

**PUTNAM CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

DATE: January 20, 2015

TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

PLACE OF MEETING: Putnam Central School

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

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

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President, Charles Bain, Jr. at 6:35 p.m.
2. Public Application for Participation - None
3. Executive Session
Gerald Gendron made a motion and second by Kristie Watrous to enter into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss teacher negotiations. Motion carried 5-0

Farley Tierney, III made a motion and seconded by Jodie Bruce to come out of Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried 5-0
4. Regular Reports
The minutes for the December meeting were presented by the clerk. Jodie Bruce made a motion and seconded by Gerald Gendron to accept the minutes. Motion carried 5-0
5. Superintendent's Report - None
6. Correspondence- Board members received a newsletter from Girvin & Ferlazzo Law Office
7. Financial Reports
Treasurer's Report- The treasurer's reports were presented.

A motion was made by Farley Tierney, III and seconded by Kristie Watrous to approve the monthly accounts for December 2014 General, Trust and Agency and Payroll Funds.
Motion carried 5-0

The warrant # 27 for January and Supplemental warrant # 21 for December were audited by Mary Jane Dedrick. A motion was made by Charles Bain, Jr. and seconded by Kristie Watrous to approve the warrant along with 2 additions of \$240. for Dick's Electric and \$529.80 for National Grid for a total of \$59,206.18. Motion carried 5-0

8. District Issues/Operation
 - 8.1 Budget Calendar – tabled until February meeting
 - 8.2 February Board meeting. Gerald Gendron made a motion and seconded by Jodie Bruce to change the February Board meeting to February 24th. Motion carried 5-0
 - 8.3 Exemption Levels - Mr. Boucher received a letter from Washington County with updated income allowances for exemptions to property tax. The board will consider adjustments based on the changes the county has adopted.

9. Curriculum & Instruction - None

10. New Business

Charles Bain, Jr. commented that all present board members attended a School Board Training last month. From the training, it was suggested that each current Board members have a school email address and will be listed on the school website once established. Also, he would like to see the website upgraded to include breakfast menu and basketball games, etc. Mr. Boucher advised that the current website is near capacity for what is available but will check to see what may be available.

Charles Bain, Jr. asked what, if anything can be done in regards to the fence near the playground on County Route 2 in regards to the snow being push up against the fencing and causing it to bend. Perhaps a different style of fencing or location. Mr. Boucher will check into this.

Gerald Gendron made a motion and seconded by Farley Tierney, III to increase the rate of pay for independent auditor, Mary Jane Dedrick to \$40.00 commencing in February 2014.
Motion carried 5-0

11. Old Business

School Board Policy Book- would like pricing from other options available to have Policy Book update for the February meeting.

Farley Tierney, III made a motion and seconded by Gerald Gendron to hire a staff member at a rate of pay of \$30.00 per hour to be at the school after hours for middle school and high school students to have use of the internet. Mr. Boucher advised that position will be posted and as soon as this is completed, a letter will be sent to the parents and will be posted on the website. Motion carried 5-0

12. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Gerald Gendron and seconded by Farley Tierney, III.
Adjournment at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

Kim Brown
Board Clerk