

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD BRIEFS

January 23 2025, Regular Meeting 6:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Central Office

- I Called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.
- II Established a quorum.
- III Approved the minutes of the November 21, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, as submitted:
- IV Personnel
 - A. Appointments
 1. Appointed Tara Johnson, as Chief School Financial Officer of the Fort Payne City School System, effective January 6, 2025.
 - B. Resignations
 1. Accepted the following personnel resignations, as submitted:
 - Amy Allen, FPMS EL Teacher, effective December 20, 2024
 - Penny Gilbert, WAES CNP Worker, effective January 13, 2025
 - C. Leaves
 1. Approved a request from Stacey Dutton, Pre-K Aide at Williams Avenue Pre-K, for an Unpaid Leave of Absence, effective January 13, 2025, through March 4, 2025, as submitted.
 2. Approved a request from Pricila Alvarado, Special Ed Aide at Wills Valley Elementary, for a Leave of Absence, effective February 18, 2025, through April 22, 2025 as submitted.
 - D. Transfers
 1. Approved the transfer of the following personnel, as submitted:
 - Savanna Williams, from School Secretary at LRIS, to Secretary/Bookkeeper at LRIS, effective January 24, 2025
 - Seferina Valey, from Instructional Aide at LRIS, to School Secretary at LRIS, effective January 24, 2025

D. Transfers (Continued)

- Abigail Bowling, from System Wide EL Aide, to System Wide EL Teacher at FPMS effective January 6, 2025
- Rachel Todd, Secretary/Bookkeeper at LRIS, to Secretary at FPHS, effective January 6, 2025

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:

- Mariella Sebastian, Volunteer Assistant Coach for Track and Field Program, effective January, 13, 2025
- Todd Carter, Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball Volunteer Coach, effective January 24, 2025
- Ricardo Adame, Middle School Baseball Coach, effective January 24, 2025
- Paul Ellis, Middle School Baseball Coach, effective January 24, 2025
- Fany Ramirez Hilerio, System Wide EL Aide, effective January, 7, 2025
- Emily King, System Wide SPE Aide at WVES, effective February 3, 2025
- EDP Aide
 - Keylin Bulux, effective December 2, 2024
- EDP Teacher
 - Caleb Wigley, effective January 7, 2025

F. Other

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

- Nurse
- Teacher

V Approved the following out of state travel, as submitted:

- Scott Timmons, Principal FPHS/Athletic Director
 - FPHS Boys Soccer
 - April 21, 2025 – Chattanooga, TN
 - FPHS Softball
 - March 7-8, 2025 – Chattanooga, TN
 - FPHS Track
 - March 6, 2025 – Rome, GA
 - FPHS Varsity Tennis
 - March 19, 2025 - Summerville, GA 30747

V Out of State Travel (Continued)

- Jennifer List, Principal LRIS
 - LRIS 5th Grade Gifted Field Trip
 - April 4th, 2025 – Chattanooga, TN
 - March 11th, 2025 – Chattanooga, TN

VI Approved the creation of a Migrant Recruiter – Supplemental Duty, as submitted.

VII Approved extending the lowest bid with Wallace Construction in the amount of \$34,110.00 substantially in compliance with the required specifications, effective March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026, as allowed in the bid options for a 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th year renewal, for Lawn Care and Lawn Maintenance at the following Fort Payne City School Locations, as submitted:

- Little Ridge Intermediate School
- Williams Avenue Elementary School
- Wills Valley Elementary School
- Bus Barn/Maintenance

VIII Approved extending the lowest bid with Thrive Outdoor in the amount of \$33,164.00 substantially in compliance with the required specifications, effective March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026, as allowed in the bid options for a 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th year renewal, for Lawn Care and Lawn Maintenance at the following Fort Payne City School Locations, as submitted:

- Fort Payne High School
- Fort Payne Middle School
- Central Office

IX Approved the November 2024, financial statement and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.

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XI Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett thanked the School Board Members for an outstanding job and being invested in the future of our students and school system.

Mr. Jett thanked Mrs. Thacker and the Culinary Department for a delicious meal honoring our School Board Members.

Congratulations to Nandini Patel, 9th grader at FPHS being named the winner of the 2024 Congressional App Challenge for Alabama's Fourth Congressional District. Nandini's app is called Choice Bound. The App helps users plan their career paths and college choices. Winners will have their apps displayed in the U.S. Capitol and are invited to the House of Code celebration in Washington, D. C.

XI Superintendent's Report (Continued)

Mr. Jett congratulated the FPHS Wrestling Team on being the Region Champs.

Congratulations to Paula Muskett as the Chamber of Commerce recipient of the 2025 Excellence in Education award. Mrs. Muskett served 20 years as the district's Special Education Coordinator and has served as the Assistant Superintendent of Fort Payne City Schools since 2019.

Congratulations to Fort Payne Indoor Track and Field. With two weeks left in the indoor season, the team has earned more than 30 medals, and broken school indoor records.

Congratulations to the Fort Payne High School Culinary Cats for placing third in the Alabama Junior Chef Competition at Jefferson State Community College on Friday, January 17. The competition is hosted by the Alabama State Department of Education's Child Nutrition Department. Students are required to follow all nutritional guidelines set forth by the Child Nutrition Department and use at least two local ingredients and one commodity ingredient. The team chose to use a new product called, Woodles are a wheat-based ramen noodle and this was the perfect opportunity to develop a recipe to use in our cafeteria.

XII Approved February 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.

XIII 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.

XIV Adjourned