



Board Highlights

January 6, 2020

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College Readiness & Drop-Out Report

Executive Director of Secondary Schools, Rick Croslin, presented the College Readiness & Drop-Out Report at the board meeting tonight. The report showed that Putnam City's district composite score is continuing to improve. Some Putnam City juniors will also now take part in the ACT Aspire program where each student can work on their ACT score and test preparation. All ninth grade students will be offered visits to universities again this year. Another exciting offer for Putnam City students is on-campus concurrent courses at all three sites. Middle school students in seventh and eighth grade along with ninth grade high school students will also be involved in the Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP).

There are currently many programs in place at Putnam City to prevent students from dropping out of school. Putnam City has a full-time liaison, and many programs to continue to give students the resources they need to stay in school.

Highlights of Motions Passed

Several motions were passed in tonight's meeting.
Here are a few highlights:

- Contracts were renewed with five Native American consultants.
- A contract with Southeastern State University for student teaching was renewed.
- A job description for Administrative Assistant to Communications Director was approved.

Jay Sherrill welcomed everyone back from winter break. Mr. Sherrill praised teachers and parents on the London orchestra trip. He also congratulated his aunt, Laura Bruner, for receiving an award from the Putnam City Class of 1964. Mr. Sherrill said he is glad that he and his wife chose PC for their kids.

Charity Avery praised Lake Park Elementary for their video. Ms. Avery congratulated the orchestra and said she loved watching it online. She also welcomed everyone back.

Becky Gooch wished everyone a happy 2020! Mrs. Gooch praised Dr. Fred Rhodes for going to London with our orchestra to represent Putnam City. She also said she knows schools are ready to welcome their kids back to school.

Meeting Date: Monday, January 6, 2020, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building

Board members present were: Gail LoPresto, president, Cindy Gibbs, vice president, Becky Gooch, Jay Sherrill, and Charity Avery.

Also present were:

Dr. Fred Rhodes, superintendent,
Tina Losawyer, deputy board clerk

Next Meeting: Monday, January 21, 2020 5 p.m.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *by Dr. Fred Rhodes*

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► Congratulations to all of our employees for making Putnam City a Top Place to Work again in 2019! The Oklahoman announced the prestigious list of employers in the newspaper, and Putnam City was proud to once again be on the list. The process is an online employee survey. Our employees' answers and participation reflected why we are PC proud of all of our staff! Congratulations to the entire district!



► Many of our Putnam City orchestra students rang in the New Year in London! Students from all three Putnam City high schools participated in a concert and walked in the London New Year's Day Parade. Putnam City was the only orchestra to attend. It speaks highly of our staff and students to be invited to perform at this event. One of the highlights of the trip was the PC orchestra playing, "Oklahoma!" The crowded London theatre clapped along as the state song was played. It was a memorable trip for all of us who were there. We appreciate the incredible support the parents and school communities have given to our orchestras. A special thanks to our three orchestra conductors for their leadership to make this dream become a reality: Levi Dobrinski, Jeremy Scott, and Colin Waddell.

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Cindy Gibbs said she got chills watching the orchestra online as they played in London. Mrs. Gibbs said she is looking forward to the PC Invitational Basketball Tournament this weekend. She also said it will be fun to have kids back in 2020.

Gail LoPresto said she loved seeing the orchestra. Mrs. LoPresto said she is impressed that the high schools students raised enough money to fund their trip. Mrs. LoPresto also said she attended the Mayfield Band & Choir holiday event, and it was full of spectators. She attended the Lond Send-Off Concert for our PC orchestra students and said it was excellent.



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▶ State Superintendent, Joy Hofmeister, announced the State Superintendent Student Advisory Group. Three Putnam City students have been chosen to serve. Valencia Herrero, Brittney Luong, and Trakel Pinkston are representing Putnam City. All three are Putnam City High students. Congratulations on this leadership opportunity!

▶ The Putnam City Invitational Basketball Tournament is this weekend. Putnam City fans are looking forward to some great match-ups on the new hardwood at Putnam City High.

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Good News from **PUTNAM CITY** **SCHOOLS**

OMRF Fleming Scholar applications are online and open to apply. The deadline is February 1st. Also on the schedule for spring, Junior Scientist Days at OMRF will be March 30th and 31st. Putnam City values our partnership with OMRF in cancer research.

Putnam City West is saving energy and money with some new changes. All lighting at the school has been swapped to LED lighting, and dimmers have been added in classrooms. The new LED lights are expected to last up to twenty years, and have a ten year warranty. The savings is forecasted to be \$32,000 in rebates with the electricity provider. Special thanks to PC employee, Paul Jeffries for making this project a reality.