

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Briefs

May 18, 2021, Regular Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM. Conference Room of the Central Office

Called the meeting to order and welcome the guests.

Established a quorum.

Approved the minutes of the April 22, 2021, regular meeting, as submitted.

I Presentations

A. Employees of the Year

1. Teacher of the Year

- Steve Black FPHS
- Patty Bobo FPMS
- Peyton Richey WAES
- Lisa Powell WVES

2. Support Person of the Year

- Kim Hardinger Aide
- Sue Jackson Maintenance/Transportation
- Jose Vazquez CNP
- Mandora Payton Bus Driver
- Rita Chapman Secretary/Bookkeeper

II Personnel

A. Retirements

1. Accepted the resignation of Lila Best, System-wide EL Teacher, within the Fort Payne City School System, due to retirement, effective June 1, 2021, as submitted.

B. Resignations

1. Accepted the following resignations, as submitted:

- Brandon Renfro, Science Teacher at Fort Payne High School, effective May 27, 2021
- Tiffany Saint, 6th Grade Teacher at Fort Payne Middle School, effective May 27, 2021
- Andrea Oliver, 3rd Grade Teacher at Williams Avenue Elementary School, May 27, 2021
- Tonya Lilly, 3rd Grade Teacher at Williams Avenue Elementary School, effective May 27, 2021, as submitted
- Madison Stone, Pre-K Aide at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective May 27, 2021
- Micky Bevel, Custodian at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective May 27, 2021
- Nicholas Hensley, Bus Driver within the Fort Payne City School System, effective May 5, 2021
- Joyclyn Salter, Bus Driver within the Fort Payne City School System, effective May 26, 2021
- Mark Banta, Bus Driver within the Fort Payne City School System, effective May 26, 2021
- Elizabeth Azbell, CNP/Transportation Secretary within the Fort Payne City School System, effective June 23, 2021

C. Leaves

1. Approved a request from Brittney Sharp, Pre-K Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, for a One Year Leave of Absence, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.

D. Contracts

1. Approved the non-renewal contract for the following Fort Payne City School Personnel for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.
 - Support
 - Certified
2. Approved the contract renewal for the following Fort Payne City School Personnel for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.
 - One-year contract of Support Personnel
 - Support Personnel
 - One-year contract of Certified Personnel
 - Certified Personnel

E. Transfers

1. Approved the transfer of Angie Wright, System-wide Special Education Aide at Fort Payne Middle School, to System-wide Special Education Aide at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective August 3, 2021, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022, as submitted.
2. Approved the transfer of Donye' Richardson, System-wide Special Education Teacher, to System-wide Special Education Aide, effective August 3, 2021, and non-renew his contract on May 27, 2022, as submitted.
3. Approved the transfer of Dan Groghan, Assistant Principal at Fort Payne Middle School, to Central Office Administrative Assistant, effective June 1, 2021, as submitted.

F. Recommendations

1. Approved the recommendation of the follow employees within the Fort Payne City School System, effective August 3, 2021, and non -renew their contract on May 27, 2022, as submitted:
 - Taylor Danielle Scott - System-wide Special Education Teacher
 - William Andrew Thomas – System-wide Special Education Teacher
 - Kaitlyn Veal – Pre-K Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School
 - Jose Nestor Cruz, Custodian at Wills Valley Elementary School, (effective immediately upon ABI/FBI background clearance date.)
 - Austin Panell, as the 2021 Summer School Drivers Education Instructor at Fort Payne High School, effective June 1, 2021, through June 24, 2021
 - Summer Literacy Program Employees, effective June 7, 2021-July 1, 2021
 - **General Education Teachers:**
 - Tia Moses
 - Brandi Battles
 - Valerie Smalley
 - Mallory Durham
 - Mandy Holcomb
 - Kim Lands
 - Melissa Smith
 - Kelsey Blackwell
 - **Special Education Teacher:**
 - Janie McGee
 - **Special Education Aide:**
 - Madison Stone
 - **EL Aide:**
 - Lorenza Francisco

