



BOARD highlights

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

June 3, 2019

Western Oaks Middle School Principal Named

In a short meeting Monday evening, the board appointed Jennifer Robertson as principal of Western Oaks Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year.

Robertson has been an assistant principal at Western Oaks since August 2017. Before her tenure as a Western Oak administrator, she served seven years as an assistant principal at Hefner Middle School and a year as an administrative intern at Mayfield Middle School. Prior to her time at Mayfield she taught science for seven years at Western Oaks. She holds a master's degree in education leadership from Southern Nazarene University and a bachelor's degree in biology from Oklahoma City University.

She replaces Isaac McCord, who asked to move to a high school assistant principal position. McCord will be an assistant principal at Putnam City High School next year.

COMMENTS by Public and Board Members

Charity Avery thanked Putnam City North student Paige Bush for her work on her "Angel Wings, Angel Gowns" project, saying it is "absolutely wonderful."

Cindy Gibbs also thanked Bush for her project and congratulated her on winning a Girl Scout Gold Award. She also wished Putnam City High School Principal Brett Bradley a happy birthday.

Gail LoPresto thanked Nona Burling for attending the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT by Dr. Fred Rhodes

▶ We congratulate Joseph Harroz Jr., a 1985 graduate of Putnam City North High School, for recently being named as the interim president of the University of Oklahoma. Following his graduation from Putnam City North in 1985, Harroz entered OU, becoming a Phi Beta Kappa graduate in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in economics. He received his juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center in 1992 and was an associate editor of the Journal of Law and Policy in International Business. In 1994, he returned to OU as vice president of executive affairs and most recently has been serving as the dean of the OU College of Law. Upon his appointment as interim president, OU Regents Chairman Leslie Rainbolt-Forbes said that regents were well aware of Harroz's capabilities through their presidential search a year ago, noting "It was through this process we were reminded how contagious his passion and enthusiasm are and how seriously he takes accountability and responsibility." Putnam City Schools is very proud that we can call Joseph Harroz one of our own!

▶ KWTN News 9 recently reported a story about Putnam City North student, Paige Bush, who earned a Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor given to a Girl Scout. While searching for a project, Paige said she realized a problem in Oklahoma that she wanted to address. She wanted to help young mothers who have lost their babies, so she organized an effort to create burial gowns for babies who pass away during or before birth. Her idea was to receive donated wedding and bridesmaid dresses

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Meeting Date: Monday, June 3, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building
Roll Call: Three members of the board were present: Gail LoPresto, president; Cindy Gibbs, vice president; and Charity Avery; Also present were Dr. Fred Rhodes, superintendent; and Tina Losawyer, deputy board clerk.
Next Meeting: Monday, June 17, 5 p.m.
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and repurpose them for the burial gowns. She learned to sew and put out the call for donated dresses and volunteers to help. Her initial goal was to make 50 gowns, but the result is that so far more than 120 gowns have been made. Each gown comes with two bonnets and a keepsake charm for the family. "Angel Wings, Angel Gowns" is now well established and currently supplies the gowns to Mercy Hospital and OU Medical Center. Another example that makes us Putnam City Proud!

► Putnam City High School Assistant Principal Jarel Miles is changing roles. On July 1 he becomes the district attendance officer.



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