

**PUTNAM CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**DATE:** November 18, 2014

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Regular

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Putnam Central School

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Bain, Jr.; Jodie Bruce; Gerald Gendron and Kristie Watrous

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

1. Call to order  
The meeting was called to order by President, Charles Bain, Jr. at 6:33 p.m.
  
2. Executive Session  
Jodie Bruce made a motion and seconded by Gerald Gendron to enter into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried 3-1  
  
Gerald Gendron made a motion and seconded by Jodie Bruce to come out of Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried 4-0  
  
Jodie Bruce made a motion and seconded by Gerald Gendron to accept the resignation of Richard Wilson from the Board of Education. Motion carried 4-0  
  
Gerald Gendron made a motion and seconded by Jodie Bruce to appoint Farley Tierney III to fill the seat vacated by Richard Wilson as Board Member. Motion carried 3-1
  
3. Regular Reports  
The minutes for the September and October meetings were presented by the clerk. Jodie Bruce made a motion and seconded by Gerald Gendron to accept the September minutes with corrections. Motion carried 4-0  
  
Jodie Bruce made a motion and seconded by Kristie Watrous to accept the October minutes. Motion carried 4-0.
  
4. Superintendent's Report      None
  
5. Correspondence                  None

6. Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's reports were presented by the Treasurer

A motion was made by Jodie Bruce and seconded by Gerald Gendron to approve the monthly accounts for October 2014 General, Trust and Agency and payroll funds. Motion carried 4-0

The warrant #20 for November and Supplemental #11 for October were audited by Mary Jane Dedrick. There is a check that is to be voided of \$315.23 reducing the total warrant to \$56,859.43. A motion was made by Jodie Bruce and seconded by Gerald Gendron to approve the warrant. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Members received the 2013-2014 independent audit completed by Telling & Associates, CPA., P.C. Acceptance of audit will be tabled until next month so that board members can review the audit.

7. District Issues/Operation

Mrs. Darlene Kerr, Folmsbees Transportation Director addressed the audience, after board approval in regards to the changes that were implemented at the beginning of the school year. The changes have been in the works for 5 years. She advised that there are 5 agencies that the bussing company needs to adhere by which consists of NYS Department of Education; Department of Motor Vehicles; NYS Department of Transportation; U.S. Department of Transportation (Federal) and Folmsbees along with the Putnam Central School Board of Education and Mr. Boucher. She advised that the main focus is for the safety of the children.

8. Curriculum & Instruction

Kristie Watrous made a motion and seconded by Jodie Bruce to appoint Olivia Kenyon as a long term substitute retroactive to October 28, 2014. Motion carried 4-0

Jodie Bruce made a motion and seconded by Gerald Gendron to appoint Ashley Bigelow Administrative Assistant retroactive to September 1, 2014 as per agreement between Putnam Central School and the Putnam Employees Association. Motion carried 4-0

9. New Business

Gerald Gendron made a motion and seconded by Jodie Bruce to accept the findings of the court in assessment challenge case of Armstrong. vs Town of Putnam. Refund will be in December. Motion carried 4-0

10. Public Application for Participation

Public comments were heard from Mr. Moore; Katie Blood; Cindy Floor; Meeshenta Romaca and Casey King.

Items mentioned were: number of Board positions available in May; can the school building be open to students and public who do not have internet access; issue with busses in way at exit if trying to leave when busses are here at dismissal time

11. Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn by Jodie Bruce and seconded by Gerald Gendron. Adjournment at 7:23. Motion carried 4-0

Kim Brown  
School District Clerk