

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD BRIEFS

June 26, 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 May 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as submitted.
- IV Personnel
 - A. Retirements
 1. Accepted the resignation of the following personnel, due to retirement, as submitted:
 - Sally Wheat, Principal at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective July 1, 2025.
 - B. Resignations
 1. Accepted the resignation of the following personnel, as submitted:
 - Rebecca Mason, AV Communications Teacher at Fort Payne High School, effective June 2, 2025.
 - Terri Killian, System-Wide SPE Teacher at Williams Avenue Pre-K, effective June 6, 2025.
 - Hannah Turner, Science Teacher at Fort Payne High School, effective June 1, 2025.
 - Melissa Smith, 3rd Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective June 11, 2025
 - Brittany Hunter, Williams Avenue School Nurse and Nurse Bus Aide, effective June 7, 2025.
 - Valorie Barnes, Education and Training Teacher at Fort Payne High School, effective June 16, 2025
 - Taylor Scott, System-Wide SPE Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective June 17, 2025.
 - C. Leaves
 1. Approved a request from Lacie Davis, 5th Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School, for a Leave of Absence, starting July 29, 2025 to September 8, 2025, as submitted.
 2. Approved a request from Hannah Vaughn, 3rd Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School, for a Leave of Absence, starting July 29, 2025 to September 1, 2025, as submitted.

IV Personnel (Continued)

D. Transfers

1. Approved the transfer of the following personnel, as submitted:

- Jordan Todd King, Half-Time Custodian at Williams Avenue and Half-Time Custodian at Fort Payne High School to Full Time Custodian at Fort Payne High School, effective July 1, 2025.
- Seth Herod, CNP Custodian at Fort Payne Middle School to Custodian at Williams Avenue School, effective June 27, 2025.
- Lauren Everette, 4th Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate to 3rd Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective July 29, 2025.
- Sheldonna Wise, 3rd Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate to History Teacher at Fort Payne Middle School, effective July 29, 2025.
- Miranda Holcomb, 2nd Grade Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary to System Wide EL Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary, effective July 29, 2025.
- Yolanda Gomez-Aguirre, CNP Custodian at Little Ridge Intermediate to System-Wide EL Aide at Little Ridge Intermediate, effective July 29, 2025.
- Steven Chesnut, Math Teacher at Fort Payne High School to Math Teacher at Fort Payne Career Academy, effective July 29, 2025.
- Angie Maxwell, English Teacher at Fort Payne High School to English Teacher at Fort Payne Career Academy, effective July 29, 2025.
- Chris Roberts, Guitar Teacher at Fort Payne High School to Guitar Teacher at Fort Payne Career Academy, effective July 29, 2025.
- Guadalupe Robles, 5th Grade EL Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate to Kindergarten Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary, effective July 29, 2025.
- Jennifer List, Principal at Little Ridge Intermediate School to Principal at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective July 1, 2025.
- Jeff Boatwright, Assistant Principal at Fort Payne High School to Principal at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective July 1, 2025.
- Joy Farmer, CNP Worker at Fort Payne High School to CNP Worker at Williams Avenue Elementary, effective July 30, 2025.
- Michael Banks, PE Teacher at Fort Payne High School to PE Teacher at Fort Payne Middle School, effective July 29, 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:

- Patty Strickland, Part-time Assistant to the Superintendent, effective February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.
- David Smith, AV and Communications/Drone Instructor at Fort Payne High School, effective July 1, 2025.
- Carmen Machen, 1st Grade Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective July 29, 2025.
- Jessica Pope, Pre-K Aide at Williams Avenue Pre-K, effective July 29, 2025.

E. Recommendations (Continued)

- Isabella Hallman, System-Wide SPE Teacher, effective July 29, 2025.
- Cayla Hill, System-Wide SPE Aide, effective July 29, 2025.
- Margaret Allen Camp, Pre-K Teacher at Williams Avenue Pre-K, effective July 29, 2025.
- Sydney Lea, Cosmetology Teacher at Fort Payne Career Academy, effective July 29, 2025.
- Rachel Timmons, 3rd Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate, effective July 29, 2025.
- Alvaro Gomez Garza, System-Wide CNP Worker, effective July 30, 2025.
- Alejandra Hernandez, System-Wide CNP Worker, effective July 30, 2025.
- Jireh Wagner, System-Wide SPE Aide, effective July 29, 2025.
- Julie Prater, System-Wide SPE Aide, effective July 29, 2025.
- Amanda Bryant, System-Wide SPE Nurse Aide, effective July 29, 2025.
- Suzanne Phillips, System-Wide SPE Teacher, effective July 29, 2025.
- Blake Tyler Puryear, Custodian at Wills Valley Elementary, effective 2025-2026 school year.
- Elizabeth White, System-Wide School Nurse and Nurse Bus Aide, effective July 29, 2025.
- Catherine Durham, System-Wide SPE Teacher, effective July 29, 2025.
- Joshua Gray, History Teacher at Fort Payne Career Academy, effective July 29, 2025.
- Masen Howard, System-Wide Computer Technician, effective July 1, 2025.
- FPCS Summer Camp - Aides - effective June 2, 2025
 - Kayla Magbie
 - Erin Cagle
 - Avery Chadwick
 - Fany Hilerio (4 Days)
- FPCS Summer Camp - Substitute Aides - effective June 2, 2025
 - Tia Moses
 - Mallory Durham
 - Rachel Ellis
 - Rosie Craig
 - Alba Contreras
 - Ann Chisenhall

