



BOARD highlights

Dec. 4, 2017

A QUICK LOOK AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS OF PUTNAM CITY SCHOOLS

Board Approves Contracts

In a short meeting on Monday night, Putnam City’s board of education approved a contract with two consultants to provide instruction to Native American students. A contract with Jill Murrow will allow her to provide instruction and assistance for arts and crafts focused on Native American culture during cultural classes that take place on Saturdays and during the summer. A contract with Deborah Primeaux will enable her to provide instruction on traditional reed basket making and traditional beadwork for the same classes.

In other action, the board on approved the 2016-2017 independent audit submitted by Eide Bailly, a CPA firm. The audit is posted on the district’s website in the “District” section under “District Budget.”

The board also voted to table consideration of items that would change the middle school feeder pattern for Harvest Hills Elementary students and the high school feeder pattern for Kirkland-area students. The next scheduled board meeting is Jan. 8.



SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT by Dr. Fred Rhodes

▶ The Silver Strings of Putnam City will play the national anthem at the Oklahoma City Thunder game on Dec. 20th. We are excited for our students to have this opportunity as the Putnam City Silver Strings celebrates 29 years of existence as the only strolling orchestra program in the state of Oklahoma. This elite orchestra group has a record 80-combined orchestra students involved from Putnam City High, Putnam City West and Putnam City North.

▶ The orchestras from all three Putnam City high schools performed well recently at OSSAA orchestra contest. Putnam City West’s symphony orchestra received a superior rating. Putnam City High’s symphony orchestra received a superior rating while their concert orchestra received an excellent rating. Putnam City North’s symphony orchestra and concert orchestra both received superior ratings, and the school’s philharmonic orchestra received an excellent rating.

▶ We continue to be amazed at the outpouring of community generosity to our schools, not only in the volunteering of time but also in donations. Families of Coronado Heights Elementary School students were recently the recipients of 150 turkeys donated by Deaconess Hospital.

▶ This is the season for many student productions that will no doubt get everyone into the holiday spirit. Check the websites of each school for dates and times. This is also the season for many winter sporting events. Specifically, we congratulate the Putnam City West girls’ basketball team and the Putnam City North boys’ basketball team each for being ranked #1 in the state.



COMMENTS by Public and Board Members

Marvin Rodriguez, a parent of a district student, spoke to the board about transportation options for his child to get to middle school.

Jay Sherrill encouraged the community to visit schools to support holiday events, saying that what the district does in the arts is something to be proud of.

Cindy Gibbs said the Friday night boys’ basketball game between Putnam City North and Putnam City West was exciting, with Putnam City North winning on a shot at the buzzer.

Gail LoPresto thanked Harvest Hills Elementary students who sang at the board meeting, saying she was thrilled to have them there.

Meeting Date: Monday, Dec. 4, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building
Roll Call: Four members of the board were present: Gail LoPresto, vice president; Cindy Gibbs; Jay Sherrill and Bill Wetmore. Also present were Dr. Fred Rhodes, superintendent; and Samantha Dawes, deputy board clerk.
Next Meeting: Monday, Jan. 8, 5 p.m.

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