

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD BRIEFS

April 27, 2023, Regular Meeting 6PM in the Conference Room of the Central Office

Called the meeting to order and welcome the guests.

Established a quorum.

Approved the minutes of the following Board Meeting, as submitted:

- March 23, 2023, Regular Meeting
- April 3, 2023, Called Meeting

I Personnel

A. Retirements

1. Accepted the resignation of the following personnel, due to retirement, as submitted:
 - Melinda Horton, Special Education Secretary within the Fort Payne City School System, effective July 1, 2023

B. Resignations

1. Accepted the resignation of the following personnel, as submitted:
 - Scott Azbell, Mechanic Assist, effective June 30, 2023
 - Erin Stolp, 5th Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective May 26, 2023
 - Marilyn “Marcie” Davis, Art Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective May 26, 2023
 - Alexandra Millan Lopez, System-wide EL Aide, effective May 26, 2023
 - Terri Green, System-wide CNP Worker, effective April 3, 2023
 - Dineatha King, System-wide CNP Worker, effective April 24, 2023

C. Leaves

1. Approved a request from the following personnel, for a one year Leave of Absence for the 2023-2024 school year as submitted:
 - Ellen Benefield, for an additional one year Leave of Absence to serve as an AMSTI Specialist through the University of Alabama in Huntsville.
 - Pennie Magnusson, for an additional one year Leave of Absence to serve as an AMSTI Teacher in Residence through the University of Alabama in Huntsville
 - Sherri Gibbs, for an additional one year Leave of Absence to serve as an AMSTI Teacher in Residence through the University of Alabama in Huntsville
 - Brooklyn Brown, 3rd Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School

D. Transfers

1. Approved the transfer of the following employees within the Fort Payne City School System, as submitted:
 - Kim Hardinger, System-wide SPE Aide to a Library Aide at FPHS, effective August 1, 2023

E. Recommendations

1. Approved the recommendation of the follow employees within the Fort Payne City School System, as submitted:

- FPHS 2023 Summer School Instructor's, effective May 30, 2023-June 29, 2023
 - Chris Boggs – Credit Recovery
 - Brian Hechler - Credit Recovery
 - Austin Panell - Drivers Education
- Melissa Coker, Guidance Counselor at FPHS, effective May 8, 2023
- Emily Mayo, 4th Grade Teacher at LRIS, effective August 1, 2023
- Hannah Vaughn, 3rd Grade Math School Improvement Team, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- **Gina Dorough, 5th Grade Teacher at LRIS, effective August 1, 2023**
- **Jacob Phillips, Mechanic Assistant within the Transportation Department of the FPCS, effective July 1, 2023**
- Heather Powell, System-wide EL Teacher, effective August 1, 2023
- Lisa Harris, System-wide CNP Worker, effective May 1, 2023
- Andrea Wright, System-wide CNP Worker, effective May 1, 2023
 - Anastasiia Leverett, System-wide CNP Worker, effective May 1, 2023

F. Other

1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel list, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, as submitted:

- Bus – Pending completion of Bus Driver Certification
- **CNP**
- EDP
- Nurse
- Teacher

II Approved the FPHS Summer School Plan for 2022-2023 school year, as submitted.

III Approved the additional work days for the following positions, during the 2022-2023 summer, as submitted:

- Donna McClure, Elementary Gifted Teacher – 20 days
- Gwen Mitchell Brandt – FPMS/FPHS Math/Science Coach – 10 days
- Sheena Chandler – FPMS/FPHS ELA/Social Science Coach – 5 days
- Teresa Barksdale, LRIS Counselor – 10 days
- Regina Boatwright, WVES Counselor – 15 days
- Janet Guerra – WVES Secretary – 15 days
- Kristie Conaway, WVES ARI Coach - 10 days
- Mindy Chadwick, WVES Math Coach – 10 days
- Pennie Magnusson, WVES Math Coach – 10 days
- Lauren Haymon, LRIS Reading Coach – 10 days
- Sherry Gibbs, LRIS Math Coach – 10
- Shannon Patterson, FPMS Counselor - 2 days
- Dena Wilbanks, FPMS Counselor – 2 days
- Kelley Chapman, Elementary Instructional Technology Specialist –5 days
- Melissa Knowles, Secondary Instructional Technology Specialist – 5 days

IV Approved the recommendation to adopt the entire list of State approved textbooks in the area of English Language Arts and Supplemental Materials for K-3, as submitted.

