

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD BRIEFS

April 24 2025, Regular Meeting 6:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Central Office

I Called the meeting to order and welcome the guests.

II Established a quorum.

III Approved the minutes of the March 20, 2025, regular board meeting, as submitted.

IV Personnel

A. Retirements

1. Accepted the resignations of the following personnel, due to retirement, as submitted:

- Melanie Roberts, EL Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective May 23, 2025
- Tina Broyles, System Wide CNP Lead Manager, effective July 1, 2025
- Ronald Jackson, Custodian at Williams Avenue Elementary School, effective July 1, 2025

B. Resignations

1. Accepted the resignations of the following personnel, as submitted:

- Niki Wayner, Science and Robotics Teacher at Fort Payne High School, effective May 23, 2025.
- Emily Mayo, 3rd Grade Teacher, Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective May 23, 2025.
- Steve Black, A/V, Technology/Communications and Drone Instructor, effective June 30, 2025
- Robi Coker, PE Teacher at Fort Payne High School and Head Basketball Coach (any and all coaching duties as assigned), effective May 23, 2025.
- Melissa Coker, Guidance Counselor at Fort Payne High School, effective June 1, 2025.
- Amanda Wells, Head Middle School Softball Coach (any and all coaching duties as assigned) effective May 23, 2025.
- Kensey Burt, Girls Middle School Soccer Sponsor/Coach (any and all coaching duties as assigned), effective May 23, 2025.
- Jacob Brown, Boys Middle School Soccer Sponsor/Coach (any and all coaching duties as assigned), effective May 23, 2025.

IV Personnel (Continued)

C. Leaves

1. Approved a request from Alicia Mahan, EL Teacher at Williams Avenue Elementary, for a leave of absence, starting April 9, 2025 through May 23, 2025 as submitted.

D. Transfers

1. Approved the transfers of the following personnel, as submitted:
 - Hank Cobble, Half-Time Bus Driver, to Full-Time Bus Driver, effective March 19, 2025
 - Michael Banks, Half-Time Bus Driver, to Full-Time Bus Driver, effective March 18, 2025
 - Tiffany Johnson, Kindergarten Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary, to Reading Coach at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective 2025-2026 School Year
 - Regina Boatwright, Guidance Counselor at Wills Valley Elementary to Guidance Counselor at Fort Payne High School, effective July 1, 2025
 - Jake Peek, PE Teacher at Fort Payne Middle School, to PE Teacher at Fort Payne High School, effective 2025-2026 School Year

E. Recommendations

- ❖ *Each recommendation is made pending a background review, which meets suitability criteria, clear employment drug screening and valid appropriate Alabama Certification in the area being taught.*
1. Approved the following personnel recommendations, as submitted:
 - FPHS 2024-2025 Summer School Instructor's effective May 27, 2025
 - Lori Bible – Credit Recovery
 - Brian Hechler – Credit Recovery
 - Austin Panell – Drivers Education
 - Martha Vazquez Barrios, Auxiliary Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary, effective April 1, 2025
 - Brooklyn Brown, Math Coach (BBMC) at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective 2025-2026 School Year
 - Donna Burgess, 3rd Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective 2025-2026 School Year
 - Holly Coulter, 4th Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective 2025-2026 School Year
 - Hannah Nelson, Kindergarten Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 School Year
 - Ethyn Holbrook, Half-time SPE Bus Aide in Mornings, effective March 19, 2025
 - Taylor Watson, Half-time SPE Bus Aide in Afternoon, Monday through Wednesdays, effective March 18, 2025
 - Yolanda Gomez-Aguirre, Half-time SPE Bus Aide in Afternoon, Thursday and Fridays, effective March 18, 2025
 - Jake Peek, Boys Varsity Head Basketball Coach at Fort Payne High School, effective April 25, 2025

IV Personnel (Continued)