F. Recommendations (Continued)

- **Secretary:**
Guadalupe Robles
- **Nurse:**
Brenda Smith
- **CNP Workers**
Carole Waites
Raylene Cruse
- **Bus Drivers**
Pete Davis
Mandora Payton

G. Other

1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel list, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted:
 - CNP
 - Nurse
 - Teacher
- III Approved the creation, advertising and filling of 5th Grade Vertical Leadership Positions, as submitted:
- One (1) in the area of Math
 - One (1) in the area of Language Arts
- IV Approved the following requests for out of state travel, as submitted.
- Brian Jett, Athletic Director/Principal at FPHS
 - FPHS – Girls Basketball Team
June 20-23, 2021- Fort Walton Beach High School
Fort Walton Beach, Florida
 - FPHS – Boys Basketball Team
June 22-25, 2021 – University of West Florida Team Camp
Pensacola, Florida
- V Approved the following lowest bid substantially in compliance with the required specifications from Mobile Fixture and Equipment Company for the following equipment in the amount of \$46,650.00, as submitted:
- One (1) Walk-In Cooler – Fort Payne Middle School
 - One (1) Walk-In Freezer – Fort Payne Middle School
- VI Approved the April 2021, financial statements and bank reconciliation reports, as submitted.
- VII Superintendent's Report
- Mr. Cunningham reported on Governor Ivey awarding the BEAT Grant to the Fort Payne City School System. This grant will make it possible to extend our career pathways. It allows us to construct a STEM-focused facility that will provide students with career specific pathways in construction, electric vehicles, and aviation through drone technology. We will be using innovative simulated curriculum programs to ensure that students are being prepared for future employment.
- Mr. Cunningham reported on Graduation procedures – Thursday night, May 20, 2021, at 7 PM in Wildcat Stadium.
- Mr. Cunningham welcomed Mr. Randy Bynum to the Fort Payne City School Board.
- Mr. Cunningham gave farewell and best wishes to Mrs. Kathy Prater for his outstanding service as school board member of the Fort Payne City School System for the past fifteen years.

VII Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cunningham recognized the FPHS Tech Teams for their State Technology Competition accomplishments.

Mr. Cunningham congratulated the First Robotics Team, the Gigawatts, for receiving the Chairman's Award for the Southeastern Region and for now going to compete in world competition.

Congratulations to the boys and girls track team on their outstanding performances at the 6A state track meet.

- The girls team placed 3rd in the state as a team.
- State Medalists: Darrell Prater: 3rd place boys javelin, Cooper Garrett: 3rd place girls javelin, Brylan Gray: 2nd place girls shot put, Madi Wallace: 3rd place 300 meter hurdles, Lennon Ibsen: 3rd place girls pole vault.
- Girls 4x800 meter relay team: 3rd place (Maddie Jackson, Anahi Barboza, Aylin Vega, and Reese McCurdy)
- Girls 4x400 meter relay team: State Champions (Madi Wallace, Maggie Groat, Maddie Jackson and Ruthie Jones). This team also broke a 33 year old school record this last weekend at sectionals.

Baseball finished with a record of 17-16 and advanced to the first round of the playoffs

Softball finished with a record of 31-15 and advanced to the North Regional

Girls soccer finished with a record of 8-7-1 and advanced to the second round of the playoffs

Boys soccer finished with a record of 17-3-3 and advanced to the Final Four

Boys tennis won the Sectional and advanced to the state tournament

Mr. Cunningham updated the COVID MASK mandate. The mask mandate will be lifted for Summer School. We will reevaluate for Fall with high hopes of returning for the 2021-2022 school year without a mask mandate.

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, will be the last day of school this calendar for students!

- VIII The Board unanimously approved Mr. James B. Durham, Jr., as the Board President for the 2021-2020 school year.
- IX The Board unanimously approve Carolyn Martin, as the Board Vice-President for the 2021-2022 school year.
- X Approved June 17, 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.
- XI Adjourned