

# highlights



June 25, 2009

## Assistant Principals Hired, Administrators Assigned

Putnam City's Board of Education on Thursday night voted to hire two new assistant principals to serve in district schools in the 2009-2010 school year.

Michele Sanders was appointed assistant principal at Western Oaks Middle School. Sanders last year served as an administrative assistant both at Western Oaks and at Capps Middle School. Before her year as administrative assistant, she worked for a year as a counselor at Capps Middle School. Prior to coming to Putnam City, she spent six years as a counselor at Ardmore High School and four years as an English and literature teacher at Ardmore High School and Dickson High School. She holds a master's degree in education from East Central University and a bachelor's degree in English and physical education from McMurry University.

Ronda Hamilton was hired as assistant principal at Hilldale Elementary School. Hamilton last year served as assistant principal at Prairie Queen Elementary School in Oklahoma City, and for four years before that was an instructional facilitator for Oklahoma City Public Schools. She taught elementary school for 15 years and middle school for nine years. She holds a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Central Oklahoma and bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Oklahoma.

Superintendent Paul Hurst also announced reassignments of assistant principals and administrative interns for the 2009-2010 school year. Hurst announced:

- Wes Phillips, who last year was an assistant principal at Hilldale Elementary School, will be an assistant principal at Western Oaks Elementary School.
- Kim McLaughlin, who last year was an assistant principal at Windsor Hills Elementary School, will be an assistant principal at Central Elementary School.
- Marj Iven, who last year was an assistant principal at Tulakes Elementary School, will be an assistant principal at Windsor Hills Elementary School.
- Dee Moore, who last year was an administrative intern at Central Elementary School, will be an administrative intern at Northridge Elementary School.
- Brenda Davis, who last year was an administrative intern at Western Oaks Elementary School, will be an administrative intern at Wiley Post Elementary School.
- Karie Carpenter, who last year was an administrative intern at Northridge Elementary School, will be an administrative intern at Tulakes Elementary School.
- Hallie Wright, who last year was an assistant principal at Kenneth Cooper Middle School, will be an assistant principal at Capps Middle School.

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## COMMENTS by Public and Board Members

Board members thanked Glen Kastner for his years of outstanding service to the district and district students, and wished him a blessed retirement.

Julie Jenison congratulated Tim Wall on his appointment as director of Buildings and Grounds, saying he would do spectacular things for the district.

Becky Haliburton thanked the teachers who have given up time in the summer to attend classes and workshops to improve their skills and do what's best for kids.

Mark Bledsoe thanked the teachers, administrators and other staff who have been working to provide summer school for students.

Tammy West thanked district employees who have worked in the heat to maintain buildings and keep schools looking great. She also thanked architect Rick Waters for keeping board members up to date on summer construction projects.

Meeting Date:	Thursday, June 25, 5 p.m.
Location:	Administration Building
Roll Call:	All five members of the board were present: Gail LoPresto, president; Julie Jenison, vice president; Mark Bledsoe; Becky Haliburton; and Tammy West. Also present were Paul Hurst, superintendent; and Carolyn Shirley, deputy board clerk.
Next Meeting:	Thursday, July 9, 5 p.m.

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## Board Hires New Assistant Director of Special Services

Putnam City's Board of Education on Thursday night voted to hire Scott McCall as the district's new assistant director of Special Services.

For the past two years, McCall has served as an assistant principal and special education teacher at Cedaredge Elementary in the Delta County School District in Colorado. He also spent two years as a special education teacher and computer technology teacher at Delta Middle School in the same district.

Prior to his time in Colorado, he worked four years as a special education teacher in Wichita, Kansas, and for one year as a life skills trainer at a Nebraska residential treatment center for students with severe social/emotional disorders.

He has completed the educational leadership program at Adams State College, holds a master's degree in special education from Wichita State University and has a bachelor's degree in education from York College.

## Director of Buildings and Grounds Hired

Putnam City's Board of Education on Thursday night appointed Tim Wall as the district's director of Buildings and Grounds. Wall had been handling the position on an interim basis since February.

Wall has 30 years of experience with Putnam City Schools in custodial and maintenance services. In that time, he's worked as a custodian, area carpet and paint supervisor, area supervisor and employment and quality assurance specialist before becoming interim director. During his time with the district he has acquired expertise in purchasing, employee recruitment, hiring and training, facility audits, employee scheduling, budgetary compliance and many other areas. He holds certificates in technology, human resources and maintenance and operations.

## Board Renews Agreements with Francis Tuttle Technology Center

Putnam City's Board of Education on Thursday night renewed three agreements with Francis Tuttle Technology Center that will allow district students to take part in special programs during the 2009-2010 school year.

One agreement renewal will allow qualifying Putnam City sophomores, juniors and seniors an opportunity to attend the Bioscience and Medicine Academy for the purpose of taking classes in math, science and bioscience/medicine.

