

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Monthly Meeting, January 28, 2021 at 6 PM in the Conference Room of the Central Office

Called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

Established a quorum.

Approved the minutes of the November 19, 2020, regular board meeting, as submitted.

I Personnel

A. Leave

1. Approved a request from Morgan Morgan, Pre-K Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, for an unpaid Maternity Leave effective January 4, 2021, through May 28, 2021, as submitted.
2. Approved a request from Veronica Rodriguez, CNP Worker at Fort Payne Middle School for a one-day Intermittent Leave, effective January 29, 2021, as submitted.

B. Recommendations

1. Approved Mary Darwin, as a CNP Worker at Fort Payne High School, effective January 5, 2021, and non-renew her contract on May 28, 2021, as submitted.
2. Approved Bryan Northcutt, as a Full-time Bus Driver within the Fort Payne City School System, effective January 5, 2021, and non-renew his contract on May 27, 2021, as submitted.
3. Approved Pat Vinson, as an Assistant Track Coach at Fort Payne High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, as submitted.
4. Approved Donye` Richardson, as a Jr. High Assistant Baseball Coach at Fort Payne High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, as submitted.
5. Approved Harley Bobo, as an Assistant Softball Coach at Fort Payne High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, as submitted.
6. Approved MaKayla Wilson, as a Pre-K Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective January 5, 2021, and non-renew her contract on May 28, 2021, as submitted.

C. Other

1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel list, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, as submitted:

- Nurse
- Transportation (Pending completion of Driving Test.)

V Approved a request to continue the **Families First Coronavirus Response Act** leave through March 31, 2021, as submitted.

VI Approved the updated Semester Examination Policy in the Fort Payne High School Handbook, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, as submitted.

VII Approved an extension of the contract with Ra-LIN through the extended completion date for Little Ridge Intermediate School, to only include monthly construction services provided, as submitted.

VIII Approved the job description, advertisement and filling of a Central Office Administrative Assistant Position, due to a recent retirement, as submitted.

IX Approved the 2021 Textbook Committee, as submitted:

- See attached list

- X Approved a request for additional contract pay due to an unforeseen COVID issue arising in our Career Tech Staff, as submitted:
- Lee Freeman
 - 1st Semester Career Tech Co-op Duties
 - Planning Block (worked)
 - \$1000
 - Lee Freeman
 - 2nd Semester Career Tech Co-op Duties
 - Planning Block (worked)
 - \$1500
- XI Approved the November 2020, financial statement and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.
- XII Approved the December 2020, financial statement and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.
- XIII Superintendent's Report
- Mr. Cunningham commended our high school counselors, Kayla Kirby and Amanda Varnadore, along with Mr. Jett for their efforts to improve our percentage of seniors applying for student aid for college. Due to these efforts Fort Payne High School was awarded the 2020 FAFSA Best Hustle Award for having at least a 10 percent improvement over the past year. (FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Mr. Cunningham thanked Kayla Magbee for being a great ambassador for our school system during Mental Health Committee meetings in Montgomery this week.
- Mr. Cunningham congratulated the Gigawatts Robotics Team and Mr. Jamie McClung, for being awarded two grants this month: a \$5000 classroom grant from TVA and a \$1500 grant from the Intuitive Foundation.
- Mr. Cunningham congratulated Arturo Rodriguez Lopez for being named a 2021 National Merit Semifinalist.
- Mr. Cunningham congratulated Maggie Groat for her Distinguished Young Women performance this past week. Maggie won both the Talent and Fitness competitions at the state level. Maggie is also a great ambassador for Fort Payne City Schools.
- Mr. Cunningham gave the Board Members copies of the Indoor Track, Wrestling, and Basketball Championship schedules.
- Mr. Cunningham announced that January is School Board Appreciation Month and on behalf of the entire Fort Payne School System he thanked the board for doing a great job! "Your guidance, leadership, common sense, and commitment makes continuous improvement possible! It is an honor working under your leadership!"
- XIV Approved February 25, 2021, 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