

PUTNAM BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT

February 28, 2017

The Putnam Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the Board of Education Conference Room #12.

Attendance: Carrie Blackmar, Joseph Deery, David Gaudreau, Michael Morrill, Edward Perron, Marieanne Viens

Absent: Jeannie Dodd, Mary Kozlowski, James Purdon

Others: William J. Hull, Superintendent of Schools; Nancy T. Cole, School Business Administrator; Laura Santos, Recording Secretary

Michael Morrill called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Student Representatives

Lindsay Roberts, Student Representative, gave an update on the current events at Putnam High School.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 17 regular meeting, January 25 budget workshop, February 1 special meeting and February 22 special meeting were reviewed. Edward Perron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Joseph Deery and passed unanimously.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

There was one piece of correspondence from CABA.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Pride of Putnam Awards were given to the following students/staff:

PES Staff: Tina Whiteley

PES Students: Jordan Chrzanowski, Nicholas Devlin, Talisha Headley, Caitlin Racine, Olivia Sanchez

PHS Staff: John Allen, Megan Silver

PHS Students: Lionel Gotsis, Clara Grenier, Hannah Prestas, Autumn Sargent, Jahsun Vidal,

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

The Board moved item 6e up on the agenda (Ratified PEA Contract). David Gaudreau made a motion to approve the Putnam Education Association Contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Edward Perron and passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Committee Meeting Reports

1) Policy Committee

The following policies were warned for adoption:

- 1) 5144.1 Policy and Regulation – Students Use of Physical Force (Rescind Current 5144.1)
- 2) 4112.2 Policy – Personnel/Certification (Rescind Current 4112.2)
- 3) 5144 Policy – Students/ Discipline (Rescind Current 5114)

Minutes of February 1, 2017 Policy Sub Committee meeting were reviewed.

2) Facilities Committee

Building Committee Update – Mr. Morrill updated the Board on the status of the high school renovation project. There are many small items that are remaining to be finished. Notes from the February 1, 2017 Facilities Sub Committee Meeting were reviewed.

3) Curriculum Committee

Minutes from the January 25, 2017 Curriculum Sub Committee Meeting were reviewed.

Edward Perron made a motion to adopt the following courses:

- 1) Blueprint Reading
- 2) Introduction to CAD
- 3) Introduction to Engineering
- 4) Manufacturing Math
- 5) Introduction to Business
- 6) Financial Accounting

The motion was seconded by Carrie Blackmar and passed unanimously.

4) CAFE Events Update

Mr. Morrill informed the Board that the first meeting of the Legislative Education Committee of the State is meeting on March 1. He urged Board members to contact state legislators expressing concerns about the governor's proposed budget and the need to address some state mandates. Talking points are being developed and will be sent to Board members.

b. Financial Reports, Nancy T. Cole

Nancy Cole updated the Board on the year-end expenditure report for 2016/2017. An excess cost report and Family Resource Center report were also presented. Mr. Hull mentioned that the grant funding for FRC is uncertain at this time. The state might not pass their budget until September; the school budget will be passed in May. Changes may have to occur after our budget passes once the state adopts their budget.

c. Superintendent's Report, William J. Hull

Mr. Hull updated the board and discussion was presented on the following items:

- Day on the Hill, March 8, 2017 – Jeannie Dodd, Nancy Cole and Bill Hull are attending.
- Budget Meetings – Board of Finance meeting was held on Monday, February 27, 2017 and went very well.
- Wall of Honor Update – Five candidates have been tentatively chosen to be honored. They will become official at the next Wall of Honor Committee meeting. The Wall of Honor Committee will be presenting to the Board within the next two months.

- Attendance/Substitute Report – Report will be distributed to the Board.
- Pride School Survey – included in packet
- Health Insurance Renewal – 5% increase in budget but rates went up 2%
- Alliance Reporting – Grant information is being uploaded to the state.
- Summer School 2017 – Administrators are waiting for grant information to see if summer school will be able to happen.
- Magnet Schools, ACT and QMC – letters will be going out to parents allowing them plenty of notice that transportation will no longer be provided to students going to these schools from Putnam.
- Solar Project – Mr. Hull asked Board if they were interested in pursuing research on solar panels at this time. There was no interest expressed.
- District All-Hazard Plan - A committee has begun the process of updating the safety and security plan. More information will follow.
- School Monthly Board Reports were included in the Board packet.

- d. Mr. Morrill, Board Chairperson
No additional report.

6. **BUSINESS**

- a. Healthy Food Certification Statement for July 2017 through June 2018 for Public Act 06-63, An Act Concerning Healthy Food and Beverages in Schools
Marianne Viens moved that the Putnam Board of Education will continue to participate in the Child Nutrition Programs and Public Act No. 06-63, An Act Concerning Healthy Food and Beverage in Schools for the time period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Marianne Viens further moved that the Putnam Board of Education will comply with Section 3 of Public Act 06-63, except for the following exclusions:
1. the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend.
 2. the sale is at the location of the event, and
 3. the food is not sold from a vending machine or school store
- The motion was seconded by David Gaudreau and passed unanimously.
- b. Board of Education Sub Committees
The Board reviewed the current listing of subcommittee members. New committees were set up for Negotiations for the Nurses and Administrators Contract.
- c. Budget Implications 2017/18
This was discussed previously in the meeting.
- d. Set Negotiation Date for United Nurses and Allied Professionals Local 5202
The Board will need to schedule a date for the first meeting of negotiations for Nurses contract. The following Board members have volunteered to be on the Nurses Negotiation Committee: Carrie Blackmar, Michael Morrill and Edward Perron
- e. Ratified Putnam Education Association Contract
Item was moved up on agenda.

f. Approval of Facilities Grants

Edward Perron made a motion to approve the facilities grant proposed projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Joseph Deery

g. Approval of Amended Murphy Park Agreement

An amended Murphy Park Agreement was distributed to the Board. David Gaudreau made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Edward Perron and passed unanimously.

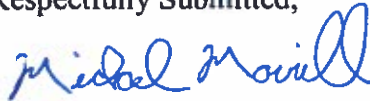
h. Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

David Gaudreau made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carrie Blackmar and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Morrill, Board Chair