- V Approved the following requests for out of state travel, as submitted.
- Patrick Barnes, FPHS Principal/Athletic Director
 - FPHS – Boys Basketball Team (9B, JVB, VB)
June 8, 2023 - Berry College
Rome, GA
 - FPHS - Girls Basketball Team
June 19-23, 2023 - Fort Walton Beach High School
Fort Walton Beach, FL
 - FPHS – Wrestling Team
June 23, 2023 – Dade County High School
Trenton, GA
 - FPHS – Girls Volleyball Team
July 15-16, 2023 – University of Tennessee
Knoxville, TN
- VI Approved a request for a Virtual School Day option on April 28, 2023 for 11th and 12th Grade Students at FPHS, as submitted.
- VII Approved an Alabama Seal of Biliteracy Policy for the Fort Payne City School System, as submitted.
- VII. Instructional Program
 - 7.03 Academic Standards
 - 7.03.8 Alabama Seal of Biliteracy
- VIII Approved the purchase of The SWITCH Lab, an Electric Vehicle STEM/CTE Curriculum in the amount of \$49,458.00, as submitted. Switch Vehicles, is the sole source manufacturer of this product
- IX Approved the following lowest bid’s substantially in compliance with the required specifications, effective immediately, as submitted:
- One (1) Tilting Skillet – Williams Avenue Pre-K– Hotel and Restaurant Supply
 - Two (2) Walk-In Freezers – Williams Avenue Pre-K – Mobile Fixture and Equipment Company
 - Two (2) Refrigerated Pass through Cabinets – WVES – Mobile Fixture and Equipment Company
 - Two (2) Hot Pass through Cabinets – WVES -Mobile Fixture and Equipment Company
- (Continued)
- Two (2) Serving Lines – WVES – Mobile Fixture and Equipment Company
 - One (1) Dish Machine – LRIS – Birmingham Restaurant Supply Inc.
 - One (1) Dish Machine – FPMS – Birmingham Restaurant Supply Inc.
- X **Approved the March 2023, financial statements and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.**
- XI Superintendent’s Report
 Congratulations to the Fort Payne Band Members who recently participated in DeKalb County Solo and Ensemble where they performed individually or in small groups for judges. Every student that participates is graded on Tone, Interpretation, Technique, and Musicianship. They are then issued an individual rating of 1-4, with 1 being the highest.

Each of our students that participated earned the highest rating possible, a 1. This is a great accomplishment for these students and our program.

Solos

- Brianna Chavez -1
- Emilee Welden – 1
- Jessica Simpson -1
- Samantha Keith -1
- Autumn Montoya -1
- Jorge Serrano -1
- Aaron Trevino -1
- Judson Guice -1
- Rebecca Clayton -1

Duet

- Jessica Simpson – 1
- Emilee Welden - 1

Quartet

- Judson Guice - 1
- Caleb Jacobs - 1
- Jorge Serrano - 1
- Samantha Keith -1

Quintet

- Judson Guice - 1
- Anthony Manuel -1
- Rebecca Clayton - 1
- Hunter Blansit – 1
- Samantha Keith – 1

Congratulations to the Boys Golf Team:

Guntersville Wildcat Cup

- 4th place finish
- Blake Woods finished in 4th place and made the all-Tournament team with a score of 76
- JP Groat finished tied for 6th place with a score of 77

Huntsville Panther Invitational

- 8th place finish
- JP Groat and Tyler Coley shot 76 and finished in 20th place
- Fort Payne was the low 6A Team with over 20 teams and 100 players

Cullman 2 Day Bert McGriff Invitational

- 6th place finish
- Tyler Coley finished in 9th place
- Madison Nix and Sydney Northcutt lowest round of the year

Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Soccer Team:

- Defeated Gadsden City 6-1 and are 2023 Area Champs
- Senior Kai Stolp Signed to play soccer at Mars Hill University in North Carolina
- Senior Leo Reyes has committed to sign and play with Southern Union State Community College in Alabama.

