

**PALOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT #301**

**PALOUSE BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, May 28th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95625668126>

**I. OPENING OF MEETING:**

The Palouse School Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Palouse Board member Jamie Slocum. The Pledge of Allegiance was done immediately after.

**A. ATTENDANCE:**

**Palouse Board:** Jamie Slocum, Tricia Johnson, Shealyn Holbrook & Jess Smith via Zoom.

**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 via Zoom  
Palouse Secretary Shyra Hallan  
Garfield Administrative Assistant - Debbie Anderson

**Guests:** Community Members

**B. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** None

**II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Accounts Payable:**

May Warrant Numbers: 30114409, 30114435-30114486

**1. General Fund:**

May - \$94,641.25

**2. HS ASB:**

May - \$5,506.57

**3. Capital Projects:**

May - \$25,000.00

**4. BMO Payment:**

May Wire Transfer - 202100127

May General Fund: \$2,256.17

May Capital Projects: \$7,837.10

May ASB: \$16,242.32

**5. Payroll:**

May (Checks) - \$10,204.39

Warrants – 30114410-30114418

May (Benefits) - \$84,222.91

Warrants – 30114419-30114434

**Payroll Electronic Transfer (Direct Deposit) - \$127,909.77**

May Direct Deposit Numbers – 9000001727 - 9000001765

**Payroll Electronic Transfer Fed W / H & SS - \$41,206.90**

May Wire Numbers – 202100126

**B. Approval of Minutes:** April 23rd, 2026 Board minutes were approved.

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

Shealyn Holbrook - Aye

Tricia Johnson - Aye

Jamie Slocum - Aye

**V. Reports to the Board:**

**A. Business Manager** - Jeremy Loe presented his report via Zoom. Fund balance as of April 30th is \$700,000 in the General Fund and \$429,000 for Capital Projects and ASB is \$113,000. Enrollment is steady. There will be full funding for TK. He has been working on wrapping up grants for the year. FFA received a \$40,000 grant. Title 1 allocation is \$19,000 and is similar to what we were this year. Our cash flow is about \$650,000. There was an increase compared to last month because the state will fund us fully for TK. We will be getting the entire 12.54 FTE. He has been working on the budget with Superintendent Mike Jones.

**B. Principal Report** - We celebrated staff appreciation week this month. Thank you to our School Board members for showering us with goodies. Our boys baseball team worked hard this year and advanced to State but lost in round one to Oroville. State testing in grades 3, 4, 5, 10 & 11 is complete. Seniors attending post high school education opportunities were honored at College Signing Day. The NE District 6 Track and Field Meet took place with our girls placing 2nd and boys placing 3rd. The girls were recognized as the Southeast Washington 1B League Academic Champions for 2026. State qualifiers headed to state early this morning.

Our Elementary Spring Concert and High School Band Concerts were held in the Garfield-Palouse Main Gym last week. The marching band participated in Garfield's May Day and Spokane's Lilac Torchlight Parade. Thank you to Rebecca Hemphill and Joel Stevens. FFA students attended the State Convention, Spokane Jr. Stock Show and had their plant sale. The Chapter Awards Banquet was held on May 20th. We welcomed our incoming Freshmen yesterday, where they registered for classes, learned about opportunities for involvement at the high school and participated in the ASB Elections. The Baccalaureate will take place on June 5th at the Palouse Federated Church. Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 6th at 11:00 a.m. Finally, we will be celebrating the retirement of Jayne Olesen tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. in the Palouse School Library. Please join us as we recognize Jayne for her 40 years of service to the Palouse School District and our community.

- C. Superintendent Report** - Superintendent Mike Jones and Business Manager, Jeremy Loe, have been working on the budget. They will have a review in June. They have been reviewing contracts with ESD. They are investigating a replacement of EFunds. They are hoping to have card readers for games, concessions, school lunches and FFA events. This summer they will be doing lead testing. Our elementary side popped positive. We turned off all the faucets in the elementary classrooms and are looking at replacing faucets and looking into remediation on some of that. We are working with ESD and a few other groups to see what our options are. We will be changing the flooring in the kitchen and cafeteria this summer since the grant needs to be used by next year. We will be adding some sound panels. The WSU lighting project will be started in the 4th and 5th grade classrooms. We are looking to move Robotics to the old maintenance spot so they have a larger space. The modernization inspection went well. The Intrado and Safety Shield platform will be retiring so we will need a new platform. Graduation is on Saturday and Board members are encouraged to attend. Thank you to staff and Mrs. Krause-Ayers as there is a lot going on and people/kids are all over for good things.

