



Board Highlights

January 21, 2020

Comments by Board Members and Public

Reminder: **THE 2020 BOND**
Vote Feb. 11

School Board Appreciation Month

Thank you to our board members who donate their time to improve our schools and educate our students. It is a substantial time commitment and also an unpaid position to serve on the board. We appreciate their work every month of the year!

Course Description Guide Update Passed

The board approved the 2020-2021 High School Course Description Guide. The guide includes information about graduation requirements, college and career readiness resources, course descriptions of classes, and information about courses offered at Francis Tuttle Technology Centers.

Congratulations to the Putnam City Schools Museum Lifetime Service Award Winners: Sherry Boyd, Andy & Sharon Bezley, and Kathryn Reynolds



Jay Sherrill congratulated the award winners. Mr. Sherrill also commended Dr. Mouse for her work on the PCW internship program. He said thank you for the gifts for School Board Appreciation Month.

Charity Avery acknowledged the museum award winners. She also thanked everyone for their gifts. Ms. Avery said she has a PCW intern at her place of work, and they are happy to have her there.

Becky Gooch said the award winners are all servant leaders. She said thank you for the gifts from everyone. She also reminded everyone that the legislative session begins soon. She also wished PCN Principal, Carole Buhr, a happy birthday.

Meeting Date: Monday, January 21, 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,
Sandy Leemaster, board clerk

Next Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2020 5 p.m.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT by Dr. Fred Rhodes

A historic bond election vote is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th. Every aspect of a Putnam City student's education is impacted by this bond beginning with the foundations of education. The voters will be asked to approve two separate propositions totaling \$133,450,000.

Proposition #1 proposes numerous improvements across the District. Each Putnam City school would receive prioritized improvements with this proposition. Proposition #2 is for needed buses and transportation safety equipment.

Specific proposed projects for the first proposition are categorized by site on www.putnamcityschools.org. Storm safety, security, renovations and modernizations of buildings are all part of the proposed projects. Technology for instruction is also a large part of this proposition. Laptops for teachers, classroom technology, and implementing more digital textbooks are proposed. Band uniforms, athletic uniforms, and a performing arts center are all part of Proposition #1 also.

Information about the second question, which is the transportation question, is also posted on our web site.

We encourage all voters to go to the polls on Tuesday, February 11th for this historic vote on the 2020 Bond!



Audition registration is now open for the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain (OSAI). OSAI is headed to Putnam City for auditions! Putnam City North High School will host auditions that are open to all PC students in acting, chorus, creative writing, drawing & painting, film & video, orchestra, and photography on Saturday and Sunday, February 8-9, 2020. OSAI ensures that every student accepted to the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute receives a FULL SCHOLARSHIP to attend.

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Cindy Gibbs also said happy birthday to Carole Buhr. Mrs. Gibbs said she loves receiving cards from kids, and she is excited to go home and read all of the cards students made for board members. She praised the award winners also and remembers so many events they were involved in through the years.

Gail LoPresto congratulated the award winners and mentioned that some of them have volunteered long after their children were finished with school. She thanked the Putnam City Museum for organizing the awards. Mrs. LoPresto thanked everyone for the gifts. She also wished Mrs. Buhr a happy birthday. She said she is happy to see the PCW internship program.

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



Putnam City would like to congratulate PCW student, Cameron Pennington, on being a QuestBridge Match. Cameron will receive a full cost scholarship to Stanford University in California. He plans on studying Public Policy and will use this knowledge to further his career in advocating for education reform and income inequality. Cameron comes from a family unit that supports education and their love for Putnam City as his mom is a bus driver for PC.

Putnam City would also like to acknowledge Sarah Marmolejos, also a PCW student, for her accomplishment as a QuestBridge College Match finalist!

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