

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD BRIEFS

February 20 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 January 23, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as submitted:
- IV   Approved the minutes of the February 5, 2025, Called Board Meeting, as submitted:
- V    Personnel
  - A. Leaves
    1.   Approved a request from Sadie Stone, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at LRIS, for a Leave of Absence, February 10, 2025, through March 21, 2025, as submitted.
    2.   Approved a request from Lizbet Medina-Trinidad, EL Aide at LRIS, for a Leave of Absence, starting March 31, 2025 for up to twelve weeks.
  - B. Transfers
    1.   Approved the transfer of the following personnel, as submitted:
      - Sefora Juan, from System Wide EL Aide, to Auxiliary Teacher, at WVES, effective January 31, 2025
  - C. 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:
      - Genesis Salinas, System Wide Migrant Recruiter, effective February 3, 2025
      - Omar Figueroa, Volunteer Assistant Coach for the Boys' Soccer Team, effective February 21, 2025
      - Shonta Bell, Auxiliary Teacher at WVES, effective February 13, 2025 through September 30, 2025
      - Michael Ganje, System Wide Half-Time CNP Worker, effective February 21, 2025
      - Pamala Elsaesser, Instructional Aide at LRIS, effective March 3, 2025, for remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
      - Patrick Barnes, Part-time Assistant to the Superintendent, effective March 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025

D. Other

1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel lists, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted.

- CNP
- Teacher
- Bus Driver-Pending completion of Bus Driver Certification

- VI Approved the following out of state travel, as submitted:

- Scott Timmons, Principal FPHS/Athletic Director
  - FPHS Prom
    - April 5, 2025 – Chattanooga, TN

- VII Approved a request from Brian L. Jett, Superintendent; to allow a 12 Month Certificate of Deposit with First Southern Bank, in the name of the Fort Payne City Board of Education, with a yearly renewal option at the end of the term, as submitted.

- VIII Approved the consideration of the Board Attorney's recommendation to approve an employment contract between Tara Johnson and the Fort Payne Board of Education, as CSFO, effective January 1, 2025, as submitted.

- IX Approved a resolution confirming the Fort Payne City Board of Education's intent to create and operate a new magnet school known as the Fort Payne Career Academy, as submitted.

- X Approved a resolution of the Fort Payne City Board of Education requesting a waiver to remove student reading improvement plans (SRIPs) for English Learners (EL), as submitted.

- XI Approved a resolution requesting the City of Fort Payne call a special election concerning the renewal of the 7.5 Mill Property Tax for Educational Purposes authorized by Alabama Constitution (25A-2.01), as submitted.

- XII Approved the January 2025, financial statements and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.

- XIII Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett congratulated Coach Sparks and the FPHS Basketball Girls for playing in the Regional Finals in Jacksonville.

Mr. Jett congratulated Pedro Miguel who won by decision against a Pell City opponent with a score of 3-2. This win earned him 4<sup>th</sup> place in the AHSSA State Wrestling Tournament. Tucker Burkhead beat a Mortimer Jordan opponent earning 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Mr. Jett congratulated the FPMS robotics team who won the First Lego League robotics state championship in Huntsville on February 1st. They were invited to represent Alabama at the World Festival in Houston, TX on April 16th-19th. The team members were: Dana Francisco, Caden Hairell, Edgery Joj Lopez, Audrina Ledbetter, Terrence Liu, Levi Morales, Isabel Ramirez, Rebecca Rodriguez, Hiedi Rojas, Jaylee Venable

XIII Superintendent's Report (Continued)

Mr. Jett congratulated FPMS student, Isaiah Freeman Chaney winner of the DeKalb County Spelling Bee, held on January 17<sup>th</sup>. He will represent DeKalb County at the Alabama Spelling Bee in March.

Congratulations to Members of the Wildcat Band who auditioned for All State and District 2 Honor Bands on Saturday, February 1st.

Congratulations to the track and field teams for a great performance at the Indoor State Championships. The boys' and girls' teams broke 5 school records, and the girls' team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. The state medalists were: Lydie Varnadore - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Hurdles, Ruthie Jones, Sara Boatwright, Kyndal Hughes and Gabby Vega - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 4x800 Relay, Cooper Garrett - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Shot Put, Lydie Varnadore - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the High Jump. Other All-State performances included-Hadlee Powell, Audrey Pacini, Pablo Rodriguez, Daniel DeLeon, Connor Kinsley, Kingston Orr

Mr. Jett congratulated the Fort Payne Real World Design Team. They won state title for this year's design challenge. Team Members are Pablo Rodriguez, Preston Hunt, Kendall Binkley, Nigel Gamsby, Savannah Shannon, Kacey Goff

Mr. Jett congratulated FPHS student, Campbell Cartes, who recently won the local level of the National Anato-bee competition and will be headed to regionals in Philadelphia next month. The Anato-Bee is a high school level initiative aimed to promote education in anatomy, embryology, and histology.

XIV Approved March 20, 2025, 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