## **VI. New Business:**

- A. Superintendent Hire - Jeff Hardesty:** We offered the Palouse School Superintendent position to Jeff Hardesty, starting this Fall. Superintendent Mike Jones and Jeff Hardesty will work together some this summer to help with the transition. Jamie Slocum thanked Mr. Jones for his years of service and dedication. He will be missed.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the hiring of Jeff Hardesty as the Palouse School Superintendent was made by Shealyn Holbrook and seconded by Tricia Johnson. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Shealyn Holbrook - Aye      Tricia Johnson - Aye      Jamie Slocum - Aye

**VII. ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. was made by Shealyn Holbrook and seconded by Tricia Johnson.

**Board Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Superintendent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT #302**

**GARFIELD BOARD MEETING** - Held in the Palouse Library

Thursday, May 28th, 2026 at 7:17 p.m.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95625668126>

**I. OPENING OF MEETING:**

The Garfield School Board meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by Garfield Board President Justin Honcoop.

**A. ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Palouse Board:** Jamie Slocum, Tricia Johnson, Shealyn Holbrook & Jess Smith via Zoom.

**Also Present:** Palouse Superintendent Mike Jones  
Palouse Principal Sandra Krause-Ayers  
Palouse Business Office - Jeremy Loe via Zoom  
Palouse Secretary Shyra Hallan  
Garfield Administrative Assistant - Debbie Anderson

**Guests:** Community Members

**B. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Rebecca Hemphill would like to address the Board regarding the purchase of acoustic panels for school concerts. The Travel Master panels she has chosen are used throughout all the schools in the area. We have a cart to haul them around and they are easy to put up and take down. We will be purchasing 4 bases and 3 pillars. They are safe and if well taken care of they should last a long time. Because we will be adding to what we already have we will not have to haul them back and forth between the two schools.

**II. CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None

**III. CONSENT AGENDS:**

**A. Accounts Payable:**

**a. General Fund:**

May - \$82,960.74

Warrants: 30212740, 30212742-30212755, 30212757-30212761,  
302121763-30212783

May - \$4,356.56

Warrants: 30212736-30212739

May- \$18,035.25 (BMO Harris)

Wire Transfer #: 0202100187

**b. Payroll: May 2026**

May (Checks) - \$11,851.68

Warrants: 30212784-30212794  
May (Benefits) - \$74,274.94  
Warrants: 30212795-30212805

**Payroll Electronic Transfer (Direct Deposit)**

May - \$112,344.60  
May - \$2,345.09

**Payroll Electronic Transfer Fed W/H & SS**

May - \$37,438.11

**c. Capital Projects:**

May - 21,349.25  
Warrants: 3021275, 30212762

**d. ASB Fund:**

May - \$80.58  
Warrants: 30212741

**e. Transportation Vehicle Fund:**

May - None.

**B. Approval of Minutes:** April 23rd, 2026 Board minutes were approved.

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

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:** Apollo Presentation: Scott Lewis spoke about the roof project. They will start working on the project this summer. They are under budget in regard to the grant application process. They would like to get the roofing/HVAC project started and are looking for approval to get started. Wanted to make sure the Board understood the difference between a regular roof and then the new type of roof that is planned. Roy will be the construction manager on the project. Andrew is the engineer and will be heading up the design portion of it as well. They would like to start on June 15th. They will have to raise the roof to acclimate the R38 insulation. They are looking at a time line of 14 - 16 weeks (Sept. to Oct. to finish.) They want to be in an area that has a minimal effect on students when school starts back up. They would like to do the HVAC when it will be less intrusive. They wanted to point out that they will have walking paths on the roof to help minimize damage. Board member, John Schaut, asked if they would have a contractor for the HVAC project and was told by Apollo that they would. Hugh Kelley with DES an Energy Program spoke briefly about this being one of the paths for energy efficiency improvement. He praised Apollo and said they have a really good track record.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve Apollo's presentation and allow them to start the project 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    | Olivia Brackett - Aye |
| John Schaut - Aye    | Alex Anderson - Aye |                       |

