. He identified potential outcomes including additional Board training and a review of policies and protocols, particularly related to social media use and communication. He emphasized the Board's continued efforts toward improvement.
- Director Carter also reported attending PHS Freshman Night, which was well attended and included rotating breakout sessions, as well as KES Elementary's Back-to-School Night. He welcomed families at KES and attended the school's first day, noting the positive support provided by WSU student-athletes.
- For Board business, Director Carter noted that weekly Board meetings will resume next month on a rotating basis and that planning for the January mini-retreat should begin soon. He also shared that a template was reviewed to help Board members prepare for strategic plan review work sessions. The Board will review Priority 1 at the September work session.

C. Superintendent's Report

Reported a successful first day of school and expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts in welcoming students. Visited every district building and recognized WSU Athletics for providing student-athlete volunteers at each building to welcome students.

Appreciation was also extended to the Pullman Education Foundation and PTA/PTO/Booster organizations that participated in school open houses. Reported that the district successfully hired a preschool teacher and was able to offer a Physics course at PHS with some adjustments. Enrollment will continue to be monitored, with the September enrollment count providing a clearer estimate of student participation.

D. No Program Reports

E. A Community of Belonging - Update

DEIB Task Force is tentatively scheduled to meet September 15th.

III. Public Comment

A. Speaker(s)

Speaker: Hailey

Topic(s): Representing the SES PTO, the speaker provided an update on fall fundraising and the book fair and shared that the PTO Board has been meeting during the summer to prepare for the school year.

Speaker: Steven

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Topic(s): Speaker declined to speak.

Speaker: Stephanie Bray

Topic(s): Provided comments regarding the successful first day of school and encouraged the Board to publicly share outcomes and next steps from Board retreats, the Board self-assessment, and discussions related to the Clear Risk Report and public records, and expressed appreciation for those who attended Back-to-School Night.

Speaker: Nathalie Herrin

Topic(s): Provided comments regarding equitable transportation, including challenges for students who rely on city transit and the impact on timely arrival at school, and noted concerns regarding alignment between Board policy and the current transportation schedule.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes - August 11, 2026 Board Work Session

Lisa Waananen Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as part of the consent agenda from Board Work Session on 08-11-26.

Craig Nelson seconded the motion.

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

B. Minutes - August 12, 2026 Board Meeting

Lisa Waananen Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as part of the consent agenda from Regular Board Meeting on 08-12-26.

Craig Nelson seconded the motion.

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

C. Personnel Report

D. Professional/Personal Services Contract Report

E. 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.

Fund: ASB

Check Numbers 26738251 through 26738259, totaling \$29,953.05

Check Numbers 26738250 through 26738250, totaling \$8,106.53

Check Numbers 26738260 through 26738260, totaling \$2,256.70

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Fund: Capital Projects

Wire Transfer Payments 202600047 through 202600047, totaling \$779.41

Check Numbers 26738261 through 26738261, totaling \$82,863.75

Fund: General

Wire Transfer Payments 202600047 through 202600047, totaling \$1,353.07

Check Numbers 26738209 through 26738209, totaling \$49,290.13

Check Numbers 26738262 through 26738263, totaling \$210.65

Check Numbers 26738264 through 26738295, totaling \$278,459.26

AP ACH Numbers 9000000014 through 9000000015, totaling \$621.48

AP ACH Numbers 9000000016 through 9000000017, totaling \$58,681.20

F. Student Transfer Requests

G. Overnight Field Trip Requests

H. Consent Agenda Approval

Lisa Waananen Jones made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items A-G).

Craig Nelson seconded the motion.

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

V. Action Items

A. 2161 Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students

Presenter: Bob Maxwell, Superintendent

This item was presented at the last meeting and there have been no questions since it was last presented. WSSDA has updated this model policy by removing language that is redundant to Board Procedure 2410 High School Graduation Requirements.

Craig Nelson made a motion to approve the revisions to Policy 2161 Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students.

Stephanie Horn seconded the motion.

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

B. 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences

Presenter: Bob Maxwell, Superintendent

This item was presented at the last meeting and there have been no questions since it was last presented. WSSDA has revised the model attendance policy to improve clarity, organization, and consistency while maintaining compliance with RCW Chapter 28A.225 and WAC 392-401.

