

# Board Highlights

January 19, 2021

Comments by  
Board Members and Public

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BY DR. FRED RHODES

Welcome back to a rare Tuesday evening meeting. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr said, “The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.” This quote was shared in our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion newsletter this month. Yesterday there were many events celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Our curriculum department has provided MLK Jr. projects for teachers. Our EDI department created a cultural crossword on our website if you would like to test your cultural knowledge.

As mentioned earlier in the meeting, this month is School Board Recognition Month. We thank our five board members who serve our Putnam City students. They devote so much more time than the time spent in these meetings. They invest their time in our community and schools by attending events, talking with families, and supporting students. Thank you to all five of our board members for being active leaders in the PC community.

We commend the PC West Patriots Basketball Team for placing Second in the Putnam City Invitational Tournament. They came from behind, tied the game, and forced the championship game to go into overtime. We appreciate PC North for hosting this year’s Invitational Tournament, which made history this year as it’s the first time the games have been available for viewing via live stream. It was exciting to be in the crowd, be it in-person or virtual!

Steve McCartney, a parent of students at Western Oaks and Putnam City West, spoke requesting a crosswalk on 23rd Street.

Steve Burger, a patron, shared his opinion about returning to school. He said he wished that Putnam City would have stayed in Distance Learning until Spring Break. He also mentioned that he hopes PC will continue online education to meet the needs of students who need it.

Charity Avery thanked everyone for the gifts. She said she is thankful to be a part of the team. Ms. Avery said her daughter was excited to go back to school. She also thanked the janitorial staff and the schools.

Sky Collins thanked Shannon Meeks for his report. She thanked staff for the A/B transition. Mrs. Collins said she is happy to be here and offer support. She said she appreciates everyone as much as they appreciate the Board.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 5 p.m.  
Location: Administration Building

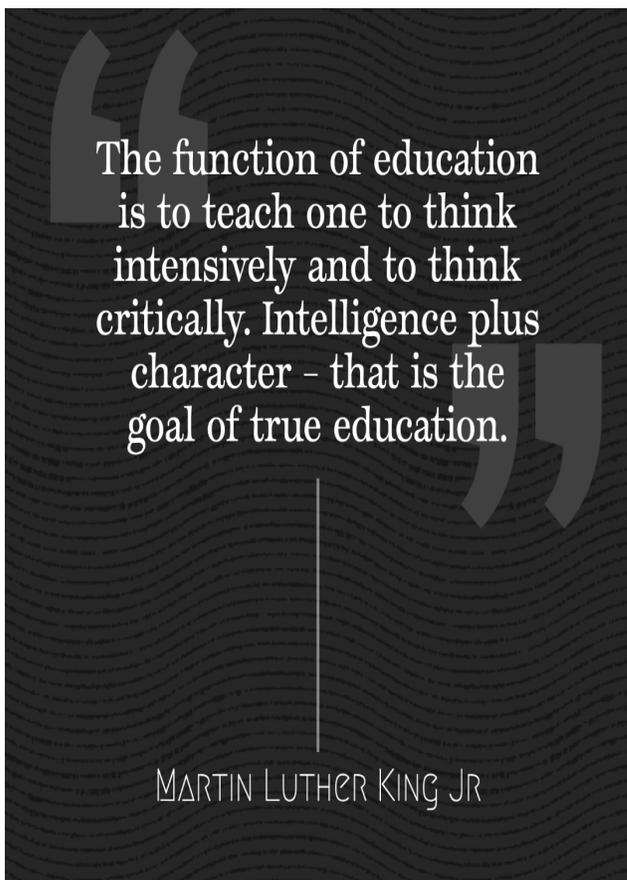
Next Meeting: Monday, February 1, 2021 5 p.m.  
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Present: Dr Fred Rhodes, Superintendent, Sandy Lemaster, Board Clerk, Charity Avery, Sky Collins, Gail LoPresto, Jay Sherrill, Cindy Gibbs

## Mid-Year Report by Shannon Meeks Putnam City Schools, CFO

While Putnam City was \$2 million under budget during the first half of FY21, the savings were not enough to cover a \$4.6 million mid-year cut in state aid. The FY21 fund balance is now budgeted to finish with \$3.96 million, or 2.56% of current year expenditures.

However, there is good news: Putnam City will receive \$21.4 million of federal assistance through recently passed ESSER II funding. The district is currently exploring when these funds will be available, and how they may be spent.



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Gail LoPresto said she appreciates her fellow board members. Mrs. LoPresto acknowledged and applauded each board member for their service.

Jay Sherrill said six years of serving on the Board has gone by fast. He said students are getting a fantastic education all over PC. Mr. Sherrill said everyone is stepping up to the challenge. He also appreciates the teamwork at PC.

Cindy Gibbs said she appreciates everyone's gifts. She thanked the administrative staff and teachers. Mrs. Gibbs said she serves because she loves the District.

## Motions Passed by The Board

Full details on this and more from the meeting can be found at [www.putnamcityschools.org](http://www.putnamcityschools.org).

The Board approved the motion to establish a collaborative effort between Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) and the District in the event of a future public health emergency.

The Board approved the motion to partner with Passport Health to provide the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine through a private point of distribution within the District to those designated by the District. Vaccine administration will begin with District employees who indicated their interest in taking the vaccine in a recent district survey. If limited vaccine is available, distribution will be prioritized through consultation with the OKC-County Health Department (OCCHD).

The Board approved the motion to grant easement and right of way located at 7501 W. Hefner to the City of Oklahoma City.

The Board approved the motion to authorize sale of bonds.

The Board approved the proposed waiver for the TLE Qualitative Evaluation.

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Congratulations to Putnam City High CSAF Private Pilot Scholarship recipients for the 2021 AFJROTC Flight Academy!

We are proud to announce that two PCHS JROTC cadets were chosen from only 200 spots worldwide for CSAF Private Pilot Scholarship recipients for the 2021 AFJROTC Flight Academy.

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