

**Putnam Central School  
Board of Education Meeting**

**DATE:** October 20, 2015

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**TYPE OF MEETING:** Regular

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Putnam Central School

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Bain, Jr.; 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 6:34 p.m.

**Regular Reports**

The minutes for the September meeting were presented by the clerk. A motion was made by Farley Tierney, III and seconded by Kristie Watrous. Motion carried 3-0

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's reports were presented by the Treasurer.

Kristie Watrous made the motion and seconded by Farley Tierney, III to approve the September Treasurer's Report for September. Motion carried 3-0

Kristie Watrous made the motion and seconded by Farley Tierney, III to approve Warrant #10 for October in the amount of \$47,442.22. Motion carried 3-0

**Correspondence** – None

**Public Application for Participation**

Burt Windle spoke on behalf of the Homeowners Association. He addressed the board that people are concerned with the longevity of the school and that they do support the school. He asked several questions including student/teacher/full time staff ratio; breakdown of students per grade level; what happens to surplus if school closes.

**Reports an recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools**

Mr. Boucher advised that students have been on a few field trips; they had their first soccer game today and that will be attending an Adirondack Thunder hockey game in November which is being held during the school day.

Mr. Boucher advised the board that he is obtaining bids on the windows and wall mats and once received, he will forward to the board.

**District Issues/Operations**

Energy bids-2 bids were received. Bids were not clear about pricing, therefore this was tabled.

Rate of pay for substitutes. Upon discussion, Farley Tierney, III made a motion and seconded by Kristie Watrous to increase the rate of pay as follows: Certified Teacher \$105. daily; Uncertified Teacher \$90. daily; Teachers' Assistant \$65. daily; Secretary \$9.25 per hour; Custodian \$12. per hour and Cafeteria Worker \$12. per hour. Motion carried 3-0

Appointment of Account Clerk. Upon recommendation of Superintendent, Farley Tierney, III made a motion and was seconded by Kristie Watrous to appoint Christine Trudeau as Temporary Account Clerk retroactive to September 1, 2015. Motion carried 3-0

#### **Curriculum & Instruction**

Mr. Boucher advised the board that there is a Teacher Evaluation Process forthcoming. Also, PARC (computerized testing) maybe forthcoming and Putnam School may be a test pilot for this but has concerns with the internet connections that the district has.

#### **Special Education**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Farley Tierney, III made a motion and seconded by Kristie Watrous to approve the recommendations of the CSE committee. Motion carried 3-0

#### **Old Business**

Windows and wall mats for gym...See Reports of Superintendent.

#### **New Business**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Kristie Watrous made a motion and seconded by Farley Tierney, III to approve the following substitutes: Stephanie Gosselin for non-certified teacher; teachers' aide; teachers assistant and Sally Stevens for non-teaching. Motion carried 3-0

The district has received 3 applications from landowners for refund and a credit of real property taxes for the 2015 year due to a computer clerical error. Farley Tierney, III made a motion and seconded by Kristie Watrous to refund the monies. Motion carried 3-0

#### **Executive Session**

Kristie Watrous made a motion and seconded by Farley Tierney, III to enter into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss contractual issue. Motion carried 3-0.

There will be no further business conducted by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Brown  
District Clerk