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Deena Bayoumi made a motion to approve the revisions to Policy 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences.

Craig Nelson seconded the motion.

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

C. 2410 High School Graduation Requirements

Presenter: Ryan Mulvey, Assistant Superintendent

The Board considered revisions to the High School Graduation Requirements policy and procedure, previously presented at the prior meeting. It was clarified that the revisions reflect recent legislative changes related to High School and Beyond Plans, special education transition planning, Running Start, and postsecondary financial aid applications, and do not include changes currently under legislative consideration. Stephanie Horn made a motion to approve the revisions to Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements.

Craig Nelson seconded the motion.

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

D. 2026-2027 State and Federal Grants Approval

Presenter: Ryan Mulvey, Assistant Superintendent

This item was presented at the last meeting and there have been no questions since it was last presented. Presented is a list of state and federal grants the district applies for annually which also included the purpose and funding overview for each grant.

Lisa Waananen Jones made a motion to approve the adoption of 2026-2027 State and Federal Grants.

Stephanie Horn seconded the motion.

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

VI. Discussion Items

A. 2026-2027 Minimum Basic Ed Compliance Report

Presenter: Bob Maxwell, Superintendent

The district is in compliance with the Basic Education Act, offering a district-wide average of 1,027 instructional hours for grades 1–12, 180 school days, and PHS meeting all state graduation requirements. Board members noted the difference instructional hours at K-5 versus 6-12. Dr. Maxwell noted that a lot of the calculation is based on contact time and noted some of the factors at the secondary level that impact instructional time versus elementary.

B. Board Report Format

Presenter: Arron Carter, Board President

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The Board discussed the format and purpose of Board reports and reviewed a proposed template to support consistent and effective communication while allowing flexibility for individual perspectives. Directors discussed using the template to identify communication gaps, align reports with Board goals, and assign Directors to specific topics as appropriate. The Board discussed possible revisions to the categories and format, including suggestions from Dr. Maxwell, and agreed to pilot the template and make adjustments as needed. Suggested revisions may be submitted, with a revised draft to be considered following further discussion of the Board's communication protocols; Board Director Carter will review whether formal Board action is required. It was also noted that Sandra Woodrow is entering her final year supporting the Stuff the Bus effort.

VII. Informational Items

A. Administrative Requirements Update

- August

B. Expense Claim Audit - Community Update Board Schedule

C. Board Calendar

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

VIII. Executive Session

A. Negotiations

A. Carter announced there will be an Executive Session to discuss negotiations that will end at 7:43pm. 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 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arron Carter

Documents used during the meeting

- 2026_08_11_board_meeting_minutes.pdf

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- 2026_08_12_board_meeting_minutes.pdf
- Board Report - 8.26.2026 Personnel.pdf
- Board Report - 8.26.2026 Personnel - Addendum.pdf
- Board Report - Contracts 8.26.2026.pdf
- CK Summaries 8.26.26.pdf
- 2026 08.26 Regular Board Meeting - Student Transfer Requests.pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request-PHS Cross Country_NOV 2026.pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request-PHS Girls Soccer_State Round 1.pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request-PHS Girls Soccer_Championships.pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request-PHS Volleyball_State.pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request-PHS Football_Round 8 Playoffs.pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request-PHS Football_Round 32 Playoffs.pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request-PHS Girls Swimming_State.pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request-PHS Girls Soccer_Round 2.pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request-PHS Football_Finals .pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request-PHS Football_Round 16 Playoffs.pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request-PHS Football_Semi-Finals .pdf
- Overnight Field Trip Request - PHS Cross Country_SEP 2026.pdf
- ES 2161 Special Education-Related Srvcs for Eligible Students 8.12.26.pdf
- 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
- Exec Summary Minimum Basic Ed Compliance Report 8.26.26.pdf
- 2026-27 Minimum Basic Education Requirements.pdf
- ES Board Report Format 8.26.26.pdf
- Board Report Template Draft.pdf
- August Administrative Requirements Update.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

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