



# Board Highlights

## Board Approves Agreement with Francis Tuttle May 4, 2020

The Board approved the Bioscience and Medicine Academy Joint Program Agreement with Francis Tuttle Technology Center for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Qualifying Putnam City sophomores, juniors, and seniors are provided an opportunity to attend the Academy for the purpose of taking classes in math, science and bioscience/medicine.

The Board approved the Computer Science Academy Joint Program Agreement with Francis Tuttle Technology Center for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Qualifying Putnam City sophomores, juniors and seniors are provided an opportunity to attend the Academy for the purpose of taking Computer Programming, Software Engineering, Cybersecurity and Capstone Course: Computational Problem Solving.

The Board approved the Career Counseling Initiative Memorandum of Understanding with Francis Tuttle Technology Center for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. For several years, a grant has enabled Putnam City to participate with Francis Tuttle Technology Center to fund three career counselors who will establish a defined career counseling initiative in the Putnam City Schools. By providing these counselors, students will be able to develop a fully integrated career plan.

The Board approved the Pre-Engineering Academy Joint Program Agreement with Francis Tuttle Technology Center for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Qualifying Putnam City sophomores, juniors and seniors are provided an opportunity to attend the Academy for the purpose of taking Pre-Engineering classes in math, science and technology.

The Board approved the contract with the Francis Tuttle Technology Center for the Four-Year-Old Partnership for the 2020-2021 school year. Each year, renewal is required for the Four-Year-Old joint program agreement with Francis Tuttle Technology Center.

The Board approved the Project HOPE Joint Program Agreement with Francis Tuttle Technology Center for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This joint effort provides students an opportunity for success.

### Assistant Principals Hired

At tonight's board meeting the following people were hired by the Board for Assistant Principal positions at locations to be determined in the District:

Edward Smith	(High School)
Shane Austin	(High School)
Alyssa McElvany	(Middle School)
Jon Belt	(Middle School)
Nancy Ingle	(Elementary School)

Meeting Date: Monday, May 4 2020, 5 p.m.  
Location: Virtual

Board members present were: Gail LoPresto, president, Jay Sherrill, and Charity Avery.  
Also present were:  
Dr. Fred Rhodes, superintendent,  
Sandy Lemaster, board clerk  
Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2020 5 p.m.  
*Putnam City Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, or disability.*

## Renewed Healthcare Safety Solutions Contract

The Board approved a contract with Healthcare Safety Solutions. This is a renewal of the contract that is current for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The employment of Healthcare Solutions was considered by our insurance underwriters a proactive effort in an endeavor to reduce our workers' compensation losses.

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

We are pleased that our Governor and other officials have publicly announced that there appears to be progress being made in our state, with issues related to COVID-19. While we know that there are several phases to the plan our Governor has announced, the Administration TEAM has started to work on our own District Re-entry Plan. The implementation of the District Plan will be directly correlated with the State and local plan established by our Governor and Mayor. We acknowledge that it will take weeks and possibly months for life to slowly regain normalcy. There are still many unknowns, especially the timeline, but we are hopeful that school can begin again this August with students and teachers physically back in school.

Speaking of school beginning again in August, Pre-K registration is live online now through May 8th. Parents or guardians of incoming Pre-K students may register on the Putnam City web site. If you do not have internet access, call Enrollment at 491-7631 for in-person registration hours.

While sports events are halted due to COVID-19, there is some good news for our athletes. PCW basketball player, Rondel Walker has been awarded Boys Big All City Basketball Player of the Year, and that award marks a significant accomplishment for Putnam City athletics. Since 2010, Putnam City Schools has been the home to Boys Big All City Basketball Player of the Year five times! Putnam City players and coaching staff are to be commended for their consistent showing in this large talent arena. Congratulations to Rondel, and all involved.

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

Many stories of giving are coming from this difficult time for many families. The staff at Western Oaks Elementary raised over \$3,800 to purchase food and school supplies for their families. Local churches partnered with Western Oaks staff to reach their goal and to provide space to prepare the donations. Western Oaks staff shopped for groceries, school supplies, and necessities for 159 families.

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Board members wished teachers a Happy Teacher Appreciation Week, praised our support staff, and thanked Marj Iven for her service as she retires.



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

Congratulations to Marj Iven for being named on the distinguished list of The Oklahoman's Community Influencers in Education. This distinction was awarded to a short list of women who have made a difference in education in Oklahoma. Congratulations Marj on this honor!

