

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Monthly Meeting, November 19, 2020 at 6:00 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 October 19, 2020, regular board meeting, as submitted.

I Presentation

A. Mr. Brian Jett, Principal FPHS – ACT Testing

II Personnel

A. Leaves

1. Approved a request from Melissa Smith, Parent Involvement Specialist, for a Leave of Absence, effective January 11, 2021, through April 27, 2021, as submitted.

B. Recommendations

1. Approved Paxton Crowe, as a First Grade Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective January 4, 2021, and non-renew her contract on May 28, 2021, as submitted.
2. Approved Jacey Hill, as a System-wide Special Education Teacher, effective January 4, 2021, and non-renew her contract on May 28, 2021, as submitted.
3. Approved Donye` Richardson, as a System-wide Special Education Teacher, within the Fort Payne City School System, effective January 4, 2021, and non-renew his contract on May 28, 2021, as submitted.
4. Approved Erin Cagle, as a System-wide Social Worker, within the Fort Payne City School System, effective November 30, 2020, and non-renew her contract on May 28, 2021, as submitted.
5. Approved Stormy Stevens, as the Head Tennis Coach at Fort Payne High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, as submitted.
6. Approved Logan Wright, as an 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, at Fort Payne Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, as submitted.

C. Other

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

III Approved the Fort Payne City Board of Education Policy Manual, effective November 19, 2020, as submitted.

IV Approved the October 2020, financial statements and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.

V Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cunningham congratulated Coach Ashley Jackson and our Fort Payne High School Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams for another outstanding year. In Region 5 competition, the Girls finished first and the Boys finished 6th. This was the 7th consecutive year that the Girls placed 1st in the Regional Competition. In the State Cross Country Meet the Girls finished 8th overall. The top finishers for the Girl team were Maddie Jackson, Madison Meadows, Aylin Vega, and Angel Reyes. Maddie Jackson made the 2020 All-State Team for the 5th consecutive year. The top finishers for the Boys were Arturo Rodriguez, Oliver Perez, Javier Medina, Jesus Pasqual, and Bryson Lyles. Mr. Cunningham congratulated Coach Chris Elmore, his staff, and the Fort Payne High School Football Team for an impressive 8-2 regular season record and for reaching the playoffs again this year.

Mr. Cunningham expressed his thanks the Fort Payne Improvement Authority and the Tennessee Valley Authority for a combined contribution of \$20,000 dollars. These funds are dedicated to mental health needs and Covid 19 related school safety supplies.

Mr. Cunningham congratulated Maggie Groat for winning the DeKalb County Distinguished Young Women Award for DeKalb County. He also congratulated Braden Barksdale for being selected second alternate, preliminary scholastic winner, talent winner, and fitness winner and Hannah Gorham for winning the essay competition. These young women did an outstanding job representing our community!

Mr. Cunningham expressed his thanks to Senator Steve Livingston Ledbetter for a community service contribution of \$14, 808.78. His continued support is much appreciated.

Mr. Cunningham announced tennis courts are very close to completion. The nets and wind screens should be installed in the next two weeks. He also, thanked the City of Fort Payne for their financial support and effort in this project. "This is a great addition to the school system and the city."

Mr. Cunningham announced that Little Ridge Intermediate School is continuing to take shape. The flooring installation started this week. This month has provided some great weather for site work.

Mr. Cunningham announced that FPCS has an average of 95% attendance for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Cunningham reminded everyone that we will not be in school next week and wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

VI Approved January 28, 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.

VII Adjourned