

PALOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT #301

PALOUSE BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 22nd, 2026 at 7:02 p.m.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/94917465859>

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

The Palouse School Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Palouse Board President Jess Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was done immediately after.

A. ATTENDANCE:

Palouse Board: Jess Smith, Shealyn Holbrook, Tricia Johnson, Vanessa Moore & Jamie Slocum

Garfield Board: Justin Honcoop, Ryan Pfaff, John Schaut, Alex Anderson & Olivia Brackett.

Also Present: Palouse Superintendent Mike Jones
Palouse Principal Sandra Krause-Ayers
Palouse Business Office - Jeremy Loe not present
Palouse Secretary Shyra Hallan
Garfield Superintendent/Principal Tom Korst
Garfield Business Office - Valorie Wagoner - Not Present

Guests: Community Members

B. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Item A - New Business: Identify new positions of the Palouse Board members.

III. Oath of Office: Jamie Slocum and Vanessa Moore recited the Oath of Office presented by Jessica Smith. Jamie Slocum is representing the 5th district and Vanessa Moore is representing the 2nd district.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Accounts Payable:

January Warrant Numbers: 30114130-30114163

1. General Fund:

January - \$32,759.54

2. HS ASB:

January - \$373.35

3. Capital Projects:

January - None

4. BMO Payment:

January Wire Transfer - 202100115

January General Fund: \$1,561.07

January Capital Projects: None

January ASB: \$3,958.71

5. Payroll:

January (Checks) - \$9,679.79

Warrants – 30114164-30114169

January (Benefits) - \$83,106.02

Warrants – 30114170-30114184

Payroll Electronic Transfer (Direct Deposit) - \$127,856.65

January Direct Deposit Numbers – 9000001556-9000001590

Payroll Electronic Transfer Fed W / H & SS - \$42,093.93

January Wire Numbers – 202100116

B. Approval of Minutes: December 18th, 2026 Board minutes were approved.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Jamie Slocum and seconded by Shealyn Holbrook. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Jess Smith - Aye

Shealyn Holbrook - Aye

Vanessa Moore - Aye

Tricia Johnson - Aye

Jamie Slocum - Aye

V. Reports to the Board:

A. Business Manager - Jeremy Loe sent Board members his report via email.

B. Principal Report - We have 196 students enrolled. Today is the 90th day of school. Elementary students will be participating in National Reading Day. They will drop everything and read at 2:45. Today is the final day of the first semester for high school students. Report cards will go home the week of February 2nd. Basketball season is in full swing. Both the boys and girls teams are leading the league. It has been a successful season. GPAC teams have been playing at half time. Principal Krause-Ayers would like to thank Garrett Parrish and the GPAC

crew for organizing the preview of what is to come in the future. We completed winter MAPS testing. We had 2 training days this month. In honor of School Board Appreciation month, Principal Krause-Ayers would like to thank the Board for their continued service and commitment to our school community.

C. Superintendent Report - A work session was held the evening of January 21st, 2026. It lasted 3 hours. Mr. Jones said we are in a short Legislative session. There has been a lot of talk about Transitional Kindergarten and the enrollment numbers in the class. Superintendent Jones thinks it will get funded. We have been working with Zen Solar and will be installing solar panels on the upper building. The first set of solar panels were put up in May. We are starting to see a difference in our electricity bill. Our modernization grant will be fully funded. We will be in the construction phase with that. The WSU psychology department will be changing out some of our lighting. We will be working with them in the next year or so. Our enrollment is looking strong. Palouse Board President Jessica Smith said that it was a good work session.

VI. New Business:

A. Discussion of Board reorganization: Discussion was had about the Board members continuing with the same positions they currently hold.

MOTION: A motion was made by Shealyn Holbrook to keep Jessica Smith as President, Jamie Slocum as Vice President, Tricia Johnson as WIAA Representative, Shealyn Holbrook as Legislative Representative and Vanessa Moore as Union Representative. Tricia Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Jess Smith - Aye

Shealyn Holbrook - Aye

Vanessa Moore - Aye

Tricia Johnson - Aye

Jamie Slocum - Aye

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. was made by Jamie Slocum and seconded by Shealyn Holbrook.