F. Other

1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel list, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted:
 - Bus Driver
 - CNP
 - Teachers

- V Approved the following request for the creation of a Bookkeeper/Secretary position at Williams Avenue Pre-K/Fort Payne Career Academy based on the Middle School Secretary/Bookkeeper salary schedule, effective June 27, 2025, as submitted.
- VI Approved the following request for the creation of an additional unit for Special Education Teacher position at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective June 27, 2025, as submitted.
- VII Approved the following request for the creation of a 10 Month Assistant Principal position at Fort Payne Career Academy, effective June 27, 2025, as submitted.
- VIII Approved the following request for the creation of a 10 Month Guidance Counselor position at Fort Payne Career Academy, effective June 27, 2025, as submitted.
- IX Approved the following additions to the Fort Payne City School Board of Education Policy Manual, effective July 1, 2025, as submitted:
- Replace current 6.20 “Electronic Communication Devices” with new 6.20 “Wireless Communication Devices”
 - Update 4.10.4 Adoption of Rules and Regulations
- X Approved the creation, job description, salary schedule (if applicable), advertising and filling of the following positions, effective June 27, 2025 as submitted:
- Curriculum Specialist
 - Virtual Teacher
- XI Approved declaring the following items as surplus due to age, usefulness and/or non-operating status of the items, as submitted:
- FPCS Technology – see attached list
- XII Approved the following employment contract, as submitted:
- Jennifer List, Principal at Wills Valley Elementary, effective July 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2028.
- XIII Approved the advertising of the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted:
- HIPPY Site Program Coordinator
 - Parent Educators (to be determined by enrollment)
 - EDP Site Director
 - EDP Teachers (to be determined by enrollment)
 - EDP Aides

XIV Approved a recommendation that visitor and employee breakfast and lunch prices be increased to the minimum amount allowed under the community eligibility program (CEP), as submitted:

- Breakfast

Employees	\$3.25
Visitors	\$3.25
- Lunch

Employees	\$4.85
Visitors	\$4.85

XV Approved the following request for the creation of a cashier position at Williams Avenue Pre-K and Fort Payne Career Academy, effective June 27, 2025, as submitted.

XVI Approved the following teachers be placed on a ALSDE approved TEAMS Teacher contract in the area of Math and Science, as submitted:

- **Preliminary 1 Year Contract, effective July 1, 2025**
 - Terry Boyer – FPHS
- **Advanced 1 Year Contract, effective July 1, 2025**
 - David Barnes – FPMS
 - Jay Tyler Ellis – FPMS
 - Amanda Johnson – FPMS
 - David Marks – FPHS
 - Matthew Hoge – FPHS
 - Vanessa Chappell – FPHS
 - Shannon Goshorn – FPHS
- **Advanced 3 Year Contract, effective July 1, 2025**
 - RiLee Street – FPMS
 - Brandee Hughes – FPMS
 - Taylor Thrash -FPMS
 - Rachel Blevins-FPMS
 - Brian Hechler – FPHS
 - Amanda Wells – FPHS
 - Paige Boyer – FPHS
- **Advanced 5 Year Contract, effective July 1, 2025**
 - John Guice – FPMS
 - Cheryl Massey - FPMS

XVII Approved the following request for an additional full-time bus route, effective June 27, 2025, as submitted.

XVIII Approved the additional work days for Jose Tomas Mateo, Custodian at Williams Avenue Elementary, up to 20 days, as submitted.

XIX Approved the May 2025, financial statements and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.

XX Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett thanked Sally Wheat for her service to the Fort Payne City School System. Congratulations on her retirement.

Congratulations to Griffin Winn (Baseball), Cory Kramer (Softball), and Reese McCurdy (Soccer) for being selected to the North/South All-star games at Montgomery during the AHSAA All-star week. Also, congratulations to Nate Blevins and Nikolai Fowler for representing Fort Payne High School at the National Skills USA drone competition in Atlanta this week!

Mr. Jett gave the Board an update on Wildcat Arena construction.

Mr. Jett discussed progress of Fort Payne Career Academy.

Mr. Jett reminded the Board of the following events:

*Inservice Breakfast/ Institute 2025– Tuesday, August 5th – First Methodist Church Life Center, beginning at 7:30am

*AASB District Meeting – District 6 – Monday, September 15th, Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville.

Mr. Jett wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

XXI The date, time and location of the next regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office

XXII Adjourned