



BOARD highlights

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

July 15, 2019

Board Renews Agreement with IXL Learning Online

Tonight the Board voted to renew an agreement with IXL Math Learning Online for sixth through ninth graders. “We are excited to continue IXL with our middle school and freshmen. IXL provides standards based, engaging, real world practice problems for students,” says Dr. Keely Frayser, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Frayser says IXL has helped teachers target skills where students need additional support and remediation. With this agreement, middle school and freshman math teachers will also receive one day of professional development in order to best use the software to improve student learning.

Board Confirms Continuation of Evening Hours for the Academy

The Putnam City Academy will once again offer evening hours this school year. The hours will be 3:00pm-7:15pm Monday through Thursday. “These hours give students an opportunity to attend school sponsored events on Friday evenings or work additional hours. Those students who are parents often have difficulty finding daycare as well. Fridays are available for students to make up absences and work on course requirements,” said Dr. Fred Rhodes, Superintendent, in a letter to the Oklahoma Department of Education. These hours will be submitted to the Oklahoma Department of Education for approval.

Renewed Contract with Visual Impairment Specialist Passes

The approval to renew a contract with a Certified VI Teacher and Orientation and Mobility Training Specialist will continue. This is a service for duties relating to special education for students with visual impairment. This is beneficial in progress monitoring, technology recommendations, classroom observations, and all aspects of the education of visually impaired students.

COMMENTS by Public and Board Members

Jay Sherrill commended the friendly staff at Central Office for always being helpful. He said every time he contacts the Central Office they provide great customer service. He encouraged them to continue to be service oriented.

Cindy Gibbs thanked the lawn crews for keeping up with mowing even during the heavy rain.

Gail LoPresto agreed and said the school sites all look very good. She also thanked the custodial staff for their work.

Becky Gooch praised Putnam City Academy staff for being a great resource and giving students the tools to be successful.

Meeting Date: Monday, July 15th, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building
Roll Call: Board members present were: Gail LoPresto, president; Cindy Gibbs, vice president; Becky Gooch; and Jay Sherrill. Also present were Dr. Fred Rhodes, superintendent; and Sandy Lemaster, board clerk.
Next Meeting: Monday, August 5th, 5 p.m.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT by Dr. Fred Rhodes

- ▶ The beginning of the new school year is always an exciting time. We are just three weeks away from welcoming new teachers to Putnam City. On Monday, August 5th, new teachers will report to their school and be involved in a building level orientation. On Tuesday, August 6th, those new to the District will officially begin our New Teacher Academy which is several days of intense professional development. Surveys have repeatedly shown that teachers new to the District rank Putnam City above other school districts primarily because of our strong professional development program and support given to teachers.
- ▶ Congratulations to Putnam City High Senior Drum Major, Alex Galvan who received “Outstanding Conductor” at the recent Drum Major Camp hosted by North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. There were over 200 drum majors at the camp and the top 20 were selected as “Outstanding Conductors.”
- ▶ We want to thank our district custodians who are using a team approach to clean district buildings this summer. A group of about 40 custodians are traveling across the district with cleaning supplies and equipment, thoroughly cleaning desks, chairs, walls, floors and other surfaces in each school before moving to the next school and starting again. This is proving to be an effective way to get schools ready for the return of students, teachers, and staff. We appreciate their efficiency and teamwork!

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