

**Putnam Central School
Board of Education Meeting**

DATE: January 19, 2016

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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, District Clerk

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Charles Bain, Jr. at 6:32 p.m.

Public Participation

Robert Geh; Meredith Sweeney and Bonnie Sheeley all addressed the Board of Education. Mr. Geh presented a letter to President Bain regarding fund balance; his thoughts on improvements to the district; enrollment and cost reduction. Ms. Sweeney spoke of the enrollment; improvements made in building. Ms. Sheeley asked what are the plans for the surplus.

Regular Report

The minutes for the December meeting were presented by the clerk. A motion was made by Gerald Gendron and seconded by Kristie Watrous to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's reports were presented by the Treasurer.

Jodie Bruce made the motion and seconded by Gerald Gendron to approve the December Treasurer's report for December 2015. Motion carried 5-0

The treasurer advised the Board that there are changes to the December Supplemental Warrant #16 and the January Warrant #22. The amended amounts are as follows: December Supplemental Warrant #16 is \$25,362.91 and January Warrant #22 is \$34,316.34. Gerald Gendron made a motion and seconded by Kristie Watrous to accept the amended amounts. Motion carried 5-0

Correspondence - None

Reports and Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools –None

District Issues/Operations

Energy Bid – Mr. Boucher advised the board that Avery Energy does not provide a contract. Gerald Gendron made a motion and seconded by Jodie Bruce to accept the letter submitted by Avery Energy providing Fuel oil and kerosene at \$.19 over Rutland Valero Rack price from November 25, 2015 through November 25, 2016. Motion carried 5-0

Jodie Bruce made a motion and seconded by Gerald Gendron to accept the annual Independent Audit performed and presented by Telling & Associates. Motion carried 5-0

Farley Tierney, III made a motion and seconded by Gerald Gendron to accept the Report of Examination prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller for the period of July 1, 2013 through July 31, 2015. Motion carried 5-0

Farley Tierney, III made a motion and seconded by Jodie Bruce to change the February board meeting date to February 9, 2016. Motion carried 5-0

Judith Forgette, Treasurer, presented the tax collectors report for the school taxes. \$1,484,583.99 was collected in taxes and \$185,199.79 was returned to the County. \$1,573.91 was collected in fees. Jodie Bruce made a motion and seconded by Farley Tierney, III to accept the Tax Collectors report. Motion carried 5-0

Farley Tierney, III made a motion and seconded by Jodie Bruce to increase the sub rate of pay for Teacher's Aide to \$9.00 per hour. Motion carried 5-0

Curriculum & Instruction None

Special Education

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Boucher, Gerald Gendron made a motion and seconded by Jodie Bruce to approve the recommendations of the CSE committee. Motion carried 5-0

Old Business

Charlie Bain, Jr. advised the board that he has had responses from teachers Miss Sweeney; Miss Battiste and Miss Gebo to serve on the building committee that he will start. Kim Brown will set up meeting for this committee. Will have the architects' 5 year plan to go by.

Jodie Bruce made a motion and seconded by Gerald Gendron to allow the administration to sell the school districts' van at a price of no less than \$500.00 Motion carried 5-0

New Business

Upon notification from the Treasurer of Washington County to the Director of Real Property Tax Service via a letter sent to the District Treasurer, Gerald Gendron made a motion and seconded by Farley Tierney, III to refund tax monies to a tax payer for reason of a reduction in assessed value. Motion carried 5-0

Executive Session

A motion was made by Gerald Gendron and seconded by Kristie Watrous to enter into executive session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried 5-0

Gerald Gendron made a motion and seconded by Farley Tierney, III to come out of executive session at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

Gerald Gendron made a motion and seconded by Farley Tierney, III to accept the letter of retirement from Judith Forgette effective February 19, 2016. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made to adjourn by Farley Tierney, III and seconded by Jodie Bruce at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Brown
District Clerk