

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Briefs

January 27, 2022, Regular Monthly Meeting, 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 November 18, 2021, regular board meeting, as submitted.

I Personnel

A. Retirements

1. Accepted the following personnel resignations, due to retirement, as submitted:

- Minnie McElrath, System-wide CNP Worker, effective January 1, 2022
- Beverly Sutton, Half-time Library Aide at Little Ridge Intermediate School effective, January 1, 2022

B. Resignations

1. Accepted the following personnel resignations as submitted:

- Jessica Hayes, a Girls Soccer Coach/School Sponsor, effective October 29, 2021
- Heath Blalock, Half-time Bus Driver effective December 31, 2021
- Donna Brzezinski, CNP Worker at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective January 14, 2022
- Mike Leath, Half-time Bus Driver, effective February 16, 2022
- Gary Wallace, PLTW Cyber Security Instructor at Fort Payne High School, effective, February 25, 2022

C. Transfers

1. Approved the following personnel transfers, as submitted:

- Susanna Orozco from System-wide (FPHS) Assistant CNP Manager, to System-wide (FPHS) CNP Manager, effective January 3, 2022,
- Jessica Wisener, CNP Worker at Fort Payne High School, to Assistant CNP Manager at Fort Payne High School, effective January 3, 2022

D. Recommendations

1. Approved the following personnel recommendations as submitted:

- Caleb Henshaw, as a System-wide Special Education Teacher, effective January 3, 2022, and non-renew his contract on May 27, 2022
- Kaitlyn Williams, as a 5th Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School, effective January 3, 2022, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022,
- Jacob Brown, as a Project Lead the Way Instructor, at Fort Payne High School, effective January 3, 2022, and non-renew his contract on May 27, 2022,
- Rebecca Mason, as a Half-time Instructional Aide, at Fort Payne High School, effective January 3, 2022, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022

D. Recommendations (Continued)

- Eddie Joe Wright, as a Half-time Maintenance Worker, within the Fort Payne City School System, effective January 3, 2022, and non-renew his contract on June 30, 2022.
- Bansari Patel, as an EDP Aide within the Fort Payne City School System, effective January 3, 2022, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022,
- Harley Wooten, as an EDP Aide within the Fort Payne City System, effective January 3, 2022, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022,
- Larry Teague, as a Full-time Bus Driver within the Fort Payne City School System, effective January 18, 2022, and non-renew his contract on May 26, 2022
- Victoria Francisco Jose, for the following positions:
 - CNP Substitute Worker, effective December 13, 2021, through January 31, 2022
 - System-wide CNP Worker within the Fort Payne City School System, effective February 1, 2022, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022
- Leticia Avila, as a System-wide CNP Worker within the Fort Payne City School System, effective February 1, 2022, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022, as submitted.
- Ana Bartolo Domingo, as a System-wide EL Aide within the Fort Payne City School System, effective February 1, 2022, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022

E. Other

1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel list, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted:

- Bus
- CNP
- EDP
- Nurse
- Teacher

II Approved the following out of state travel, as submitted:

- Patrick Barnes, Athletic Director/Principal at FPHS
 - FPHS – FIRST Robotics Team, March 30, 2022-April 2, 2022
Kenner, LA – FIRST Bayou Regional Robotics Competition
 - FPHS – Track and Field Team, March 5, 2022
Rome, GA - Rome Invitational
 - FPHS – Winterguard
 - February 5, 2022 - Kennesaw High School – Kennesaw, GA
 - February 19, 2022 – River Ridge HS – Woodstock, GA
 - February 26, 2022 – WGI Nashville Regional – Lebanon, TN
 - March 12, 2022 – Etowah, Hs – Woodstock, GA
 - March 26-27, 2022 - WGI Atlanta – Kennesaw, GA
 - March 2-3, 2022 - SAPA Championships – Chattanooga, TN

III Approved the Fort Payne City School's Strategic Plan, as submitted.

IV Approved the Fort Payne City School's Continuous Improvement Plan, as submitted.

