



Board Highlights

Board Names Executive Director of Operations

The Board voted tonight to hire Shbrone Brookings as the new Executive Director of Operations. Mr. Brookings has been with Putnam City Schools since 2007. Mr. Brookings is currently the Principal at Ralph Downs Elementary. He has served as an assistant principal, a teacher, and a site athletic director during his time at Putnam City Schools. He is a former Teacher of the Year at Mayfield Middle School. Mr. Brookings has a Master's degree in History. We look forward to his leadership in Operations as he continues his years of service with Putnam City Schools. (See picture below.)



Financial Report By Shannon Meeks

Fiscal year 2021 is budgeted to end with a general fund balance of \$5.5 million, close to half of the 7% board goal. Close to a \$1,000,000 in budget reductions combined with no compensation increase was not enough to overcome the struggling economy. State aid funding also decreased \$5,200,000. While the new year budget represents a \$6.8 million dollar fund balance decrease, it is built using a conservative approach, assuming every budgeted dollar is spent and every job is filled.

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Comments by Board Members and Public

Charity Avery thanked everyone for their hard work on A/B schedules. She said she is proud of Putnam City for their OMRF donation also.

Sky Collins thanked everyone for their hard work during the transition. Mrs. Collins said her kids are excited, and she feels confident. Mrs. Collins thanked the Foundation for inviting her to join in a steering committee for community involvement.

Gail LoPresto thanked everyone and said she supports the return to school with A/B.

Jay Sherrill thanks the Foundation for the Special Board Meeting. Mr. Sherrill acknowledged that all A/B maps are updated and current now.

Cindy Gibbs also thanked the Foundation for the Special Meeting. She thanked all employees who worked on A/B. She said her granddaughter is happy to return to school.

Meeting Date: Monday, October 19, 2020, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building

Next Meeting: Monday, November 2, 2020 5 p.m.
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BY DR. FRED RHODES

As previously announced, Putnam City Schools will implement the Transition Plan beginning Monday, October 26, one week from today. The Transition Plan means that students will be attending school, with in-person learning, two days each week and they will have three days of virtual learning each week, following the A/B schedule. Families received e-mails over Fall Break with their A/B assignments. Putnam City Schools wanted parents to receive this information as soon as possible. A/B schedules and A/B assignment maps are also posted on the District website at www.putnamcityschools.org/ab. A new interactive feature is coming soon for parents to input their address and pinpoint A/B designation.

The A/B schedule is intended to reduce class size, coordinate with teachers' class schedules, and help with social distancing. School principals are available during regular office hours to answer questions regarding A/B assignment or questions regarding their child's transition.

Teachers will be contacting families this week before the Transition Plan begins to connect with students once more prior to in-person instruction. We look forward to welcoming students back to the building in the safest way possible as we begin A/B schedules on Monday, October 26th. Please continue to check our website and social media for updates.

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OMRF Donation



Dr. Dick Balenseifen presented a check from Putnam City Schools to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation for \$50,000. This money was raised last year at all Putnam City Schools through individual school fundraisers. Even with the school year being cut short due to COVID, employees and students raised \$50,000 to contribute to this long time partnership with OMRF for cancer research.

(See photo above.)

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Motions Passed by The Board

There were twenty-five items on tonight's agenda. See the full agenda with details of each item on our web site, www.putnamcityschools.org. The Board voted on a motion to approve a Resolution for the Putnam City School District Annual Election to the Oklahoma County Election Board. This motion passed. If more than three candidates file for one or both of the open seats, there will be an election on Tuesday, February 9th. More information is available on the web site.

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Good News from

PUTNAM CITY
SCHOOLS

Christina Neller has been named Administrative Intern for Putnam City High School. Congratulations!

Putnam City Schools is hiring bus drivers.
Apply at www.putnamcityschools.org/driver

Employees who have COVID-19 symptoms, or who have tested positive for COVID-19, or who believe they have been exposed to COVID-19, please call the COVID-19 Employee Only Hotline provided in the graphic below. This number is for employees only. Students will have a different number to call.

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COVID-19 HOTLINE
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