



Board Highlights

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BY DR. FRED RHODES

It's hard to believe, but Convocation is just around the corner! Friday, August 6th at Putnam City High, we will welcome all of our teachers and administrators back in our traditional in-person Convocation for the first time since 2019! The energy will be high as it is our first start back to five days a week in person also. This year's Convocation features a special guest speaker and many other surprises!

Also, coming up in August, is the Putnam City Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, hosted by the PC Athletics Council Booster Club and The Putnam City Schools Foundation. Twelve new inductees will be honored on August 20th at Church of the Servant. Tickets are on sale now; reserve yours before ticket sales end. You can purchase seats on our website, www.putnamcityschools.org

Congratulations to Putnam City High's new Athletic Director, Jerrod Gatz. Jerrod attended Putnam City Schools Pre-K through 12th grade. His family has a rich history of over 40 years in Putnam City Schools. Jerrod is a third-generation graduate with two children who attend Putnam City Schools, and his wife is an educator at PC. Jerrod was a multi-sport athlete at Putnam City High School, competing in football and wrestling. He attended Southern Nazarene University on a football scholarship, graduating in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology of Athletic Training. He has been a Certified Athletic Trainer for ten years and a Head Athletic Trainer at Putnam City High School for eight years. Jerrod completed his master's degree in Sports Management and Administration at Southern Nazarene University in 2016.

July 19, 2021

Comments by Board Members and Public

Judy Mullen Hopper suggested that more emphasis be placed on ACT prep courses.

Steve Burger welcomed the participation of more visitors. He said he hopes people continue to attend meetings. Mr. Burger thanked the scouts that were present for coming. Mr. Burger said the Athletic Hall of Fame will be a fun event and encouraged people to attend. He also congratulated Mr. Gatz on being named PCH District Athletic Director.

Charity Avery said her daughter is excited to go back to school. She also encouraged people to participate in fundraisers for schools. She is hopeful for the upcoming school year, and encouraged people to attend in person.

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

Next Meeting: Monday, August 2, 2021 5 p.m.
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Present: Dr Fred Rhodes, Superintendent, Sandy Lemaster, Board Clerk, Charity Avery, Steve Burger, Jay Sherrill, and Judy Mullen Hopper.

College Dropout & Readiness Report

Executive Director of Secondary Education, Shelly Roper, presented the College Readiness (ACT) & Dropout Report tonight. The report shows that in 2020, District wide composite ACT scores went up 1.7 points. Mrs. Roper said college visits will resume in the 2021-2022 school year after a hiatus due to COVID-19 protocol. Also, on-campus concurrent classes will be on all three high school campuses in the coming year. Individual Career Academic Plans (ICAP) will be created for all middle school and high school students. Pre-ACT will be given to all 10th graders. Putnam City has partnerships in place to help students who are at risk for dropping out, and these partners are actively working to keep students in school.

Highlights of Motions from the Meeting

The Board tabled a motion for a Rates of Pay schedule for temporary jobs that are covered by regular and temporary certified and support personnel.

The Board approved the motion for the CCOSA Professional Development for Certification of OKTLE Tulsa Model Evaluation System.

The Board approved the motion for the CCOSA Professional Development for Certification of McRel School Leader Model Evaluation System.

The Board approved the motion for the Entrepreneurship Academy Joint Program Agreement.

The Board approved the motion for the school site statutory waiver for the SOAR program.

To see the full agenda and minutes of all motions passed at tonight's meeting, visit our website, www.putnamcityschools.org.

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>

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Jay Sherrill said both of his kids are excited to go to school. He congratulated Mr. Gatz for his promotion. Mr. Sherrill said he wishes Eddie Wright well and is happy for Mr. Gatz. Mr. Sherrill also said Gail LoPresto was unable to attend tonight. Mr. Sherrill said he is excited to see administrators return next week.