

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD BRIEFS

February 22, 2024, Regular Meeting 6:00PM in the Conference Room of the Central Office

- I Called the meeting to order and welcome the guests.
- II Established a quorum.
- III Amended the minutes of the January 25, 2024, regular meeting, as submitted:
 1. Correct the effective hire date of Michael Banks, as a Half-time Bus Driver, to February 15, 2024.
- IV Approved the minutes of the January 25, 2024, regular meeting, as submitted.
- V Personnel
 - A. Resignations
 1. Accepted the following personnel resignations, as submitted:
 - Alan Cartes, Robotics Sponsor at Fort Payne High School, effective October 26, 2023
 - Pricila Alvarado Mendoza, Afternoon Special Education Bus Aide, effective February 2, 2024. Ms. Mendoza will continue her position as a Full-time Special Education Aide
 - B. Recommendations of Supplemental Duties
 1. Approved the following recommendation to place Brittany Owens as Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor at Fort Payne High, effective January 2, 2024 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year and additionally continue to complete payment of Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor supplements to Lacie Davis and Kaitlyn Ryan for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted.
 - C. Recommendations
 1. Approved the following personnel recommendations, as submitted:
 - Jeremy Dupree, Half-time Bus Driver, effective February 5, 2024
 - Sherry Rolando, as a System-wide CNP Worker, effective February 23, 2024
 - Lisa Tweedell, as a System-wide CNP Worker, effective February 23, 2024
 - D. Other
 1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel lists, effective for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted:
 - Teacher

- VI Approved a request for the following out of state travel, as submitted:
- Scott Timmons, Principal FPHS/Athletic Director
 - FPHS Robotics Team
 - FIRST World Festival, Knoxville, TN – March 3-6, 2024
 - Magnolia Regional, Laurel, MS – March 13-16, 2024
- VII Approved declaring the following items as surplus due to age, usefulness and/or non-operating status of the items, as submitted:
- Culinary – One (1) True brand Refrigerator/Freezer Combo
- VIII Approved a request from Brian L. Jett, Superintendent; to renew a 12 Month Certificate of Deposit with First Southern State Bank, in the name of the Fort Payne City Board of Education, with a yearly renewal option, as stated in the terms and conditions contained in the account agreement, as submitted.
- IX Approved the recommendation to award the contract for construction of Fort Payne High School Stadium New Bathroom Facility, to SAM Construction. This recommendation is based on their low base bid of Five Hundred Twenty- Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Six Dollars (\$527,606.00), submitted on their proposal dated January 23, 2024.
- X Approved the purchase of two (2) school buses through Sourcewell, a pre-approved Cooperative Purchasing Agreement approved by the ALSDE, in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$355,568.00) (total price), as submitted:
- (2) 2025 Blue Bird T3FE 3909 84 passenger bus with VALEO ROOFTOP AC \$177,784.00 each
- XI Approved the January 2024 financial statements and bank reconciliation reports, as submitted.
- XII Superintendent's Report
- Mr. Jett was excited to announce that Fort Payne City Schools and Little Ridge Intermediate hosted a regional literacy coaching lab with ARI Regional Staff and Mrs. Diane Sweeney, author and national trainer in student-centered coaching practices.
- "We were beyond surprised to learn, a few months back, that our literacy specialist at Little Ridge Intermediate, Ms. Lauren Haymon, was chosen to work alongside Ms. Sweeney, to provide professional learning for other reading specialists to improve classroom instruction coaching practices based upon the science of reading. Ms. Haymon modeled effective coaching practices in the general education in collaboration with 3rd grade reading teacher, Ms. Kaitlyn Ryan and her students. The students and entire team at Little Ridge Intermediate School are grateful to ARI for choosing us to help lead way in improving instructional practices in reading. The event was amazing! Forty ARI Literacy Specialists from around the state got to witness our LRIS reading team in action. They praised FPCS for their hard work to assist all students with breaking the reading code and for sharing our expertise in student-centered coaching with others. Thanks to Mr. Jett, Dr. Atkins, Mr. Timmons, Ms. Thacker and the culinary team for all their help with transportation and lunch. Those in attendance shared it was the best PD they have attended. Fort Payne will be spoken about around the state! It was an unbelievable day. It made me proud to be a Fort Payne Wildcat!!!!"* Jennifer List, LRIS Principal

XII Superintendent's Report (continued)

Mr. Jett congratulated Coach Coker, his staff and the FPHS Boys Basketball Team on an outstanding season. With 25-4 Final Record, most wins since 2000, 3rd most in school history. They finished season ranked #5 in ASWA Class 6A poll. Again, congratulations on a great season!!

Mr. Jett congratulated Coach Sparks, his staff and the FPHS Girls Basketball Team on a 19/11 season.

Mr. Jett congratulated to the Fort Payne Middle School Robotics program on an astounding performance at the State Championships.

- 6th graders won the first ever Motivate Award in Alabama.
- This is the 9th year in a row the team has placed top 10 in the state.

Mr. Jett congratulated Namdini Patel who for the second year in a row will represent FPCS's in the Governor's App Challenge.

Mr. Jett congratulated the Wildcat Band students on earning a spot in the District 2 Honor Band and All State Band.

District 2 Honor Band

- Caleb Jacobs
- Aaron Trevino
- Jorge Serrano
- Judson Guice
- Caleb Dorough
- Samantha Keith
- Claire Gootee

All State

- Caleb Jacobs
- Judson Guice
- Samantha Keith
- Aaron Trevino
- Caleb Dorough

He also, congratulated Caleb Jacobs and Samantha Keith on earning the highest scores on their instrument in the district.

Mr. Jett congratulated the Fort Payne Track and Field Team for their performance at the state meet. The Girls team finished 4th overall, and the boys team finished 8th.

Mr. Jett was please to congratulate:

- Aubrey Evans-State Champion High Jump.
- Skyler Cody-3rd Place Hurdles (School Record), Boys 4x800-3rd Place (Indoor School Record).

XII Superintendent's Report (continued)

Mr. Jett congratulated the FPHS Wrestling Team on have 9 state qualifiers and place 4th. Out of the 9 qualifiers 5 of those wrestler's place in the state competition and the team placed 9th overall.
5 state placers:

Hayden Davis-3rd
Cooper Hilyer-4th
Pedro Miguel-4th
Parker Wilson-5th
Tucker Burkhead-6th

Mr. Jett congratulated the Wildcat Battalion 3-Position Air Rifle Team on a successful season with a record of 12-2. The team will now compete at the state championship on March 2nd, at the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Range in Anniston, AL. Our North Alabama Rifle League Championship is the following weekend, March 9th, again at the CMP Range. The team will also compete at the CMP Southeast Regionals, April 11-13 at the CMP Range in Anniston.

Mr. Jett announced two Board Training events to the Board.

- March 14, 2024 - 11:00am-1:00pm
Chris Pape, Esq of Colvin Bishop will conduct the training
- Date and Time TBD (Waiting AASB approval)
Melissa Knowles – Two-Factor Authentication, Social Media for Educational Engagement and Current Social Media Trends

XIII Approved March 21, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office as a Work Session.

XIV Approved March 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office as the date, time and place of the next regular Board Meeting.

XV Adjourned.