Board Chairman: _____

Superintendent: _____

GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT #302

GARFIELD BOARD MEETING - Held in the Palouse Library

Thursday, January 22nd, 2025 at 7:13 p.m.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94917465859>

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

The Garfield School Board meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Garfield Board President Justin Honcoop.

A. ATTENDANCE:

Garfield Board: Justin Honcoop, Ryan Pfaff, John Schaut, Alex Anderson & Olivia Brackett.

Palouse Board: Jess Smith, Shealyn Holbrook, Tricia Johnson, Vanessa Moore & Jamie Slocum

Also Present: Palouse Superintendent Mike Jones
Palouse Principal Sandra Krause-Ayers
Palouse Business Office - Jeremy Loe not present
Palouse Secretary Shyra Hallan
Garfield Superintendent/Principal Tom Korst
Garfield Business Office - Valorie Wagoner - Not Present

Guests: Community Members

B. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: There were multiple requests to address the Board. A recording of the meeting, including their statements, can be found on the Gar-Pal website. Alisa Vulliet read a statement on behalf of the GPEA. Kasey Kampster read letters on behalf of Tamara Adair and Tabatha Ries. Diane Mylett read letters on behalf of Rainy Anderson, a high school student, Joel Anderson and another student. Shai Collier and Charlie Vulliet addressed the Board. A student at the meeting also addressed the Board. Andree Marcus-Rader addressed the Board.

II. New Trustee Oath of Office: Alex Anderson and Olivia Brackett recited the Oath of Office presented by Justin Honcoop. Alex Anderson is representing the 1st district and Olivia Brackett is representing the 4th district.

III. Seating of the Board and committee assignments:

A. Chair: Justin Honcoop

MOTION: A motion for Justin Honcoop to be the Garfield Chair was made by Ryan Pfaff and seconded by John Schaut. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye	Ryan Pfaff - Aye
Alex Anderson - Aye	John Schaut - Aye
Olivia Brackett - Aye	

B. Vice Chair: Olivia Brackett

MOTION: A motion for Olivia Brackett to be the Garfield Vice Chair was made by Justin Honcoop and seconded by Alex Anderson. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye	Ryan Pfaff - Aye
Alex Anderson - Aye	John Schaut - Nay
Olivia Brackett - Aye	

C. WIAA Representative: Ryan Pfaff

MOTION: A motion for Ryan Pfaff to be the Garfield WIAA Representative was made

by John Schaut and seconded by Alex Anderson. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye	Ryan Pfaff - Aye
Alex Anderson - Aye	John Schaut - Aye
Olivia Brackett - Aye	

D. Legislative Representative: Alex Anderson

MOTION: A motion for Alex Anderson to be the Garfield Legislative Representative was made by Justin Honcoop and seconded by Ryan Pfaff. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye	Ryan Pfaff - Aye
Alex Anderson - Aye	John Schaut - Aye
Olivia Brackett - Aye	

E. Labor Negotiations - John Schaut

MOTION: A motion for John Schaut to be the Garfield Labor Representative was made by Ryan Pfaff and seconded by Alex Anderson. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye	Ryan Pfaff - Aye
Alex Anderson - Aye	John Schaut - Aye
Olivia Brackett - Aye	

IV. Changes to Agenda: Move New Business B. Recommendation to approve after school student gaming club to the Joint Meeting. Also, scratch Consent Agenda B. Approval of October 27th Board Meeting.

