

# **PUTNAM BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**January 17, 2017**

The Putnam Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2017 at the Library Media Center at Putnam Middle School.

**Attendance:** Carrie Blackmar, Joseph Deery, Jeannie Dodd, David Gaudreau, Michael Morrill, Edward Perron

**Absent:** Mary Kozlowski, James Purdon, Marieanne Viens

**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**

There was not a student representative this evening.

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 20, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed. Jeannie Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by David Gaudreau and passed unanimously.

#### **2. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

#### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations this evening.

#### **4. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

#### **5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **a. Committee Meeting Reports**

##### **1) Policy Committee**

David Gaudreau made a motion to adopt the following policies:

- 1) P5113 – Student Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal
- 2) P5118.1 (a) – Homeless Students and Regulations R5118.1
- 3) P5145.14 – Students On-Campus Recruitment and Regulation R5145.14

The motion was seconded by Edward Perron and passed unanimously.

Another meeting of the subcommittee will be held on February 1, 2017.

##### **2) Facilities Committee**

Building Committee Update – Mr. Morrill updated the Board on the status of the high school renovation project.

3) Curriculum Committee

The subcommittee meeting that was scheduled for tonight was cancelled. Another meeting will be scheduled.

Jeannie Dodd made a motion to adopt the following courses:

- 1) The Preschool Child Protection Unit
- 2) Second Step Child Protection Unit for grades K-5
- 3) World History to be split into Lost Civilizations, World Religions and The World Since 1914
- 4) Finite Math to be split into the following two half credit courses: Finite and Probability and Statistics.
- 5) Consumer Math, half credit course
- 6) Applied Mathematics: Essentials of Economics

The motion was seconded by David Gaudreau and passed unanimously.

4) CABE Events Update

Legislative Breakfast will be held on January 23, 2017. Reminder of the Day on the Hill on March 8, 2017; please let Laura Santos know if you plan on attending.

b. Financial Reports, Nancy T. Cole

Nancy Cole updated the Board on the year-end expenditure report for 2016/2017. An excess cost report, Family Resource Center report and School Facilities report were also presented.

c. Superintendent's Report, William J. Hull

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

- Lockdown Incidents – Mr. Hull updated the Board on two incidents that occurred in Putnam last week.
- Budget Meetings – Board of Education meeting is January 25, 2017; Board received Town Budget Dates.
- Wall of Honor Update – Nominations have been received and continue to be reviewed. The award ceremony will take place on May 6, 2017. More information will follow.
- Attendance/Substitute Report – Report distributed to the Board.
- AFSCME Contract – The contract is signed and final and will be distributed to the Board.
- PEA Contract – The salary schedule is being finalized.
- PRIDE School Survey – The PRIDE drug-use surveys are almost final and will be distributed to the Board.
- Health Insurance Renewal – Renewal rates will be 2%.
- Dental Insurance – Reviewing new carrier for the staff dental insurance. More information will follow.
- Eversource Rebates – Rebates were received from Eversource and will be placed in the facility account.
- 2016/17 Educator Certification Compliance Letter was included in board packet.
- Solar Project – Mr. Hull is investigating the viability of a solar project in the district.
- Governor's Rescissions – Alliance Grant has to be re-written due to a loss of \$46,000.
- Personnel Report was included in the Board packet.
- Quarterly Department Reports were included in the Board packet.
- School Monthly Board Reports were included in the Board packet.

d. Mr. Morrill, Board Chairperson

A Multi-district summit on collaboration was held on January 9, 2017 at EASTCONN. The meeting was well attended by selected Board of Education Superintendents and Board Chairs.

The next meeting will take place in February and will include other districts. More information will follow.

6. **BUSINESS**

a. **Approval of Murphy Park Agreement**

David Gaudreau made a motion to approve the Murphy Park Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Joseph Deery and passed unanimously.

b. **Presentation of 2017/18 School Calendar**

Jeannie Dodd made a motion to approve the 2017/2018 District School Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Edward Perron and passed unanimously.

c. **1.0% Non-lapsing Account PA-10-108**

Mr. Hull has begun discussion with the Board of Finance concerning a 1.0% non-lapsing account for the school system.


d. **Citizen's Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Edward Perron made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carrie Blackmar and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeannie Dodd, Secretary

