

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD BRIEFS

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

- I Called the meeting to order.
- II Established a quorum.
- III Approved the minutes of the September 26, 2024, Regular Monthly Meeting, as submitted.
- IV Presentations
 - A. Greg Titshaw, Technology Coordinator- LineWize Internet Content Filter
 - B. Jay Purkey, GMC Architects - Update on Wildcat Arena design
- V Personnel
 - A. Retirements
 - 1. Accepted the resignation of the following staff, effective January 1, 2025, due to retirement, as submitted:
 - Patty Strickland, CSFO for the Fort Payne City School System
 - Connie McPherson, Kindergarten Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School
 - B. Resignations
 - 1. Accepted the following personnel resignations, as submitted:
 - Robin Hulsey, System-Wide CNP Worker, effective October 10, 2024
 - Jordan May, Bus Driver, effective October 11, 2024
 - C. Leaves
 - 1. Approved a request from Stacey Dutton, Pre-K Aide at Williams Avenue Pre-K, for an Unpaid Leave of Absence, effective October 22, 2024, through December 20, 2024, as submitted.
 - D. Transfers
 - 1. Approved the transfer of personnel, as submitted:
 - Monica Anderson, Half-time Bus Driver, to a Full-time Bus Driver, effective October 16, 2024
 - Derek Talley, Enrichment Teacher at Fort Payne Middle School, to a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Fort Payne Middle School, effective October 1, 2024
 - E. Recommendations
 - ❖ *Each recommendation is made pending a background review meeting suitability criteria, clear employment drug screening and valid appropriate Alabama Certification in the area being taught.*
 - 1. Approved the following personnel recommendations, as submitted:
 - Jeff Tate, Half-time Bus Driver, effective October 9, 2024
 - Chris Barker, Full-time Bus Driver, effective October 9, 2024
 - Heather Cyrus, Pre-K Assistant Director Supplement
 - F. Other
 - 1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel lists, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted.
 - CNP
 - Teachers
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- VI Approved the following out of state travel, as submitted:
- Scott Timmons, Principal FPHS/Athletic Director
 - FPHS Wrestling Team
 - November 16, 2024- Trion, GA
 - December 6-7, 2024- Taylors, SC
 - December 10, 2024- Jasper, TN
 - December 12, 2024- Calhoun, GA
 - January 23, 2025-Trion, GA
- VII Approved a resolution authorizing the issuance by the Board of Education of the City of Fort Payne of its Capital Outlay Pool Warrant, Series 2024, effective September 26, 2024, as submitted.
- VIII Approved updated FY2025 FPMS Supplement List for Activity Sponsors, as submitted.
- IX Approved the September 2024, financial statements and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.

X Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett thanked Mr. Greg Titshaw, Technology Coordinator for his presentation on LineWize School Manager an internet filtering program.

Mr. Jett thanked Jay Purkey, of GMC for his presentation on the design of the new Wildcat Arena at Fort Payne High School.

Mr. Jett announced that for the second year in a row, FPHS FFA has been named a Premier Chapter and received a 3-Star rating through the National Chapter Award program! This marks the first time since the program began that an Alabama chapter has won the award in back-to-back years! Special shoutouts to:

- Jay Smith, a national finalist in the Environmental Science & Natural Resources proficiency award!
- Zeb Kincer, who will receive the prestigious American FFA Degree – an honor achieved by less than 1% of FFA members!

Plus, the chapter is a top 10 finalist in the "Building Communities" category at the 97th National FFA Convention & Expo. Proud of this incredible achievement!

Mr. Jett announced the Fort Payne High School FFA chapter has been named top 3 nationally through the Premier Chapter: Building Communities program for our activities in the area of Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management.

- Jay Smith and Ellie Grace Cyrus represented the chapter during the live competitions in Indianapolis.

Mr. Jett announced the Fort Payne High School Marching Band competed in the Sand Mountain Invitational where they earned all superior ratings. The band finished 3rd out of 17 bands. Congratulations to Mr. Pask, his team and members of the band.

Mr. Jett reported the Jessica Hayes, Parental Involvement Specialist and the Parent Team presented a "Coffee Chat" this morning. Mr. Jett gave a short presentation on the BEAT Center and answered questions from the group. "Great job and we hope to highlight other areas of our system with more meeting like this one."

He also thanked Chef Thacker and her students on preparing and serving a delicious assortment of pastries. Mr. Jett congratulated Little Ridge Intermediate School on receiving Alabama's 2024 Science of Reading Spotlight School Resolution. Congratulations to Mrs. List and her staff on this outstanding recognition.

- X Superintendent's Report (continued)
Mr. Jett reported that Jay Grubbs, SCOUT Management Group, Steve Black, AV/Communications and Drone Instructor at FPHS and himself gave a presentation of the BEAT Center at the 2024 Fall SSA Conference in Florence, AL.
Mr. Jett also announced that SCOUT Program Management group has been chosen to receive the 2024 Award of Merit by the Excellence in Construction Associated Builders and Contractors of Alabama for their work on the FPHS BEAT Center. "Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment."
Mr. Jett reminded the Board of a Whole Board Training to be held on Friday, November 1, 2024, beginning at 11:00 am and ending at 1:00 pm.
- XI Approved November 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office as the date, time and location of the next regular Board Meeting.
- XII Adjourned