



BOARD highlights

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

July 10, 2017

Assistant Named for Putnam City West

The board on Monday night appointed Dr. Jason Memoli as an assistant principal at Putnam City West High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

Since 2012 Memoli has served as the district's fine arts and gifted services coordinator. Before serving in that role, Memoli taught art at Putnam City West for six years and at Geary Middle School/High School for two years. He recently earned a doctorate in education from Oklahoma State University and holds a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in fine arts, both from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Memoli will replace Isaac McCord, who at the June 26th board meeting was named principal at Western Oaks Middle School.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT by Dr. Fred Rhodes

▶ Neeli Boyd, a 1st-grade teacher at Putnam City's Wiley Post Elementary School who is Putnam City's teacher of the year, has been named one of 12 finalists for the 2018 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Award. The announcement was made by State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister during a session this morning in Yukon at EngageOK, an education event for Oklahoma teachers, school administrators and parents. The 2018 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year will be revealed Sept. 19 in a ceremony at State Fair Park in Oklahoma City.

▶ Gabriel Lewis, a 2015 graduate of Putnam City North High School, is a contestant this season on *MasterChef*, a show airing at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays on Fox. The show's judges are celebrity chefs Gordon Ramsay, Christina Tosi and Aarón Sánchez.

▶ A group of Western Oaks Middle School students about to start their 8th-grade year will take part in mid to late July in an Engage Learning project. The team will be the first all-female team to participate in the experience. According to the organization's website, Engage Learning is a design and engineering learning experience committed to developing middle school students' creative confidence and problem-solving skills. Students "tackle complex and meaningful real-world challenges that leads to remarkable learning." Students work in small teams and collaborate with subject matter experts, educators and each other to imagine, design and build large-scale STEAM-intensive projects that are intended to have an enduring impact on the community. The website says the program transforms middle school students into problem seekers that are "voracious, self-directed learners who welcome the problems of the world as puzzles and have the creative confidence and tenacity to pursue unique solutions."

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COMMENTS by Public and Board Members

Board members congratulated Wiley Post Teacher Neeli Boyd on being named one of 12 finalists for Oklahoma teacher of the year.

Becky Haliburton said she would keep Lisa Linden's family in her prayers.

Meeting Date: Monday, July 10, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building
Roll Call: All five members of the board were present: Becky Haliburton, president; 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, July 24, 5 p.m.

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Superintendent's Report

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▶ Arbor Grove teacher Jayme Knox received a \$2,500 grant from Walmart for school supplies. The school's goal is for all 3rd-grade students to be completely equipped with school supplies at no cost.

▶ Katie Francis, a sophomore-to-be at Putnam City North High School and the world record holder for most boxes of Girl Scout cookies sold (more than 100,000), was a guest on the July 5th episode of "To Tell the Truth." Ms. Francis has made numerous national appearances since she broke the record, including on *The Tonight Show*, *The Today Show*, CNN and many more.

Night Custodial Program Renewed, Expanded

The board on Monday night approved renewal of a contract with Oklahoma Building Services to provide night custodial services during the 2017-2018 school year at Hilldale Elementary, Overholser Elementary, Windsor Hills Elementary, Western Oaks Elementary, Western Oaks Middle School and Mayfield Middle School. Putnam City Stadium was added to the contract to cover clean-up after 15 events.

The board also approved a new contract with SourceOne Management Services to provide night custodial services at Kirkland Elementary and Will Rogers Elementary. District employees currently assigned to Kirkland and Will Rogers will be reassigned to other schools. Projected savings to the district from the move are \$15,000 a year

Night custodians handle tasks such as cleaning and disinfecting classrooms, rest rooms and hallways.

Board Approves Training

The board on Monday night approved renewal of a contract with Oklahoma Learning Sciences International Professional Development for the 2017-2018 school year.

The State of Oklahoma requires that all teachers designate a professional learning focus based on elements included in the Marzano framework. The professional development the district is contracting for is designed to help support teachers in meeting their professional learning focus. The professional development will also help administrators better facilitate the growth of teachers.

The contract covers nine days of training and all materials needed for the training. The \$34,811 cost will be covered by the district's General Fund.

Administrative Changes Announced at Middle Schools

Superintendent Dr. Fred Rhodes announced the move of three middle school assistant principals for the 2017-2018 school year.

Western Oaks Middle School Assistant Principal **Adrienne Hauck** will be an assistant principal at Mayfield Middle School during the coming school year.

Mayfield Middle School Assistant Principal **Kara Walk** will be an assistant principal at Hefner Middle School during the coming school year.

Hefner Middle School Assistant Principal **Jennifer Robertson** will be an assistant principal at Western Oaks Middle School during the coming year.

Board OKs Property Purchase

The board on Monday night approved the purchase of a 4-acre piece of property at 6412 N.W. 63rd Street. In conjunction with an adjoining piece of property the board voted to purchase at their meeting on April 3, 2017, the property at some point in the future will be used for the main entrance and drive leading to a new Capps Middle School.

The school itself will be constructed on district property that for many years was home to the Ione Branch YWCA. The Ione Branch closed in 2004. The property sits roughly halfway between MacArthur and Rockwell and stretches from N.W. 58th toward, but not all the way to, N.W. 63rd Street. The purchase of property on N.W. 63rd bordering district land will make the N.W. 63rd St. entrance possible.

The \$375,000 cost of purchasing the property on N.W. 63rd, as approved at the board meeting tonight, will be covered by the district's Building Fund.

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>