



# Board Highlights

## Board Proclaims March as Youth Arts Month

This annual celebration directs attention to the value of fine arts education in student overall success in their education and life. Studies show students participating in the fine arts have higher grades, score better on standardized tests, have better attendance records, and are more active in community affairs. Youth Arts Month provides an opportunity for us to demonstrate the value of the fine arts to local communities and businesses.

## Board Approves Summer School Times & Locations

The district will provide summer school services to allow students the opportunity to take classes required to meet graduation requirements. A Credit Recovery Academy is also planned to allow current seniors the opportunity to finish needed credits to graduate this year.

## Board Approves Restorative Practices Training

The Board voted tonight to hold Restorative Practices Training for all principals, assistant principals, and interns on May 28, 2020.

The goal for the training is for all administrators to:

- Gain an understanding of what Restorative Practices in schools is and how it benefits the overall school environment
- Understand how to shift to focusing on meaningful accountability that is designed to change the adverse behavior
- Get an overview of how to develop a plan to implement and sustain a successful Restorative Practices Initiative

## Board Approves Contract for PCW Gym

Tonight the Board approved a contract with Sparks Reed Architects & Interiors to design an additional gym at Putnam City West High School/Storm Shelter.

March 2, 2020

### Comments by Board Members and Public

Jay Sherrill thanked all of the performers for Youth Arts Month. He also thanked their teachers and administration for their investments in the students and the arts. He said he is proud to be a product of Putnam City.

Charity Avery said all of the performances were great. Ms. Avery also said she got to witness the PCW welcoming of incoming freshmen recently, and she was impressed. She said PCW did a great job of showing students all of the ways to be involved.

Becky Gooch said she also enjoyed the student performances. Mrs. Gooch said she knows firsthand from her children's experience, what music can do for kids in Putnam City.

Cindy Gibbs said the Western Oaks children performing made her cry because it reminds her of her own children when they were younger.

Meeting Date: Monday, March 2, 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, March 23, 2020 5 p.m.

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** by Dr. Fred Rhodes

Putnam City West recently hosted the Superintendent's TEAM for a Student Advisory Meeting. Students gave invaluable feedback on all areas of their education while students at Putnam City, including their middle school and elementary school experiences. This select group of informed students are involved in a variety of activities at PCW. One of the most common comments made was the pride they have in their school because they feel they will be well prepared for living and working in a diverse society. Several said they were given the choice of attending PC West or not, but felt strongly about attending a school that embraces diversity. These conversations with students are always inspiring to our TEAM. Thank you to Putnam City West for hosting us.



It was a week-long celebration for Public Education Week last week. Red attire filled the halls in many PC buildings, and also at the Capitol on Red for Public Ed Day. Putnam City employees participated, and many legislators did too. Putnam City was represented in a photo on the Senate Chamber floor as the proclamation for Public Education Week was presented. Friday we were PC proud as we supported public education with PC attire. You can see photos from the week on Putnam City's social media pages.

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Mrs. Gibbs said the arts are the foundation for what we do, and the students are a reflection of their great teachers. She also commended the PCH JROTC team for qualifying for a national competition for the first in 8 years of the PCH program. Mrs. Gibbs also said she toured the new Capps Middle School. It is still under construction. She was impressed with the building design and the teaching approach.

Gail LoPresto said the student performances at the meeting were excellent. She said we support the students and teachers and all of the arts.

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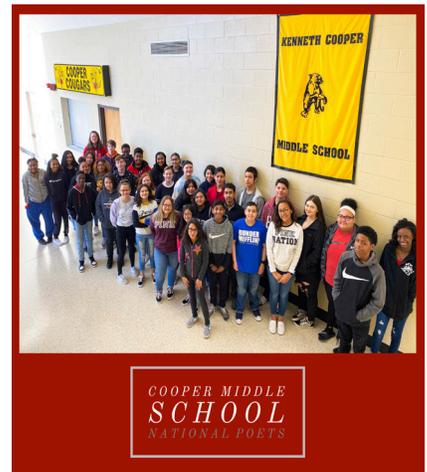
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Congratulations to Coach Tammye Bishop and the Putnam City North Boys Swim Team for being awarded the Academic State Champions for 6A! This group excels in the classroom and in the pool. We are proud of their academics and athleticism.



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



Congratulations to the nationally published poets at Cooper Middle School. These students were published in The Creative Communications National Poetry Competition.

Mayor Holt delivered his State of the City address this past week. He focused heavily on public education, and its role in our community. We look forward to his vision for public education in OKC.

Two PCN FCCLA members are currently on the ballot for an FCCLA State Officer position. Only 17 students in the state are on the ballot and 10 will be chosen. Good luck to our Panthers!

Jordann Hardin (Northridge Elementary School), Debbie Shirley (Windsor Hills Elementary), and Leia Wheeler (Northridge Elementary School) were 3 of the top 100 teachers utilizing IXL as ranked by IXL.

The census opens March 12th, for more information, visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

