

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Briefs

April 22, 2021, Regular Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM, Conference Room of the Central Office

Called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

Established a quorum.

Approved the minutes of the March 26, 2021, regular meeting, as submitted.

I Personnel

A. Retirements

1. Accepted the resignation of Jim Cunningham, Superintendent of Fort Payne City Schools, effective October 1, 2021, due to retirement, as submitted.
2. Accepted the resignation of Ginger Scott, CNP Worker at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective May 28, 2021, as submitted.

B. Resignations

1. Accepted the resignation of Olivia Isbell, System-wide Special Education Teacher, within the Fort Payne City School System, effective May 27, 2021, as submitted.
2. Accepted the resignation of Hannah Vaughn, as the Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor, at Fort Payne High School, effective April 9, 2021, as submitted.
3. Accepted the resignation of Katie Maples, System-wide EL Teacher within the Fort Payne City School System, effective May 27, 2021, as submitted.
4. Accepted the resignation of Amelia Adkins, History Teacher at Fort Payne Middle School, effective May 27, 2021, as submitted.

C. Transfers

1. Approved the transfer of Susan Lewis, from Pre-K Aide at Wills Valley Elementary School to Library Aide at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.

D. Recommendations

1. Approved Brittney Owens, as the Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor/Coach at Fort Payne High School, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.

E. Other

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

- II Approved a request to create, advertise and fill the following positions to accommodate Fort Payne City School System's 2021 Summer School, Summer Literacy Program, as submitted:

SUMMER SCHOOL
Summer Literacy Program 2021
June 7, 2021 – July 1, 2021

Kristie Conaway
FPCS Literacy Camp Facilitator
\$2500 Supplement

8 Elementary Teachers
2 SPE Teachers
5.5 hours per day
16 days @ 27.50 per hour

2 SPE Aides
5.5 hours per day
16 days @ \$15.00 per hour

1 EL Aide
5.5 hours per day
16 days @ \$15.00 per hour

1 Secretary
5.5 hours per day
16 days @ \$19.00 per hour

1 Nurse
5.5 hours per day
16 days @ \$25.00 per hour

2 Bus Drivers
4 hours per day
16 days @ \$20.00 per hour

2 CNP Workers
4 hours per day
16 days @ \$18.00 per hour

- III Approved declaring the following items as surplus due to age, usefulness and/or non-operating status of the items, as submitted:

- WAES Library Books (See attached list.)

- IV Approved the following lowest bid substantially in compliance with the required specifications for the landscaping project at Little Ridge Intermediate, as submitted.

- Thrive Outdoor, Inc - \$221,397.28

- V Approved the additional work days for the following positions, during the 2020-2021 summer, as submitted:
- Michelle Pettis, Elementary Gifted Teacher – 20 days
 - Sherri Gibbs, Elementary Math Coach – 17 days
 - Regina Boatwright, WVES Counselor – 10 days
 - Janet Guerra, WVES Secretary – 20 days
 - Shannon Patterson, FPMS Counselor - 3 days
 - Dena Wilbanks, FPMS Counselor – 3 days
 - Steve Black, FPHS A/V Technology and Communications - 25 days
 - Kelley Chapman, Elementary Instructional Technology Specialist –20 days
 - Hannah Turner, Secondary Instructional Technology Specialist – 11 days
 - Teresa Barksdale, WAES Counselor – 10 days
 - Kayla Magbie, Mental Health Services Coordinator – 10 days
 - Erin Cagle, Social Worker – 10 days
- VI Approved the recommendation to extend the FFCRS (Families First Corona Virus Response Act) through May 27, 2021, as allowed in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, as submitted.
- VII Approved the following requests for out of state travel, as submitted.
- Brian Jett, Athletic Director/Principal at FPHS
 - FPHS - Football Team
 - July 15, 2021- Ringgold High School, Ringgold, GA
- VIII Approved a one-time supplement of \$1250.00 for working during hazardous conditions caused by the COVID 19 Pandemic, for all regular certified and support employees of the Fort Payne City School System, that have worked the full 2020-2021, school year to this point. This amount will be prorated for all employees that work less than a full day, full week, or full schedule, as submitted.
- IX Approved the March 2021, financial statements and bank reconciliation reports, as submitted.
- X Superintendent's Report
- Mr. Cunningham welcomed Mr. Randy Bynum to the Fort Payne City Schools Board of Education beginning June 1, 2021.
- Mr. Cunningham thanked Mrs. Kathy Prater for her many years of dedication to the Fort Payne City School System as a Board member for the past 15 years.
- Mr. Cunningham congratulated Arturo Rodriguez Lopez for being selected as the recipient and State winner of the Bryant-Jordan Student Athlete Scholarship.
- Mr. Cunningham congratulated the Middle School Robotics Teams for their State Winnings: The 5th grader rookie team, Ultimate Current, won state championships and placed 7th in the state robot game, the 6th grade team, Mystery Machinery, won the Engineering Excellence Award and 9th place in the state robot game, the 7th grade team, High Voltage, won the Innovation Project Award and placed 4th in the state robot game. This is the first time all 3 teams have placed in the top 10 in a State Championship Robot Game! I want to thank Regan McClung for her hard work preparing our students to achieve success at such a high level.
- Mr. Cunningham recognized all of the Northeast Alabama Regional Technology Competition winners. The competition was held virtually. He also thanked Joy McClain, Steve Black, Susan Camp, and Lee Freeman for their hard work preparing our students for this competition.
- Mr. Cunningham provided each Board member with important dates for events scheduled in April and May of 2021.

- X Superintendent's Report (Continued)
Mr. Cunningham gave an update on Little Ridge Intermediate School.
Mr. Cunningham thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to serve as their Superintendent.
- XI Approved May 18, 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.
- XII Adjourned