A second agreement renewal will allow qualifying Putnam City sophomores, juniors and seniors an opportunity to attend the Pre-Engineering Academy for the purpose of taking classes in math, science and technology.

There is no cost to the district for students to attend the Bioscience and Medicine Academy or the Pre-Engineering Academy.

The third agreement approved by the board allows Putnam City students to attend Project HOPE. Project HOPE is dropout recovery program hosted by Francis Tuttle and used by students from six school districts. The program provides academic instruction, life skills training and career training.

The districts that take part in Project HOPE share the cost of teacher salaries. Putnam City pays 4.5 teacher salaries.

## The Board Approved ...

... renewal of an agreement with the Putnam City Public Schools Foundation for the 2009-2010 school year. Since 1987 the Foundation has invested more than \$1.25 million in support of student character development, parent literacy, grants for classrooms, and recognition for excellent staff, students and volunteers.

... rehiring of the district's support staff for the 2009-2010 school year.

... renewal of an agreement that makes the district part of the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative for the 2009-2010 school year. The cooperative increases the purchasing power of government entities and simplifies their purchasing by using a customized electronic purchasing system. There is no cost to the district.

... an agreement with The Center for Education Law for their Basic Legal Services Program for the 2009-2010 school year. The cost to the district for the agreement is a \$700 participation fee plus hourly rates.

... an agreement with Stephen H. McDonald & Associates Inc. to serve as financial consultant to the district for the 2009-2010 school year. Bond funds will cover the \$30,000 cost to the district.

... an agreement with Floyd Law Firm, P.C., Attorneys at Law, to provide general obligation bond counsel and services to the district for the 2009-2010 school year. The firm will provide legal opinions, steps necessary for compliance with the law and review of documents for the sale of bonds. Bond funds will cover the \$6,000 cost to the district.

... an agreement with Eide Bailly CPAs & Business Advisors to conduct an independent audit of the district for the 2008-2009 school year and assist in preparation of the Estimate of Needs for fiscal year 2010. The cost to the district for the agreement is \$40,000.

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- Mark Lebsack, who last year was an assistant principal at Western Oaks Middle School, will be an assistant principal at Kenneth Cooper Middle School.
- Diana Lebsack, who last year was an assistant principal at Capps Middle School, will be an assistant principal at Hefner Middle School.
- Adrienne Hauck, who last year was an assistant principal at Hefner Middle School, will be an assistant principal at Mayfield Middle School.
- Debbie Martin, who last year was an administrative intern at Cooper Middle School, will be an administrative intern at Hefner Middle School.
- Michelle Shelite, who last year was an administrative intern at Hefner Middle School, will be an administrative intern at Cooper Middle School.
- Keely Frayser, who for half a year last year was an administrative intern at Western Oaks Middle School, will be an administrative intern at Capps Middle School.
- Jennifer Robertson, who last year was a science teacher at Western Oaks Middle School, will be an administrative intern at Mayfield Middle School.
- Stephanie Wallace, who last year was a district literacy coach, will be an administrative intern at Western Oaks Middle School.



## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** by Paul Hurst

▶ Congratulations to Shelly Thompson, a family and consumer science teacher at Capps Middle School, for receiving a \$5,000 State Department of Education technology grant to bring innovative technology to the classroom. Ms. Thompson was able to purchase a Wii™ Fit Trainer to calculate students' caloric intake, body mass index and the amount of exercise needed to maintain wellness. She also received two fitness bicycles that can be pedaled to operate memory games and class reviews.

▶ Brenda Ostercamp, a family and consumer science teacher at Putnam City West High School, recently received a Career and Technology Education grant for \$5,000 to purchase laptop computers for the classroom. She also received a \$9,000 grant earlier this year from Carl Perkins for purchase of RealCare® babies.

▶ The Child Nutrition Department was awarded roughly \$13,000 via the federal stimulus Child Nutrition Assistance Grant Program for the purchase of two reach-in refrigerators. Congratulations to Jennifer Strong and all others involved in securing this equipment.

## Worker's Comp Position Approved

Putnam City's Board of Education on Thursday night approved the creation of a worker's compensation coordinator for the district. When employees are injured on the job, the worker's compensation coordinator will keep in contact with injured employees, medical providers and adjusters to facilitate claims. By ending a third-party contract for the same services and receiving a reduction on insurance premiums, the district will save more than \$45,000 by adding the position.

## Insurance Approved

Putnam City's Board of Education on Thursday night approved insurance coverage for the district for the 2009-2010 school year. The premium of \$1,689,497 is about \$55,000 less than last year's premium.

*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 <http://www.putnamcityschools.org/BoardofEducation/BoardMeetingMinutes/tabid/565/Default.aspx>