Congratulations to both the Girls and Boys Tennis Teams:

- Girls Varsity Tennis beat Arab 9-0.
- Varsity Boys and Girls won over sectional rival Buckhorn Girls 8-1, Boys 7-2,
- Varsity Boys and Girls won over sectional rival Lee High Girls 8-1 Boys 9-0
- Girls Tennis are the 2023 Sectional Champs!
- Boys Tennis are the 2023 Sectional Runner-up!
- This is the first time in the history of FPHS for the Tennis Teams to participated in a State Championship Tournament, but failed short in winning. However, the team brought home a great experience and are ready for next season.

Congratulations to both the Girls and Boys Track Teams:

Arab Invitational

- Both teams placed First overall!

Home Track Meet outstanding performance

- Girls team placed 1st overall
- Boys team placed 5th overall
- Anahi Barboza on setting a new school record in the mile, running 5:11

Fort Payne Invitational

- Girls were 1st Overall
- Boys were 2nd.
- Skyler Cody broke the school record in the 110m hurdles
- Boys 4x800 for breaking the school record
 - ❖ Lane Pilotte
 - ❖ Sam Moses
 - ❖ Pablo Rodriguez
 - ❖ Tyler Anthony

Congratulations to the Cross-County Teams:

Arab Knights Invitational

Fort Payne Invitational

Girls: 1 st Place		Boys: 1 st Place		Girls: 1 st Place		Boys: 2 nd Place	
Girls' Medals		Boys' Medals		Girls' Medals		Boys' Medals	
1 st	7	1 st	7	1 st	5	1 st	1
2 nd	5	2 nd	4	2 nd	3	2 nd	5
3 rd	5	3 rd	4	3 rd	7	3 rd	5

Fort Payne Invitational

- Lydie Varnadore MVP
 - ❖ 1st place 100 & 300 Hurdles
 - ❖ 3rd Place triple Jump
 - ❖ 4th Place high jump

- Girls 4x800 Dominance – Undefeated this season
 - ❖ Madison Wright
 - ❖ Kyndal Hughes
 - ❖ Sara Boatwright
 - ❖ Abigail Vega
 - ❖ Anahi Barboza
- JV 4x800 3rd Place
 - ❖ Isabel Reyes
 - ❖ Ava Jett
 - ❖ Dania Belman
 - ❖ Kailey Cameron

Congratulations to Steve Black, Arts A/V, Technology and Communication Teacher at FPHS for being appointed to the 2023 Career and Technical Education State Courses of Study Committee and Taskforce.

Congratulations to Kristy Clifton, System-wide Career Coach was appointed to the Alabama SkillsUSA Leadership Team. Mrs. Clifton’s roll will consist of preparing and training our Alabama SkillsUSA State Officer Team for District, State, National and Washington, DC Conferences. SkillsUSA partners with students, teachers and industry. Their mission is to empower its members to become world class workers, leaders and responsible citizens.

Congratulations to the WVES 2nd Grade STEAM’d Shrimps Lego League Explore robotics team who competed in the FIRST Robotics Competition Rocket City Regional in Huntsville. The team won an award for Coding.

- Stella Akins
- Lolah Hilyer
- Briley Houston
- Blake Jennings
- Brody Kirtland
- Issac Oliva
- Patrick Trammell

Mr. Jett was please to announce all of the great things going on in our system. Most of all he was happy to have activities that allowed everyone to participate!

XII Superintendent’s Evaluation

Carolyn Martin, Board President reported that Mr. Jett received an 98% Commendable rating. Mrs. Martin stated she appreciated Mr. Jett’s dedication to the Fort Payne City School System. “The transition of leadership has gone very well and you are doing an excellent job! You have settled in and striving to do what is best for the students. This is not a 9 to 5 job, as you spent Christmas Eve helping to repair broken water pipes at WVES.” Sharon Jones, Board Member stated. ‘You are doing a great job, with a tough act to follow!’ Brian Baine, Board Vice President stated. “I appreciate your past and now.” Randy McClung, Board Member stated. “Echo all these statements.” Randy Bynum, Board Member stated. “Nothing else to be said.” Mr. Jett thanked the Board for their kind comments and the confidence shown in their evaluation of him.

- XIII Approved the following dates, time and location of the next two regular Board Meeting.
- Tuesday, May 18, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office
 - Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office

XIV 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.

XV Adjourned