



BOARD highlights

A QUICK LOOK AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS OF PUTNAM CITY SCHOOLS

April 15, 2019

Charity Avery Sworn In as New Board Member, Board Officers Elected

Charity Avery was sworn in as a member of Putnam City’s Board of Education at Monday night’s meeting. Avery was unopposed as a candidate for the Office 4 board seat. Her term will expire in 2024.

She replaces Bill Wetmore, who joined the board in January 2017 to complete Tammy West’s term after she was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Avery comes from a Putnam City family. She is a 1996 graduate of Putnam City West High School. Her oldest daughter, mother, aunt and uncle also graduated from Putnam City West, her son attended district schools and her youngest daughter and her grandson are currently in district schools.

The board also elected officers for the coming year. Gail LoPresto was elected as president of the board while Cindy Gibbs was elected as vice president.

The board re-elected Sandy Lemaster as board clerk, Tina Losawyer as deputy board clerk and Fonda Watkins as encumbrance clerk.



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Elementary Principal Appointed

The board on Monday night voted to appoint Tracy Rogers as an elementary school principal for the 2019-2020 school year.

Rogers is finishing her second year as an assistant principal at Windsor Hills Elementary. Before her time at Windsor Hills, Rogers worked as an administrative intern for two years, one year at Arbor Grove Elementary and one year at Western Oaks Elementary. She taught 1st-grade at Central Elementary in Yukon for eight years, 2nd-grade at Putnam City’s Wiley Post Elementary for four years, and spent a year as a pre-k teacher for Valley Brook Headstart and Oklahoma City Public Schools. She holds a master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of Central Oklahoma and a bachelor’s degree in education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

She has not yet been assigned a school for next year.

COMMENTS by Public and Board Members

Board members welcomed Charity Avery on to the board. They also thanked Becky Gooch for an excellent job as board president for the last two years.

Jay Sherrill congratulated Gail LoPresto on being elected as the new board president.

Charity Avery said she is looking forward to being on the board and serving the community.

Becky Gooch noted that Sally Limber at Putnam City North is retiring, and said she is a tremendous resource who will be missed. She said tomorrow is Capitol Day for the Oklahoma Parents Legislative Action Committee and would be a good time for parents to visit with legislators at the Capitol. She thanked district teachers, parents and administrators for positive interactions with legislators.

Cindy Gibbs said she appreciated all that Nona Burling has done for district students through the years and wished her

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Meeting Date: Monday, April 15, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building
Roll Call: All five members of the board were present: Gail LoPresto, president; Cindy Gibbs, vice president; Charity Avery; Becky Gooch; and Jay Sherrill. Also present were Dr. Fred Rhodes, superintendent; and Sandy Lemaster, board clerk.
Next Meeting: Monday, May 6, 5 p.m.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** by Dr. Fred Rhodes

► Putnam City North took three choirs to 6AE state choir contest on March 27th at Norman North High School and three more choirs to 6A state choir contest on April 4th at Tulsa Union. All six of these choirs received superior ratings in concert performance at state contest. Putnam City North is one of only three schools in the state to have six choirs compete and all receive superior ratings. Putnam City North students also brought home the OSSAA Outstanding Achievement award on March 27th and the OSSAA Sweepstakes award on April 4th. We are proud of their hard work.

► Seven Putnam City students will be honored at the State Superintendent's Arts Awards of Excellence ceremonies at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, at the Scottish Rite Temple. The ceremonies are centered each year on showcasing high school seniors who have excelled in fine arts disciplines and who have also been academically talented and active in their communities. District students being honored for accomplishments are Sydney Mason and Sean McDaniel from Putnam City North; Jobey Richards and Robert Wood from Putnam City High; and Trinity Davis, Christopher Monterroso and Lindsey Mears from Putnam City West.

► Putnam City High School students won the Class I sweepstakes titles at the 106th annual Southwestern Oklahoma State University Interscholastic Meet (SWIM) held March 28 on the Weatherford campus. More than 1,000 students from 60 schools around Oklahoma competed in the academic contest. Putnam City High took 39 students to the all-day event. Thirty different Putnam City High students earned a first, second or third place on 33 of the 47 tests. The competition involves students taking tests designed by college instructors grouped into nine categories: fine arts, biological sciences, business, computer science, language arts, mathematics, physical sciences, social sciences and technology. About 2,015 tests were given during the day. In a congratulatory letter, President Randy Beutler said "Your faculty and students are to be commended for their outstanding performance and achievements."

□ The Oklahoman has spent the last two weeks naming boys basketball players to all-star teams. Micah Thomas of Putnam City North was named the Super 5 player of the year – essentially, the best player in the state. He was also the Big All-City player of the year, an award given to the top player in the metro area. In addition, he was named to the first team 6A All-State team, the first team Big All-City team and was selected as a member of the Faith 7 all-star team that will play against Texas all-stars. Rondel Walker of Putnam City West also received several awards. He was named to the Super 5 second team, first team 6A All-State and first team Big All-City. Tre Carolina from Putnam City High was named to the second team for Big-All-City, and his teammate Alfred Alkannama made third team Big All-City.

Board Comments
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her well in her retirement. She also noted the retirement of Pam Rhodes and said her experience would be difficult to replace.

Gail LoPresto also mentioned Nona Burling's retirement and said she would be missed. She said the 2nd-grade play at Arbor Grove Elementary was well-received, drawing more than 300 parents. She said Curtis Sharp, the school's music teacher, is an outstanding teacher.

Certified Staff
Rehired

The board on Monday night unanimously approved a list of certified employees to rehire for the 2019-2020 school year.



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