



Board Highlights

February 17, 2020

Comments by Board Members and Public

Jay Sherrill thanked everyone who voted in the bond election. He said as a parent and a board member, he appreciates it.

Cindy Gibbs also thanked everyone who voted. She said she also likes that each school decided what their specific site needed in the bond proposal.

Gail LoPresto thanked Dr. Rhodes for his leadership during The 2020 Bond election. She said Dr. Rhodes came to her neighborhood meeting to answer questions, and she appreciates him taking the time to do that.



Board Approves 2021-2022 Calendar

The 2021-2022 District Calendar was approved tonight. This calendar was prepared in partnership with PACT leadership. Two calendar versions were presented to employees with eight hundred and thirty staff members responding. Fifty-five percent of responders selected Option 1, which is the option approved by the board tonight.

Board Passes Issuance of Bond Details

The school board passed a resolution determining the maturities of, and also setting a date, time, and place for the sale of \$38,750,000 in general obligation bonds. The resolution also designates bond counsel for this issuance of bonds. The district has been duly authorized at separate elections held on August 6, 2014 and on February 11, 2020 to issue general obligation bonds.

Board Renews Superintendent's Contract

Tonight the board renewed the contract of Dr. Fred. Rhodes as Putnam City Schools Superintendent. The contract is a one year contract that begins July 1, 2020.

Meeting Date: Monday, February 17, 2020, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building

Board members present were: Gail LoPresto, Cindy Gibbs, and Jay Sherrill.

Also present were:
Dr. Fred Rhodes, superintendent,
Sandy Lemaster, board clerk

Next Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2020 5 p.m.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT by Dr. Fred Rhodes

Thank you to the patrons of Putnam City, and congratulations to our students and teachers on passing The 2020 Bond! The bond passed by seventy-four percent. We are thrilled for what this means for Putnam City! The results show that 1,500 more people went to the polls in this bond election than they did in the last bond election in 2017. That is a sixty-five percent increase in participation. This is unprecedented, and a show of support that our community is invested in education. Even Mayor David Holt, a Putnam City North graduate, asked patrons to vote on social media. Many elected officials made posts on social media, asking voters to head to the polls. Thank you, to each of you, for your part in creating this amazing future for our Putnam City students!

Congratulations to two Putnam City Academy students who are award winners at this year's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards!

Congratulations to Priscilla Ramos, a Gold Key Winner for her batik piece titled: "The Lyrics of My Life." A Gold Key Winner is regarded as one of the highest achievements a high school student in Oklahoma can receive for an individual piece of artwork. Emma Renton was recognized with an "Honorable Mention" award as well, which is extremely rare for a sophomore. You may have seen her painting titled: "Strawberry World" when it was displayed in the West Conference Room earlier this year.

Our March board meeting will include a Youth Art Month celebration. There will be music and drama performances from students in Putnam City as we celebrate the arts, and all that PC has to offer.

PUTNAM CITY Good News from **SCHOOLS**

Putnam City West basketball player, Rondel Walker, beat the all-time school scoring record at PCW. He has been featured on many local media sources for his accomplishment. He also holds PC West's all-time steals record. His story is posted on the Putnam City Facebook page and Putnam City's Twitter.

You may have seen PCW Alum, Malcolm Tubbs, hosting the NBA All-Star Weekend. Mr. Tubbs also hosts our Morning Gridiron broadcasts from all three Putnam City schools.

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>

The City of Oklahoma City is reminding residents that you will receive a census survey by April 1st. All responses are confidential. More information is at okc.gov/census.

