



BOARD highlights

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

April 29, 2019

Middle School Principal, Elementary Assistants Appointed

In a special board meeting Monday morning, the board voted to appoint a middle school principal and three elementary school assistant principals for the 2019-2020 school year.

By a 3-1 vote, Gail LoPresto dissenting, the board appointed **Jason Burkhart** as principal at Kenneth Cooper Middle School. Burkhart has been an assistant principal at Putnam City North High School since 2015. Prior to his time at Putnam City North, he served as an assistant principal at U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City for one year, taught drama at Del City High School for eight years and earned the Mid-Del district's teacher of the year honor for the 2011-2012 school year. He also spent half a year in Mid-Del as a principal intern. Prior to his time in Mid-Del, Burkhart taught at Northwest Classen High School for one year and in the Millwood Arts Academy for two years. He holds a master's degree in Education Administration and a bachelor's degree in Theatre/Communications, both from the University of Central Oklahoma. He replaces Jeff Brown, who has asked to move to a high school assistant principal position next year. Brown will be an assistant principal at Putnam City North next year.

By unanimous vote, the board also appointed three assistant principals to serve at district elementary schools.

Jana Bowers, an administrative intern splitting time this year at Apollo Elementary and Windsor Hills Elementary and Will Rogers Elementary and Overholser Elementary last year, was appointed as an assistant principal at Windsor Hills. Before serving in district schools as an administrative intern, Bowers was an instructional coach for five years and taught in elementary classrooms at Emerson Elementary School in Oklahoma City for 18 years. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and a master's degree in educational leadership from Cameron University.

Amanda Neely, an administrative intern splitting time at Lake Park Elementary and Ralph Downs Elementary this year, was appointed as an assistant principal at Hilldale Elementary. Before coming to Putnam City, Neely was a principal intern in Mustang for one year and an elementary classroom teacher in Mustang for six years. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in education administration, both from the University of Central Oklahoma.

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Administrative Changes Announced

Superintendent Dr. Fred Rhodes announced administrative changes at district elementary schools next year.

- **Stephanie Wallace**, principal at Ralph Downs Elementary, will be principal next year at Coronado Heights Elementary. She replaces Dr. Nona Burling, who is retiring.
- **Shbrone Brookings**, principal at Windsor Hills Elementary, will take Wallace's place and serve as principal at Ralph Downs Elementary next year.
- **Tracy Rogers**, who at the last board meeting was appointed as an elementary principal but not assigned to a school, has now been assigned. Rogers will be principal at Windsor Hills Elementary next year, replacing Brookings.
- **Greg Kipf**, assistant principal at Hilldale Elementary, will next year be assistant principal at Overholser Elementary.

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Meeting Date:	Monday, April 29, 8 a.m.
Location:	Administration Building
Roll Call:	Four members of the board were present: Gail LoPresto, president; Cindy Gibbs, vice president; Charity Avery; and Becky Gooch; Also present were Dr. Fred Rhodes, superintendent; and Sandy Lemaster, board clerk.
Next Meeting:	Monday, May 6, 5 p.m.

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Whitney Saladin, an administrative intern at Western Oak Elementary this year and at Wiley Post Elementary last year, was appointed as an assistant principal at Western Oaks. Saladin's 14-year career has all been with Putnam City. Before becoming an administrative intern, she at various times served as a pre-k teacher, 2nd-grade teacher, elementary math and reading specialist and behavior interventionist. She holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from the University of Central Oklahoma and a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

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- **Susan Illgen**, assistant principal at Rollingwood Elementary, will next year be assistant principal at Arbor Grove Elementary.

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