



Board Highlights

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BY DR. FRED RHODES

Distance Learning has been a new experience for everyone involved, and we are grateful to our board members, administrators, teachers, support staff, and parents who have openly embraced a completely new way to educate our students, while keeping our students and staff safe. We continue to monitor the Oklahoma county-by-county COVID-19 Alert Map, meanwhile we have been planning what a safe return to school will look like for our students and staff. In an effort to provide a safe and healthy balance, it seemed wise to develop a transition plan as we begin the process of in-person learning.

Beginning Monday, October 26, 2020 Putnam City Schools will implement a Transition Plan from Distance Learning to in-person learning with an A/B schedule and a mask requirement. An A/B schedule means that 50% of our students will be on campus two days per week. The A schedule will be in-person Mondays and Tuesdays. The B schedule will be in-person Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesday will be a virtual learning day for all students. Students will be in virtual learning, the three days they are not on campus. This plan will allow for social distancing.

The Transition Plan will give students a campus experience, which they have not had since last March. This plan is the safest way for our students to transition back to the classroom while also contributing to the social, emotional and mental wellbeing of our students.

We understand that parents will be anxious to know their student's assigned letter and schedule. We are currently doing the required planning to make those assignments. This process will take some time, but the goal is for families with multiple children, to have the same day of the week schedule. In the coming weeks, families will be contacted with their students' assigned schedule once it is established.

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Comments by
Board Members and Public

Sky Collins said she is happy about the weekly meal pick-up option. She gave kudos to Child Nutrition. Mrs. Collins has been picking up meals with her own children and is impressed with the staff.

Gail LoPresto thanked everyone for their hard work transitioning into in-person school. She said she admires the patience of parents and supports our teachers. Mrs. LoPresto said, "Everyone is doing a spectacular job."

Jay Sherrill thanked Foundation board members and sponsors for their work on the fundraising golf tournament. Mr. Sherrill also said he is excited for his son to have a campus experience this year. Mr. Sherrill said teachers are working hard and daily tasks are fantastic.

Cindy Gibbs said she agrees teachers are working hard and she appreciates the grace that people are giving.

Meeting Date: Monday, September 21, 2020, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2020 5 p.m.
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Present: Dr. Fred Rhodes, Superintendent, Cindy Gibbs, President, Jay Sherrill, Vice President, Sky Collins, Gail LoPresto, Tina Losawyer, Deputy Board Clerk.

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Putnam City Schools will continue to make decisions based on the Oklahoma COVID-19 Alert Map found at www.health.ok.gov. The question might be asked, “Would Putnam City Schools go back to a Distance Learning Plan?” The answer is, “Yes”. That would occur for the District if Oklahoma County finds itself in the category of Orange 2 or Red. However, virtual learning days might be implemented at a school site, if the number of positive cases and/or student exposure require a quarantine.

Be watching our web page and social media pages for more information regarding the Return to Learn Transition Plan. There will be opportunities to submit questions and receive answers in scheduled virtual communication events this week.

PC Foundation: We appreciate the Putnam City Foundation and all that they do to support the District. They held their annual Golf Tournament today at the Greens Country Club, which was a huge success. We appreciate the support from the community and specifically to all who participated in today’s Golf Tournament. This annual event is one of the largest fundraisers of the Foundation. Support of the Foundation means support for our teachers in projects and programs that help enhance learning opportunities for our students. I would encourage you to become a Friend of the Foundation. It’s a great way to support the Foundation through payroll deduction.

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>

Important Notes:

Putnam City Schools plans to administer the ACT® test in Spring 2021 to eligible juniors as part of the state contract with the Oklahoma State Department of Education and ACT. Each Putnam City high school invites stakeholders to visit their school webpage to view a letter which contains an optional survey to provide input on the selection.

Motions Passed by The Board

Several motions were passed at tonight’s meeting. For full details, go to www.putnamcityschools.org. Below are some highlights:

The Board approved the schedule of regular meetings for calendar year 2021.

The Board approved the contractual agreement with Oklahoma Athletic Center for pool usage to accommodate the needs of all three district high school swim teams for the 2020-2021 year.

The Board approved the agreement with Lingo Construction Services for the completion of the 2014 and 2020 Bond Projects.

The Board approved the estimate of needs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.



"A" Schedule

Monday: in-person

Tuesday: in-person

Wednesday: virtual learning day

Thursday: virtual learning day

Friday: virtual learning day

"B" Schedule

Monday: virtual learning day

Tuesday: virtual learning day

Wednesday: virtual learning day

Thursday: in-person

Friday: in-person