V. Consent Agenda:**A. Accounts Payable for December/January:****a. General Fund:**

January - \$8,087.92

Warrants: 30212497-30212499

January - \$80,179.03

Warrants: 30212500-30212534

January - \$4,003.79 (BMO Harris)

Wire Transfer #:0202100175

b. Capital Projects: NONE.**c. ASB Fund: NONE****d. Transportation Vehicle Fund: NONE.****e. Payroll: January 2026**

January (Checks) - \$7,561.17

Warrants: 30212535-30212542

January (Benefits) - \$71,184.55

Payroll Electronic Transfer (Direct Deposit)

January - \$108,281.07

January - \$2,338.80

Payroll Electronic Transfer Fed W/H & SS

January - \$34,794.13

B. Approval of Minutes: December 18th, 2025 Board minutes were approved.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Ryan Pfaff and seconded by Alex Anderson. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Justin Honcoop - Aye Ryan Pfaff - Aye Alex Anderson - Aye
John Schaut - Aye Olivia Brackett - Aye

VI. Old Business:**A. Consideration of Garfield District Programmatic Restructuring Plan:**

This item represents the follow-up to the Special Board meeting held on Monday, November 24th and what was presented at the December 18th Board meeting. Garfield Board President Justin Honcoop made a statement saying that “in the sequence of seeding the Board and taking action at the previous regular meeting on December 18th we realized that certain actions may have been taken without appropriate quorum of seeded members of the Board. So we will be reconsidering and taking action on those old business items from December 18th with the appropriate quorum tonight.” Garfield Superintendent/Principal Tom Korst handed out a document titled “Garfield School District Restructuring Program.” It listed items and/or changes that he is recommending to the Garfield Board for consideration. (Please see attached document and/or recording on our website.)

Additions and Innovations for student success (Total: \$300,000):

- Full-day preschool
- Reduced class sizes K/1 and $\frac{2}{3}$ for academic core
- After-school and summer programs
- Middle school and summer programs
- Middle school electives
- Remote Learning partnerships with homeschool families
- Access to nutritious meals
- Music instruction
- MTSS acknowledgement systems
- General school upkeep and maintenance
- Insourcing business, payroll and health room support

Efficiencies, Consolidation and Reorganization of Funds (\$250,000):

- Discontinue ESD Business Manager contract
- Reset Social Worker contract to Pre-Covid (.500 FTE)
- Discontinue supplemental contracts
- General FTE enrollment (2025-26) (\$45,000)
- Anticipated ALE FTE (5 students at \$6,000) - \$30,000
- Anticipated Preschool ECAP expansion (2 x \$10,000 = \$20,000)
- Possibly discontinue afternoon pre-school route

Much discussion occurred after Superintendent/Principal Tom Korst presented his recommendations. Board members asked various questions. Community members Cody Kritzeck, Leia Plackie and Andree Marcus-Rader also spoke to the Board and Superintendent/Principal Tom Korst regarding the recommendations.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consideration of Garfield District Programmatic Restructuring Plan with the parameter that further discussion will be had with the Board prior to action was made by John Schaut and seconded by Ryan Pfaff. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye	Ryan Pfaff - Aye	Alex Anderson - Nay
John Schaut - Aye	Olivia Brackett - Aye	

B. Recommendation to approve bid for baseball field sprinkler system:

The district received two bids for the baseball field sprinkler system project from Raindrop Sprinklers and Aqua Lawn. After reviewing both proposals, Aqua Lawn submitted the lowest responsive bid. Administration recommends approval of the bid from Aqua Lawn. Raindrop Sprinklers bid was \$55,000 and Aqua Lawn was \$30,000.

MOTION: A motion to approve the bid for Aqua Lawn to install a sprinkler system on the baseball field was made by Ryan Pfaff and seconded by Justin Honcoop. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye	Ryan Pfaff - Aye	Alex Anderson - Aye
John Schaut - Aye	Olivia Brackett - Aye	

VII. New Business:

A. Recommendation to Hire Paraprofessional ALE Coordinator:

This will be a part time teacher (.67 FTE) and part time paraeducator (.34 FTE). They will help with electives, possibly teaching Spanish. They will repost the position in the hopes of getting more applicants.

