

**PUTNAM CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

DATE: November 19, 2013

TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

PLACE OF MEETING: Putnam Central School

MEMBERS PRESENT: President, Richard Wilson; Charles Bain, Jr.; Jodie Bruce and Gerald Gendron

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent, Matthew Boucher; District Treasurer, Judith Forgette and Board Clerk, Kim Brown

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by President, Richard Wilson at 6:27 p.m.

2. **Public Application for Participation** – None

3. **Executive Session** None

4. **Regular Reports**

The minutes for the October meeting were presented by the clerk.

A motion was made by Jodie Bruce and seconded by Charles Bain Jr. to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendents Report

Mr. Boucher reported everything is running well and according to plans.

4. **Correspondence** - CVES packets were distributed to Board members by the clerk.

5. **Financial Reports**

Treasurer's Report-

The treasurer's reports were presented by the Treasurer.

A motion was made by Charles Bain, Jr. and seconded by Gerald Gendron to approve the monthly accounts for October, 2013 General, Trust and Agency, and payroll funds. Motion carried 4-0.

The warrant #53 and supplemental warrant #11 were review and audited. A motion was made by Charles Bain, Jr. and seconded by Jodie Bruce to approve the warrant. Motion carried 4-0

6. **District Issues**

Mr. Boucher discussed that he met with Ben Dickerson about a Solar Energy study for the school. There are 3 options that are available for Solar Energy. Leasing with no up front costs; Leasing with up front cost; or 5 year lease on panels after which time there is an option to buy. After discussion, Mr. Boucher will obtain information from a second vendor and is to report back to Board as information becomes available.

Mr. Boucher briefly discussed the topic of Technology service from CVES. Looking at the annual cost from CVES vs hiring a part-time Technology person. More discussion for next school year.

Mr. Boucher discussed that there is FSA rules modification beginning in January 2014. According to old rules members had until March 15 to use previous years monies allotted. Under new rules a member can roll-over. up to \$500.00 into the next plan year. There is no liability for school. Jodie Bruce made a motion and seconded by Gerald Gendron to have the district plan coincide with the new FSA rules. Motion carried 4-0 Mrs. Forgette will contact broker to them rewrite plan effective January 1, 2014.

7. **Curriculum & Instruction**

Mr. Boucher advised that there was 100% participation for parent/teacher conferences for the 1st quarter. This was the first time that he could remember this happening and is a testament to the dedication of the teachers and staff involved with conferences

8. **New Business**

A motion was made by Charles Bain, Jr. and seconded by Jodie Bruce to repay as per court order the amount of \$557.85 to Herman Joeger, Jr. and Ellen Joeger for assessment challenges. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Jodie Bruce and seconded by Charles Bain, Jr. to repay as per court order the amount of \$1, 037.75 to John Pinelli and Vanessa Pinelli for assessment challenges. Motion carried 4-0.

Charles Bain, Jr. discussed that the school van will not pass inspection next year as it will need to have repairs done or will need to dispose of the van.

Charles Bain, Jr. asked about the Backpack program. Paperwork needed to be sent in to NY Regional Food Bank, which has been done. The program scheduled to start Friday, November 22.

9. **Adjournment** – A motion was made to adjourn by Charles Bain, Jr. and seconded by Jodie Bruce Adjournment at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Kim Brown
School District Clerk