



BOARD highlights

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

July 1, 2019

Board Approves Training

In a short meeting Monday night, the board approved agreements for training both for new administrators and district sign language interpreters.

The board agreed to a contract with Learning Sciences International for up to 10 new administrators to take three days of training in late July on observing and evaluating teachers in the iObservation protocol. iObservation is an instructional and leadership improvement system administrators use to collect, manage, and report data from classroom walkthroughs, teacher evaluations and teacher observations. Administrators are required to complete iObservation training in order to observe and evaluate teachers as part of their administrative duties. The \$3,990 cost of the agreement will be covered by the district's General Fund.

The board also contracted with Patricia Stowe to provide two six-hour workshops for sign language interpreters. The workshops will cover topics such as improving communication skills, interpreting for standardized tests and IEPs, and serving as language role models for students. The \$1,000 cost of the training will be covered by federal funds.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT by Dr. Fred Rhodes

► We welcome our new Director of Communications, Sheradee Hurst. Sheradee grew up in El Reno; received her bachelors degree in Broadcast Journalism from UCO in 2002. During her time in college, in 2000, she interned at KFOR. After graduation in 2002, she was the Morning Show anchor and reporter for KSNF in Joplin, Missouri. In 2004, she moved to Tulsa and worked for KJRH as a reporter and fill-in anchor. Each time getting closer to home, in 2005, she accepted the position of reporter with KFOR here in OKC. Following KFOR, she became media relations and marketing coordinator for St Anthony. More recently, she has built her own very successful photography business while also serving as media coordinator for Oklahoma Kids. She has received numerous awards and honors, among which is the OKC Gazette 40 under 40 which she was awarded during her tenure with St Anthony. She has a very warm, genuine and caring personality. She has a passion for public education and demonstrates a level of enthusiasm that is contagious. We welcome Sheradee to the Putnam City Family!



COMMENTS by Public and Board Members

Board members said welcome to new Director of Communications, Sheradee Hurst.

Charity Avery said good luck to Silver Strings.

Becky Gooch said congratulations to the fifteen Putnam City students named All City Athletes in The Oklahoman. Rondel Walker, Putnam City West, and Micah Thomas, Putnam City North, both made large school basketball First Team. Putnam City High School had six athletes named. Putnam City North had five athletes make the list, and Putnam City West had four.

Cindy Gibbs said thank you to Mr. Ken Attebery, Assistant Principal at Putnam City North, for planting beautiful new landscaping.

Meeting Date: Monday, July 1, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building
Roll Call: All five members of the board were present: Gail LoPresto, vice president; Cindy Gibbs, vice president; Charity Avery; Becky Gooch; and Jay Sherrill. Also present were Dr. Fred Rhodes, superintendent; and Tina Losawyer, deputy board clerk.
Next Meeting: Monday, July 15, 5 p.m.

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▶ In just seven months, February of 2020, the voters of Putnam City will be presented with the 2020 Vision Bond, a major comprehensive bond that will be educationally transformational for our school community. The last time the voters were presented with a comprehensive bond was the Centennial Bond in 2014. While the 2014 Centennial Bond focused on large major projects like the new Capps Middle School, new stadiums at PC West and PC North and a new retro gym at PC High, the 2020 Bond will focus on providing improvements at school sites across the District. The public has the opportunity to provide additional bond item ideas for the 2020 Bond by emailing the Superintendent at: frhodes@putnamcityschools.org.

▶ The 10th annual Stars and Stripes 5k Run benefiting the Silver Strings of Putnam City will take place Thursday, July 4, at Stars and Stripes at Lake Hefner. The race begins at 7 a.m. There are awards for first place overall male and female and top three male and female in all age categories. There is also a \$100 prize for most patriotic runner. This is a great opportunity to support The Silver Strings and also enjoy a pleasant run or stroll on Lake Hefner trails. For more information visit www.ssf5k.org

Transfers Approved

The board on Monday night approved open transfers that will allow 107 new students to leave their home districts and attend Putnam City schools next year. One hundred seventeen additional students requested a transfer into the district for the 2019-2020 school year but were denied by the district or canceled by the family requesting the transfer.

According to district officials, 406 students are already in district schools on either an open or emergency transfer and put in requests to return; 283 were approved to return, 14 were seniors not returning, 77 were denied re-enrollment and 32 others canceled their existing transfer.

Board Highlights is not a comprehensive review of every item that takes place at board of education meetings. Its purpose is merely to provide information about items that seem of most interest to district employees and patrons. Complete board meeting minutes may be found at <https://www.putnamcityschools.org/about-us/board-of-education/board-meeting-minutes>