MOTION: A motion to approve hiring a part time teacher/paraeducator (ALE coordinator) was made by John Schaut and seconded by Alex Anderson. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye	Ryan Pfaff - Aye	Alex Anderson - Aye
John Schaut - Aye	Olivia Brackett - Aye	

VIII. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent/Principal Tom Korst has been planning MTSS and Threat Assessments training for staff for the spring and fall. He would like to have some safety training and Right Response training for staff as well. He has also been planning a ropes course for middle school students. There is some work that needs to be done in the gym. He would like to have an engineering company give their opinion on some safety issues in the gym. He is expecting to get a Rural School Modernization grant to help with the roofing costs. It was recommended to go with option four which has the highest warranty and the best roof system. It has a 30 year warranty. He would like to get it out for bidding. He thinks the roof could be completed by Christmas. They will work on the HVAC system in the next round.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. was made by John Schaut and seconded by Ryan Pfaff.

Board Chairman: _____

Superintendent: _____

PALOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT #301

GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT #302

JOINT BOARD MEETING - Held in the Palouse Library

Thursday, January 22nd, 2026 at 8:45 p.m.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/94917465859>

I. OPENING OF MEETING:

The Joint School Board meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m. by Palouse Board President Jess Smith.

A. ATTENDANCE:

Palouse Board: Jess Smith, Shealyn Holbrook, Tricia Johnson, Vanessa Moore & Jamie Slocum.

Garfield Board: Justin Honcoop, Ryan Pfaff, John Schaut, Alex Anderson & Olivia Brackett.

Also Present: Palouse Superintendent Mike Jones
Palouse Principal Sandra Krause-Ayers
Palouse Business Office - Jeremy Loe not present
Palouse Secretary Shyra Hallan
Garfield Superintendent/Principal Tom Korst
Garfield Business Office - Valorie Wagoner - Not Present

Guests: Community Members

B. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Moved proposed Middle School Student Club to New Business Item B.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes: December 18th, 2025 Joint Board minutes were approved.

B. Hiring of Staff:

- a. MS Head Basketball Coach - Dan Kallaher
- b. MS Assistant Basketball Coach - Joey Reed

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Justin Honcoop and seconded by Jamie Slocum. The motion passed with the following roll call

vote:	Justin Honcoop - Aye	Ryan Pfaff - Aye
	Alex Anderson - Aye	John Schaut - Aye
	Olivia Brackett - Aye	Jess Smith - Aye
	Vanessa Moore - Aye	Tricia Johnson - Aye
	Jamie Slocum - Aye	Shealyn Holbrook - Aye

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Policy/Procedure (Collections)** - There was discussion regarding the dollar amount that would start the collection process and when it would be sent in for food service negative accounts. The school would like some flexibility as we are a small school and we have close relationships with many of our families. Using the word “MAY” in the policy will help the schools keep that discretion. If we know the family is in financial hardship we want to be able to work with the family first. The administration would like to be able to have some discretion on who is turned in. Garfield Superintendent Tom Korst would like a bit more hard line in the policy. He suggested after 90 days of no contact from a family, letters sent out from the school and not responded to, no plan in place, then we start the collection process. Palouse Board President Jess Smith wants a first reading in February with either voting or a second reading in March.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Policy 6220 - Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements - 1st Reading:

Discussion was had regarding raising the threshold back in line with WASDA. This came from a recommendation from our business managers. It’s an updated WASDA policy. Garfield Board member, John Schaut, said he has begun to go through it and will talk about it at the next meeting.

- B. Student Clubs - D & D (& other games):** Andree Marcus-Rader will be the staff person in charge of the club. Students can play any type of game. Tuesdays and Thursdays are the proposed days of the club. Garfield Board Member, John Schaut, wants to make sure there is no exclusion of any students. The original proposal was for 7th & 8th grade students only. After some discussion, it was decided to amend the proposal to open the club to 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

MOTION: A motion to approve the amended proposal for a Middle School Student Game Club allowing 6th, 7th and 8th graders with no student excluded was made by John Schaut and seconded by Ryan Pfaff. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye
Alex Anderson - Aye
Olivia Brackett - Aye
Vanessa Moore - Aye
Jamie Slocum - Aye

Ryan Pfaff - Aye
John Schaut - Aye
Jess Smith - Aye
Tricia Johnson - Aye
Shealyn Holbrook - Aye

VI. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made at 8:59 p.m. by John Schaut and seconded by Justin Honcoop.

Board Chairman: _____

Superintendent: _____

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