**V. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**VI. REPORTS:**

**A. Business Manager:** A written report was submitted.

**B. Superintendent:** Superintendent/Principal Tom Korst was at a track meet with his daughter. No report was given.

**VII. ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. was made by Ryan Pfaff and seconded by Olivia Brackett.

**Board Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Superintendent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PALOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT #301**

**GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT #302**

**JOINT BOARD MEETING** - Held in the Palouse Library

Thursday, May 28th, 2026 at 7:34 p.m.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95625668126>

**I. OPENING OF MEETING:**

The Joint School Board meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Palouse Board Member Jamie Slocum.

**A. ATTENDANCE:**

**Palouse Board:** Jamie Slocum, Tricia Johnson, Shealyn Holbrook & Jess Smith via Zoom.

**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 via Zoom  
Palouse Secretary Shyra Hallan  
Garfield Administrative Assistant - Debbie Anderson

**Guests:** Community Members

**B. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** None

**II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Remove Consent Agenda - A. Accounts Payable - a, b and c. It was accidentally left on the agenda. Add to New Business - B. Food Service Price Increase.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approval of Minutes:** April 23rd, 2026 Board minutes were approved.

**B. Hire: Middle School English Teacher - Cole Peterson:** Cole Peterson has accepted the Middle School English Teacher position.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Justin Honcoop and seconded by Shealyn Holbrook. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye  
Alex Anderson - Aye  
Olivia Brackett - Aye  
Tricia Johnson - Aye

Ryan Pfaff - Aye  
John Schaut - Aye  
Shealyn Holbrook - Aye  
Jamie Slocum - Aye

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**V. REPORTS:**

**A. Gaming Club - Student Rep.** - President of the Gar-Pal Table Top Gaming Club Bryen Warren and Vice President, Gavin Anderson, spoke to the Boards regarding the Gaming Club which started back in 2023 after a successful Table Top Intensive was put on by Jason Bustamante. They passed out a copy of their constitution. It started out with just D & D but they wanted to continue with other board games. One of their main goals is to be inclusive and get students off their phones. They want to encourage students to talk to each other. They currently have 6 members and six incoming freshmen have signed up. They want to be able to fundraise but must be a part of the ASB to be able to do that. They plan to present to the ASB as well. They gather together on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30. Their on staff supervisor is high school math/science teacher Fiona Quigley.

**B. Hiring - Update** - Board members would like some information on the applicants and the positions they are hiring for. The Board would also like administrators to follow up on who we want to offer the positions to and if the person has accepted the position or if they have to look for other applicants. The Board would like the administration to send a quick email to update them on the outcome of the interviews, hiring, etc.

**C. Negotiations - Update** - Several items were brought to Superintendents Korst and Jones with some just about basic language. There is some growth on SPED pay and other pay increases. They settled on a flat rate increase instead of the IDP. New hire, Palouse Superintendent Jeff Hardesty, has been offered a one year contract.

**VI. New Business:**

**A. 2026-2027 Calendar:** The calendar has been approved with a start date of September 1st, 2026 and will end on June 11th, 2027. Professional Development days still need to be identified. Lid days will be on August 26th and 27th with an additional one as a flex day. Teachers can choose which day at the end of August they want to work.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar was made by John Schaut and seconded by Shealyn Holbrook. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye  
Alex Anderson - Aye  
Olivia Brackett - Aye  
Tricia Johnson - Aye

Ryan Pfaff - Aye  
John Schaut - Aye  
Shealyn Holbrook - Aye  
Jamie Slocum - Aye

**B. Food Service Increase:** Stevie Pfaff and Kelsey Blair worked together on this.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the Food Service Increase as presented was made by Justin Honcoop and seconded by Shealyn Holbrook. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Justin Honcoop - Aye

Alex Anderson - Aye

Olivia Brackett - Aye

Tricia Johnson - Aye

Ryan Pfaff - Aye

John Schaut - Aye

Shealyn Holbrook - Aye

Jamie Slocum - Aye

**VII. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made at 7:54 p.m. by Justin Honcoop and seconded by Shealyn Holbrook.

**Board Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Superintendent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Superintendent:** \_\_\_\_\_