

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD BRIEFS

February 23, 2023, Regular Monthly 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 January 26, 2023, regular meeting, as submitted.

I Personnel

A. Resignations

1. Accepted the following personnel resignations, as submitted:

- Hunter Pope, Pre-K Aide at Williams Avenue School, effective March 1, 2023
- Brooklyn Brown, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade MSIT Team Member at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective February 28, 2023
- Stormy Stevens, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, effective January 26, 2023
- Stormy Stevens, Assistant Tennis Coach, January 26, 2023
- Keri Garrett, RSIT Team Member at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective February 16, 2023

B, Transfers

1. Approved the following personnel transfers, as submitted:

- Raylene Cruse, CNP Assistant Manager at Wills Valley Elementary School, to a CNP Manager at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective February 6, 2023
- Kary Bobo, CNP Worker at Wills Valley Elementary School, to a CNP Assistant Manager at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective February 6, 2023

C. Recommendations

1. Approved the following personnel recommendations, as submitted:

- Yuliana Cedillo, Pre-K Aide at Williams Avenue School, effective March 2, 2023, and non-renew her contract on May 26, 2023
- Rachel Abrams, as a System-wide CNP Worker, effective February 13, 2023, and non-renew her contract on May 26, 2023
- Diaz Frost, as a System-wide CNP Worker, effective February 13, 2023, and non-renew his contract on May 26, 2023
- Steven Goff, as an Assistant Tennis Coach at Fort Payne High School, effective for the 2022-2023 school year

D. Other

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

- CNP
- EDP
- SPE Bus Aide
- Teacher

II Approved a request for a Virtual School Day option for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students on March 14, 2023, due to testing, as submitted.

III Approved a request from Brian L. Jett, Superintendent; to allow a 12 Month Certificate of Deposit to be opened at First Southern State Bank, in the name of the Fort Payne City Board of Education, with a renewal option each year, as submitted.

IV Approved the January 2023 financial statements and bank reconciliation reports, as submitted.

V Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett thanked the Board for attending the required Whole Board Training on February 9<sup>th</sup>. He also, reminded the Board of the number of hours needed to complete the 2022-2023 AASB required training.

Mr. Jett was very excited to announce that Dr. Adkins applied for the FY22 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant and Subgrants. The FPCS's CNP Department has been awarded \$337,267.000 in grant funds. These funds will be used as follows:

- FPMS \$ 61,000.00 Dishwasher
- WAS \$ 29,000.00 Tilt Skillet
- WAS \$ 75,267.00 Walk-in Freezer
- LRIS \$ 66,000.00 Dishwasher
- WVES \$106,000.00 Serving Lines

Congratulations Dr. Adkins and I appreciate your diligence in securing this funding. Great work!!

Mr. Jett recognize the following students for auditioning and securing a spot in All State Band and District 2 Honor Band. This is the most students Fort Payne has had make it in both District 2 and All State. This is a huge accomplishment for these students, and our band program. Congratulations to these students representing Fort Payne at the District and State levels.

**District 2 Honor Band**

- Brianna Chavez
- Sophia Shi
- Caleb Jacobs
- Aaron Trevino
- Rilee Smith
- Jorge Serrano
- Judson Guice
- Rebecca Clayton
- Samantha Keith

V Superintendent's Report (Continued)

**All-State**

- Sophia Shi – Alternate
- Caleb Jacobs – Red Band
- Aaron Trevino – Blue Band
- Jorge Serrano – Blue Band
- Judson Guice – Blue Band
- Samantha Keith – Red Band

Mr. Jett congratulated to the indoor track team on their performance at the state track meet. The girls 4x800m relay team earned a bronze medal.

- Anahi Barboza
- Madison Wright
- Abigail Vega
- Kyndal Hughes

The boys 4x800m relay team placed 4<sup>th</sup>

- Lane Pilotte
- Ian Norman
- Pablo Rodriguez
- Sam Moses

- Aubrey Evans placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the high jump
- Skyler Cody placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 60m hurdles.

The girls 4x400m relay team placed 5<sup>th</sup>

- Ruthie Jones
- Anahi Barboza
- Sophia Trammell
- Lydie Varnadore

- Lydie Varnadore placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump
- Aubrey Evans placed 8<sup>th</sup>. In the triple jump

Mr. Jett was happy to share that Laurel Shugart is one of 40 National Aspirations in Computing Award winners. Laurel was the only student representing Alabama in this year's awardees. She has been invited to an awards ceremony in North Carolina where she will receive this award. Thanks to the generous support of NCWIT Award for AiC National Sponsor Bank of America, each of the 40 national award winners receives various prizes, cash, and will be celebrated at the National Award Ceremony hosted by Bank of America on March 11, 2023. Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment!!

Mr. Jett was proud to announce that Jordan Binkley and John Riley Thompson have been invited to present their app, Dadify, from the Congressional App Challenge at the US Capitol in Washington DC. Best of luck to both students in this competition. These students will travel with their parents.

V Superintendent's Report (Continued)

Mr. Jett was pleased to announce that after winning their Qualifier for State, the Fort Payne Middle School STEAM Robotics 6th grade team was one of three overall Champions at State. They placed third overall. The following students make up the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Robotics Team:

- Caden Hairell
- Dana Francisco Jiménez
- Brylee Hunter
- Malachi Kemp
- Luz Pedro
- Alfredo Diego
- Ava Grace Walker
- Rebeca Rodriguez-Lopez
- Yaratzi Wong

He also announced that after winning 2nd place at their Qualifier for State, the Little Ridge Intermediate School STEAM Robotics 5th grade ROOKIE Team placed in the Top 10 out of 24 teams in the State Championships. They were recognized for Engineering Excellence. The following students make up the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rookie Team:

- Hudson Davis
- Alejandro Mata
- Cohen Argo
- Jaden Alexander Martinez
- McKenzie Bynum
- Kate Kramer
- Bentley Henderson
- Annsley Pacini
- Hiedi Rojas
- ZaNiyah Stanton

Mr. Jett congratulated the students and their coaches on their outstanding accomplishment. He also thanked Student Coaches Clark McClung, Kendall Binkley, Nandini Patel, Maura Roberts, Laurel Shugart, Kendall Binkley and Seanna Lance for their participation

Mr. Jett announced the FPHS Wrestling Team participated at the State Wrestling Tournament in Huntsville on February 17,2023.

- Carter Blalock-4<sup>th</sup> place
- Tucker Burkhead-6<sup>th</sup> place
- Parker Wilson-6<sup>th</sup> place.

Congratulations to the FPHS Wrestling Team and Coaches on a great season.

Mr. Jett Congratulated the Real-World Design Team and their coach, Mrs. Chappell on winning the State Competition. They been invited to compete in the National Competition in April. This year's team members are:

- Caleb Jacobs
- Emily Landry
- Pablo Rodriguez
- Stephanie Rocha
- Preston Hunt
- Adamari Juarez
- Weston Hamilton

Congratulations once again on this accomplishment.

- V Superintendent's Report (Continued)  
Mr. Jett was pleased to announce that DeKalb County and the City of Fort Payne recognize the FPHS and FPMS FFA Students and Teachers during the Annual FFA Week.
- VI Approved March 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office as the date, time and place of the next regular Board Meeting.
- VII Adjourned