



Board Highlights

June 7, 2021

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BY DR. FRED RHODES

For the first year in PC history, each of the three high schools hosted their own graduation ceremonies at their own stadiums. The weather held off just long enough for all graduation plans to move forward with outdoor ceremonies. Thank you to all who planned three great events celebrating our newest class of graduates! Congratulations to the class of 2021!

Recharge Summer Learning is underway! Students received a warm welcome from teachers and administrators. Students are participating in enrichment activities and enjoying time learning with many hands-on activities. It's going to be a great month of learning!

Putnam City Schools has announced another upcoming COVID vaccination clinic for all eligible students, employees, and families. The clinic is this Wednesday, June 9th. For a first dose vaccine, you must sign up online. Click on the COVID tab at www.putnamcityschools.org

Two PCN students, Vianka Maese and Melany Rueda, earned the seal of biliteracy, an honor that recognizes students' abilities to read, write, speak and understand more than one language. Both students earned this seal for Spanish and English with their ACT scores and by passing the AP Spanish Language and Culture test which they both took last May in the heart of the pandemic. Congratulations!



(More graduation photos on page 2.)

Comments by Board Members and Public

Judy Mullen Hopper commented on an agenda item, praising what PC is doing for the homeless population. Mrs. Mullen Hopper also said Harvest Hills started a new plaque memorial program. Mrs. Mullen Hopper also said that the 8th grade reading test mandate for driver's license requirement has been repealed.

Steve Burger said he has received positive feedback from the community about the summer school program. He also said he is happy to see the PCN graduates of 2020 getting to have a ceremony. Mr. Burger said he is sad that Eddie Wright, Athletic Director at PCH is leaving. He said he has done a great job. Mr. Burger also said he attended the all school reunion and enjoyed it.

Meeting Date: Monday, June 7, 2021, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building

Next Meeting: Monday, June 21, 2021 5 p.m.
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Present: Dr Fred Rhodes, Superintendent, Sandy Lemaster, Board Clerk, Jay Sherrill, Charity Avery, Steve Burger, Judy Mullen Hopper, and Gail LoPresto.

Motions Passed by The Board

The Board approved a motion for the agreement with Pivot, Inc to assist with life skills education services for homeless students.

The Board approved a motion for the agreement with Pivot, Inc to provide Truancy Services.

The Board approved a motion for the renewal of MacSpec Software and Support Agreement.

The Board approved a motion for the contract renewal with the City of Oklahoma City for school crossing guard for 2021-2022 school year.

The Board approved a motion for the PowerSchool Annual Support Agreement.

The Board approved a motion for the contract renewal with Chance to Change for an employee assistance program for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Board approved a motion for the UnME2 Agreement for SpotMyBus GPS Tracking.

The Board approved a motion for the renewal of Eide Bailly as the District's independent auditor for the audit of the 2021 fiscal year and preparation of the FY2022 Estimate of Needs.

The Board approved a motion for the Temporary Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

The Board named the following positions: James Page, Director of Transportation, Morgan Morrissey Assistant Principal Putnam City North, and Christian Vargas-Santiago Putnam City West.

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Gail LoPresto echoed Mr. Burger's comments about Eddie Wright. She said he even painted the large sign at PCH when it needed to be painted. She said he always worked hard. Mrs. LoPresto attended the 5th grade graduation at Arbor Grove. She was impressed with the ceremony, and complimented James Burnett from Capps for being there to meet students that will be attending Capps.

Charity Avery said the graduations were great. She said principals were organized and welcoming. Mrs. Avery also congratulated all graduates. Mrs. Avery thanked Insight Creative Group for their brand presentation. She congratulated Shbrone Brookings on becoming a grandpa. Mrs. Avery said she has received great feedback on the summer school program.

Jay Sherrill said his daughter is enjoying summer school. He said it is a great reinforcement of what she was learning at the end of the year. Mr. Sherrill apologized for missing graduation ceremonies. He missed seeing everyone cross the stage, and he said he loves those events each year.

