



BOARD highlights

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

Sept. 4, 2018

Board Approves Gifted Committee

The board on Tuesday night appointed 11 people to serve on the Local Advisory Committee for the Putnam City Gifted Program for the 2018-2019 school year. The Local Advisory Committee assists in the formulation of district goals for gifted education and in development of district plans for gifted child educational programs.

Serving on the Local Advisory Committee will be:

High School Representation

- Kristin Battaliou, Putnam City North parent
- Jennifer Bryant, Putnam City North High School gifted specialist/advanced placement coordinator
- Daniel Smith, Putnam City High School teacher
- Jarel Miles, Putnam City High School assistant principal and gifted parent
- Shane Austin, Putnam City West administrative intern

Middle School Representation

- Cristy Gosset, Western Oaks Middle School parent

Elementary Representation

- Dawn Dilley, Apollo Elementary parent
- Randy Utt, James L. Dennis Elementary gifted specialist
- Shera Steinhoff, James L. Dennis Elementary teacher
- Lori Freeman, Lake Park Elementary principal

The committee works with Brandy Sitts, the district's Gifted and Talented coordinator, and Keely Frayser, executive director of Curriculum and Instruction. The committee also works with Board Member Bill Wetmore, who represents the board in discussion and development of gifted education goals and plans.

COMMENTS by Public and Board Members

Board members thanked the Putnam City North FCCLA members who made a presentation at the meeting about chapter activities and accomplishments.

Bill Wetmore said the FCCLA is a fantastic opportunity for students because it teaches skills that will be used for a lifetime.

Cindy Gibbs thanked Putnam City North Principal Carole Buhr for her comments at the board meeting. She said the football games last week were amazing. She complimented Putnam City North on the spirit displayed by staff and for how well the team played under Coach Ryan Laverty.

Gail LoPresto said she enjoyed attending the Putnam City West High School open house and talking with teachers excited to be there. She inquired about the Putnam City High open house and found it has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11. She said board members deeply appreciate the efforts of the district enrollment office staff.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT by Dr. Fred Rhodes

▶ We are so pleased that Putnam City North teacher Katrina Dolezal last week was named winner of the Thankful4Teachers award. Ms. Dolezal was surprised in her classroom by Kevin Ogle of KFOR News 4 and (former University of Oklahoma Heisman Trophy winner) Jason White of Air Comfort Solutions, where they presented her with a \$5,000 check and thanked her for making a difference in the lives of her students. Ms. Dolezal was nominated for the award by the mother of a former student. The KFOR story on the award presentation can be seen on the station website.

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Meeting Date:	Tuesday, Sept. 4, 5 p.m.
Location:	Administration Building
Roll Call:	Four members of the board were present: Becky Gooch, president; Gail LoPresto, vice president; Cindy Gibbs, and Bill Wetmore. Also present were Dr. Fred Rhodes, superintendent; and Sandy Lemaster, board clerk.
Next Meeting:	Monday, Sept. 17, 5 p.m.
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Superintendent's Report

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► Congratulations, too, to Coronado Heights Elementary 4th-grade teacher Marissa McGinley, who was surprised early last week with the news that she was to be the University of Oklahoma Teacher of the Game for the OU-Florida Atlantic Football game. The award is sponsored by OU in conjunction with PDQ Chicken. Boomer, the OU mascot, along with PDQ employees, visited Coronado and presented Ms. McGinley with game tickets, parking passes, a check for \$1,000 and other gifts. PDQ also brought chicken for each student. Many thanks to OU and PDQ for recognizing outstanding teachers.

► But wait, there's more! Another district teacher was also chosen as Teacher of the Game – and the game was OSU's victory last Thursday night in Stillwater. Hilldale teacher Karen Kobs received a \$1,000 check, VIP access to the game and use of a car from Bob Moore Auto Group for a week. The award was given by OSU and sponsored by Bob Moore. We appreciate OSU and Bob Moore rewarding teachers for the amazing job they do.

Job Description Approved

The board on Tuesday night approved a new job description for a licensed practice nurse (LPN).

Establishing a job description for a LPN will enable Putnam City Schools to provide direct professional nursing services to specific students as needed. LPNs will work under the supervision of the district's Health Services Coordinator and an assigned registered nurse (RN). The position does not replace health aides or RNs.

LPNs would be hired on a nine-month basis at a salary established by the board.

Board Comments

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She also said she enjoyed attending the Putnam City West game last week.

Becky Gooch said that FCCLA sponsor Brittani Phillips does a great job, and that she also excels as sponsor of the school's student council. She also mentioned football games last week, noting that 85 percent of Putnam City West's team is sophomores and that the program is moving in the right direction. She noted that Putnam City High coach Jon Garfield, in his first year with the program, is one of many good men in the district producing high-character students.

Board OKs Estimate of Needs

The board on Tuesday night approved Putnam City's estimate of needs, the district's legal budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The estimate of needs, which details the amount of money necessary for the support and maintenance of schools and the probable district income from all sources, is required by state law.

The district's estimate of needs for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 includes general fund appropriations of about \$157.5 million.

Oklahoma school districts are required to file their estimate of needs with their county excise board.

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>