

**Minutes      Governing Board of Putnam Academy of Arts and Science      June 19, 2025**

Present: Curtis Ellis, Sharon Hughes, Shirley Davis, Yvette Jones (by phone), Jarvis Wright, Jay Browning, Debra Shepard

Absent: Lindsey Motl, Julia Warwick, Jay Browning, Amy Ricks

Guests: Elisabeth Virnstein

**Public Comment:**

None

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion to accept the consent agenda (including financials through May 31) as presented was made by Sharon Hughes and seconded by Jay Browning. Motion was passed unanimously.

**Principal's Report:**

Mr. Ellis reported that enrollment is full (200).

The bank balance as of June 19 is \$237,630.

Mr. Ellis reviewed the State budget highlights for 2025-2026:

FTE will increase by 1.5% which will mean an additional \$28,000 in funding for PAAS;

Teacher bonuses are continuing in this budget cycle but have been decreased by 49% state-wide;

Capital Outlay funding has increased 8%

Mr. Ellis provided board members with a copy of the District calendar for 2025-2026.

The review for Algebra retakes will be July 7-11 with the exam on July 14. PAAS has 6 students who will need to attend the review and retake the exam.

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention) training will be held July 15-17

PAAS has successfully completed the review for accreditation and passed with a score of 301. Three areas were noted for improvement: relationships; collaboration; attendance. PBIS will be used to address the area of relationships; early release days will be used to increase collaboration.

Mr. Ellis reported that the PAAS team will leave Saturday for Washington, D.C. to present at the model school conference.

Based on test results and in-house calculations, Mr. Ellis projects that PAAS will be a B school.

In personnel matters, the departing art teacher has been replaced with a new art teacher who is also a registered behavior therapist. Our permanent sub will transition to para-pro for next year.

A new state-wide procedure will link all background checks for state employees. Consequently, everyone will have to be fingerprinted within the next two years including board members.

**Action Items:**

A motion to accept the district calendar for 2025-2026 was made by Jay Browning and seconded by Shirley Davis. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adopt the district code of conduct was made by Sharon Hughes and seconded by Jay Browning. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adopt the district emergency operation plan was made by Jay Browning and seconded by Debra Shepard. Vote was unanimous.

**Executive Session- N.A.**

**Board Comment:**

Shirley Davis announced that her church will provide school supplies when students come to pick up their schedules (August 7). She requested a copy of the supply list. Jarvis Wright noted that the board packet included a list of board meeting dates for next year. All meetings will be held on the third Thursday of every other month. Our next meeting will be August 21, 2025.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jay Browning and seconded by Shirley Davis. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:20.