F. Other

1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel list, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted:
 - CNP
 - Teacher
- V Approved the additional work days for the following positions, during the 2024-2025 summer, as submitted:
- Shannon Patterson – Fort Payne Middle School Counselor – 4 Days
 - Audra Minton – Fort Payne Middle School Counselor – 4 Days
 - Sheena Chandler – Instructional Coach – 5 Days
 - Teresa Barksdale – Little Ridge Intermediate School Counselor – 10 Days
 - Morgan Davis – Little Ridge Intermediate School Counselor – 10 Days
 - Pricila Alvarado – Wills Valley Elementary School SPE Aide – 15 Days
 - Kristy Conaway – Wills Valley Elementary School ARI Coach – 10 Days
 - Donna McClure – Little Ridge Intermediate School Gifted Teacher – 20 Days
 - Lauren Haymon – Little Ridge Intermediate School Reading Coach – 5 Days
 - Gabby Salinas-Williams Avenue Pre-K Secretary/Translator – 10 Days
 - Heather Cyrus-Williams Avenue Pre-K Teacher/Supplemental Asst. Director-5 Days
- VI Approved the following requests for out of state travel, as submitted:
- Scott Timmons, FPHS Principal/Athletic Director
 - FPHS - Girls Basketball Team
 - June 15-19, 2025 – Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548
 - International HOSA Competition
 - June 17-22, 2025 – Nashville, TN 37214
- VII Approved the recommendation of the local Textbook Committee to adopt Pearson for AP Science Courses at Fort Payne High School for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted.
- VIII Approved the updated job description and salary schedule for the following positions, effective April 25, 2025, as submitted:
- Computer Technician
 - Computer Technician Assistant
- IX Approved the March 2025, financial statements and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.

X Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett congratulated Jake Peek as the new Boys Varsity Head Basketball Coach at Fort Payne High School.

Mr. Jett congratulated Mrs. Jennings, for the big turnout for the Easter Hat Parade at Williams Avenue Pre-K with 250 parents/grandparents present at both shows. Pre-K students were adorable and walked a runway showing off their homemade Easter hats to music and an announcer sharing what they wanted to be when they grew up.

Mr. Jett congratulated the following FPHS students who passed their FAA Part 107c exams and are now FAA Certified Commercial Drone Pilots. Makayla Neivel, Nathaniel Blevins, Dustin Haney, Christopher Bryant, Baylece Walsh, Abelardo Gonzalez, Emerold Jimenez-Aguirre, Samuel Knight, Nikolai Fowler, Andres Pascual

Congratulations to the baseball team on winning the Area Championship. FP will host the second round of the state playoffs today, Friday at 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

Mr. Jett congratulated the Gigawatts for winning the Creativity Award and 4th in robot game out of 48 international teams at the Smokey Mountain Regionals.

Congratulations to the girl's golf team for winning the Wildcat Invitational at Terrapin Hills. Molly Griffith and Annie Gilbert made the All-Tournament team. The boys golf team finished 2nd in the same tournament. JP Groat finished 3rd with a 73 and Tyler Coley was 6th with a 76.

Congratulations to the FPHS Tech Team that competed at the state level last month at the University of Montevallo. 34 Technology Projects won, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at state. 16 Projects won 1st Place. 12 Projects won 2nd Place. 6 Projects won 3rd Place.

Mr. Jett congratulated the FPMS Robotics 7th and 8th Grade Team 2 who proudly represented Alabama and Fort Payne City Schools on Wednesday, April 16 - Saturday, April 19th. They competed at the First Lego League World Fair in Houston, TX. Less than 1% of all robotic teams worldwide get the privilege to compete at this level.

Mr. Jett reminded everyone that May 6th is the Property Tax Renewal Public vote. Vote at the VFW Hall in Fort Payne, 7am to 7pm.

Congratulations to the Fort Payne City Schools receiving the following from The Times Journal "Best of DeKalb"

- Fort Payne Pre-K – Best Pre-School
- Wills Valley Elementary – Best Elementary School
- Fort Payne Middle School – Best Junior or Middle School
- Fort Payne High School – Best High School
- Jennifer List – Best Principal
- Elvis Majano – Best SRO/Policeman

XI Approved the following dates, time and location of the next three regular Board Meetings.

- Monday, May 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office
- Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office
- Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office

XII Executive Session

1. Entered Executive Session to discuss issues involving good name and character.

- Member Roll Call
 - Mrs. Martin, President
 - Mr. Baine, Vice President
 - Mrs. Jones
 - Mr. Bynum
 - Mr. McClung

There will be no action taken other than to adjourn upon returning.

XIII Adjourned