

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD BRIEFS

November 16, 2023, 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 October 26 2023, Regular Board Meeting, as submitted:

IV Personnel

A. Resignations

1. Accepted the following personnel resignations, as submitted:

- Michell Trotman, System-wide EL Teacher, effective November 10, 2023
- Cassie Hester, Half-time Bus Driver, effective November 12, 2023
- Holly Burt, Bookkeeper at Fort Payne Middle School, effective December 31, 2023
- Janice Everett, System-wide Bookkeeper, effective January 1, 2024
- Ashley Jackson, Head Varsity Cross Country Coach at Fort Payne High School, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year

B. Transfers

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

- Elena Figueroa, Central Office Receptionist/Accounts Payable, to Central Office System-wide Bookkeeper, effective November 17, 2023
- Allison “Nicki” Barksdale, 5th Grade Teacher Little Ridge Intermediate School to EL Teacher at Fort Payne Middle School, effective November 28, 2023
- Lori Abbott, System-wide Special Education Aide, to Fort Payne Middle School Bookkeeper, effective November 28, 2023

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:

- Math School Improvement Team and Reading School Improvement Team personnel for Wills Valley Elementary School and Little Ridge Intermediate School, as submitted:
 - **WVES – see attached list**
 - **LRIS – see attached list**
- Michael Shaddix, Assistant Track and Field Coach, at Fort Payne High School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- Steven Chesnut, Jr. High Assistant Baseball Coach, at Fort Payne Middle School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- Kaleigh Jones, as a Robotics Assistant at Fort Payne High School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Jones will be under the direct supervision of Alan Cartes, Robotics Teacher. This position will be paid through the FPHS Robotics Funds

V Approved the creation, job description, advertising and filling of a Bookkeeper/Payroll Assistant, as submitted.

VI Approved a request to create Social Media Communication Supplement, as submitted.

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

- Scott Timmons, Principal FPHS/Athletic Director
 - FPHS Wrestling Team
 - Southern Slam Invitational
Taylors, SC – December 1-2, 2023
 - Pepperell High School
Lindale, GA – December 5, 2023
 - Chattooga High School
Summerville, GA – December 19, 2023
 - Signal Mountain High School
Signal Mountain, TN – December 21, 2023
 - Dade County High School
Trenton, GA – January 25, 2024

VIII Approved the October 2023, financial statements and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.

IX Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett was very pleased to announce that our school district was just recognized as the third in the state as for utilizing and serving local farm to school products to the students. We received \$21,000 in reimbursement for serving local products from farms. Crow Mountain and Jubal-Lee Farms were two of our local suppliers that helped us reach this accomplishment. Dr. Atkins plans to continue serving local items so we can be recognized as first in the state next year! He thanked Dr. Adkins and her staff for their dedication in providing the best school lunches possible.

Mr. Jett congratulated Coach Elmore, the Fort Payne High School Coaching Staff and team members for advancing to the 2nd round of the state playoff. They will travel to Muscle Shoals tomorrow!! Good luck to all!! Fort Payne City Schools will dismiss tomorrow Friday, November 17, 2023, at 1:00pm. This should allow ample time for all staff members involved in making the trip to Muscle Shoals.

Congratulated to the Boys and Girls XC Teams on a great season. Outstanding performance by Tyler Anthony for breaking the school record in the 5K with a time of 16:16 and then again for breaking his own school record with a time of 16:02. Both Boys and Girls XC Teams advanced to the State XC Meet in Moulton. The Boys team finished 8th overall and The Girls team finished 10th overall. The top boy finishers were Tyler Anthony, Pablo Rodriguez, Samuel Moses, Daniel Deleon, and Ismael Jimenez. The top girl finishers were Kyndal Hughes, Sara Boatwright, Arianna Ignacio, Reese McCurdy, and Kailey Cameron. Also, congratulations to Tyler Anthony and Pablo Rodriguez for making the 6A Boys All-State Team!!

Mr. Jett congratulated the Fort Payne JROTC Varsity 3-Position Air Rifle Team started its 14-week season with a win over Sparkman last week with a score of 947 to 779. 3-Position Air Rifle is a US Olympic Sport and Fort Payne traditionally fields one of the best teams in the state. Good luck on another winning season. Go Wildcats!

IX Superintendent's Report (Continued)

Mr. Jett announced the Wildcat Marching Band competed in the Alabama Marching Championships in class 6A where they finished 3rd in the state. Congratulations on a great show and competition season.

Mr. Jett discussed the Opelika City School System's recent tour of our EL Program. Jessica Hayes, EL Coordinator hosted the tour of the EL Newcomer Program housed at Williams Avenue and the EL Program at Fort Payne High School. Chef Cheri Thacker and the Culinary Department provided a phenomenal meal for the group. Mr. Jett thanked Ms. Hayes, Mr. Jamie McClung, Mr. Scott Timmons, Chef Thacker, the Custodial Staff and the students for excellent behavior making for a great example of our system. Thanks to everyone!!!

Mr. Jett thanked the Fort Payne High School and Little Ridge Intermediate School staff and students for excellent Veterans Day Programs.

X Approved January 25, 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.

XI Adjourned