



Board Highlights

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BY DR. FRED RHODES

As announced last week, due to heightened COVID-19 numbers, Putnam City Schools will be in Distance Learning through December 18th. As we look toward 2021, Putnam City Schools is planning the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year with an intent to return to an A/B schedule and a goal to transition to five days a week, in-person learning. PCS is developing a plan that will allow a return to the classroom with specific protocol that protects students' and employees' health by analyzing site-specific data and customizing actions based on individual school and classroom conditions. More information will be released this week.

We are grateful to our teachers, who continue to create connections with students while teaching virtually. We congratulate the site Teachers of the Year who were recently announced by PACT. We know this pandemic demands new ideas, and we praise our teachers for implementing those so well. Congratulations to all of our teachers for navigating this year and our Teachers of the Year who are being honored.

COVID has created the need for new plans in many aspects throughout this school year. The opening of the all-new Capps building is one of those. We are waiting for the day that it is safe to open this beautiful new building to parents and others in the community to see the innovative use of space indoors and outdoors and the integration of technology in learning. We are proud to announce the NW Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce will be featuring the new building in an upcoming publication with a cover photo of the new building.

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Comments by
Board Members and Public

Charity Avery wished everyone Happy Holidays! She thanked administration, staff, teachers, and cleaning crews who have worked so hard. Mrs. Avery congratulated Capps Middle School for their honors mentioned in the Superintendent's Report.

Sky Collins congratulated musicians from PC that competed in the OkMEA All-State Orchestra competition. Mrs. Collins also congratulated the site Teachers of the Year. She thanked PTOs too for all of their creativity during this time.

Gail LoPresto congratulated Shbrone Brookings on his new position. Mrs. LoPresto complimented the custodial staff cleaning the buildings and the grounds crews who cleaned debris from the storm. She said she appreciates the teachers so much, and hopes everyone has Happy Holidays!

Meeting Date: Monday, December 7, 2020, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building

Next Meeting: Monday, January 4, 2020 5 p.m.
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Present: Dr Fred Rhodes, Superintendent, Cindy Gibbs, Board Clerk, Charity Avery, Sky Collins, Jay Sherrill, Cindy Gibbs

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We are also proud to announce that Capps Middle School is a top-three finalist in the Urban League Institute Oklahoma 7th Annual Impact Awards. These awards honor projects representing the best practices in land use and development in our community through their contributions to the built environment and the public realm. It is a honor for Putnam City Schools to be in among the finalists.

Motions Passed by the Board

The board passed several motions tonight. For full details, view the board meeting agenda online. Below are a few highlights.

The Board passed a motion to renew a contract with OneNet for internet services.

The Board also passed a motion to renew a contract with Cox for internet services.

The Board passed a motion to accept the audit and report and findings by Eide Bailly.

The Board passed a motion to approve an agreement with GoFan to sell tickets to district athletic events.

The Board voted to employ Ernesto Hernandez as a Buildings Director.

The Board voted a renewal of contract with the City of Warr Acres for crossing guards.

The Board voted to approve iObservation Professional Development Agreement.

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Comments by Board Members and Public

Jay Sherrill said what makes Putnam City so special is the people. He agreed with the comments of the other board members about the hard work of employees and an appreciation of teachers. Mr. Sherrill wished everyone a wonderful holiday. He also congratulated student athletes who were successful.

Cindy Gibbs said she concurred with everything said by fellow board members. She said she is hopeful for January.

Congratulations to Putnam City's
Teachers of the Year!

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Putnam City Schools Teachers of the Year

Apollo: Kyla Brown
Arbor Grove: Stephanie Olson
James L. Capps: Trista Kelley
Central: Chelsie Titsworth
Kenneth Cooper: Nikki Tolbert
Coronado: Brittany Owze
James L. Dennis: Robin Fairsheets
Ralph Downs: Callie Sherrill
Harvest Hills: Brenda McMenemy
Hefner: Ryanne Baughman
Hilldale: Bobby Rockel
D. D. Kirkland: Leah Thomas
Lake Park: Heather Ely
Mayfield: Kacy Hibdon
Northridge: Jordann Hardin
Overholser: Catherine Allen
Putnam City Academy: Clark Townsend
Putnam City High: Brian Redus
Putnam City North: Melinda Flournoy
Putnam City West: Shane Cole
Rollingwood: Monica Hiller
Tulakes: Courtney Garrett
Western Oaks Elementary: Rebecca Hinton
Western Oaks Middle School: Rob Ezzell
Wiley Post: Lauren Querbach
Will Rogers: Sarah Phillips
Windsor Hills: Mackenzie Bridgwater