- V Approved the recommendation to amend the Fort Payne High School Cheerleader Constitution, effect for the 2022-2023 school year, as submitted.
- VI Approved the recommendation to amend the Certified Substitute and Regular Bus Drivers Reimbursement Program, effective February 1, 2022, as submitted.
- VII Approved the following teachers to provide homebound services for a student and continue per physicians written orders until the student is able to return to school or moves out of the Fort Payne City School District, effective December 1, 2021, as submitted:
- Stormy Stevens
 - Laura Hill
 - Summer Chesnut
- VIII Approved declaring the following items as surplus due to age, usefulness and/or non-operating status of the items, as submitted:
- FPHS – 12 Driver Education Simulators
 - FPHS – 2007 Ford Crown Vic
VIN# 2FAFP71W67X151623
- IX Approved the following lowest bid in the amount of \$34,110.00 substantially in compliance with the required specifications, effective March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023, as submitted.
- Wallace Construction for Lawn Care and Lawn Maintenance at the following Fort Payne City School locations:
 - Little Ridge Intermediate School
 - Williams Avenue Elementary School
 - Wills Valley Elementary School
 - Bus Barn/Maintenance
- X Approved the following lowest bid in the amount of \$33,164.00 substantially in compliance with the required specifications, effective March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023, as submitted.
- Thrive Outdoor, Inc. for Lawn Care and Lawn Maintenance at the following Fort Payne City School locations:
 - Fort Payne High School
 - Fort Payne Middle School
 - Central Office
- XI Approved the purchase of four (4) school buses through Sourcewell, a pre-approved Cooperative Purchasing Agreement approved by the ALSDE, in the amount of \$468,857.00 (total price), as submitted:
- (1) 2023 Blue Bird Type D 84 passenger T3FE 3909 bus with AC \$135,569 each
 - (1) 2023 Blue Bird Type D 41 passenger T3FE 2903 bus with AC \$128,804 each
 - (2) 2023 Blue Bird Type C 54 passenger BBCV 2610 buses with AC \$102,242 each
- XII Approve a request for an additional pay supplement for Kay Basham, Vision Impaired Teacher within the Fort Payne City School System, as submitted.
- XIII Approved a request to increase the hourly bus driver pay for extracurricular trips, from \$9.00 per hours to \$12.00 per hour with a two hour minimum, effective February 1, 2022, as submitted.
- XIV Approve a Memorandum of Understanding, between the Fort Payne City School System, and the City of Fort Payne, allowing the Police Department use a portion of the Williams Avenue Elementary School facilities, as submitted.

XV Approved the November 2021, financial statement and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.

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XVII Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett announced and congratulated the Wildcat Battalion 3-Position Air Rifle Team for remaining undefeated mid-way through the North Alabama Rifle League season after posting their highest team score of the past two years of 1,014. Barrett Bible and Mary Cifuentes both posted a personal best score of 259. Caitlyn O'Shields added her personal best of 254 and Carmella Cisneros earned her Expert Marksmanship badge with a personal best of 242 to secure the win over Talladega.

Mr. Jett also congratulated the JV team who also remains undefeated on the season with a win over Sparkman, 841 to 681. Lucas Blevins, Dylan Loudermilk, Kael Farmer, and Thomas Tallent all contributed to the win. This week, the Wildcat shooters vie for a position in the JROTC Southeast Regionals as they fire the JROTC postal match. Good luck and good shooting.

Mr. Jett congratulated the wrestling team for their win against , both Athens, Pepperell, and Cartersville

Mr. Jett congratulated the following Healthcare Students for qualifying for State HOSA Competition:

- Kirra Alonzo in Medical Law and Ethics
- Kristopher Boyette in Medical Assisting
- Mary Mauney in Nutrition
- Emma Crawford and Ashley DeBrito in Community Emergency Response Team

Mr. Jett was pleased to announce Orlando Rodriguez-Valde, as the winner of the 2021 Congressional App Challenge. Below you will find the press release from Representative Aderholt's office.

WASHINGTON – U.S. Representative Robert Aderholt (AL-04) released a statement announcing **Orlando Rodriguez-Valdez**, a 10th grade student at **Fort Payne High School**, as the winner of the 2021 Congressional App Challenge for Alabama's Fourth District.

"It is my honor to announce Orlando Rodriguez-Valdez has the winner of the 2021 Congressional App Challenge from Alabama's Fourth District," said Congressman Aderholt. "Orlando created an app called Cyberstudy. In his entry, Orlando described the app as a way 'to provide a learning experience that actively engages the user in testing their knowledge and learning syntax, terminology, and structure.' North Alabama is known as a center for cyber development in America, and Orlando is clearly helping to grow this reputation. I have no doubt big things are in his future."

This app will be featured on CongressionalAppChallenge.us and will also be eligible to have photos of its interface displayed in the U.S. Capitol. **A video of Orlando describing his entry can be found [here](#).**

The Congressional App Challenge was created by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2015 and allows students to compete against their peers across the country by creating an app for desktop/PC, web, tablet, mobile, raspberry Pi or other devices. The challenge is designed to promote innovation and engagement in computer science.

XVII Superintendent's Report (Continued)

Mr. Jett announced the Robotic program received a TVA grant for \$5000 and an Intuitive Foundation grant for \$2000.

Mr. Jett updated the Board on the BEAT Center Timeline and the renovations to the Williams Avenue Building, as follows:

- BEAT Center Timeline - Bid Process should be completed within the month of February and construction to begin before the end of school.
- Williams Avenue – Inside renovation should be finished by end of May and outside renovation by the end of July. We will begin Pre-K classes in August of this year. (9 Pre-K classes)

Mr. Jett discussed the latest COVID numbers with the Board. He also, apologized to the Board and the parents for the short notice regarding the need to go virtual last week. He expressed his appreciation to all the FPCS's staff members for their dedication to their job and the students of this system.

Mr. Jett thanked the board for the partnership between the school board and the city of Fort Payne. The administrative offices of the FPPD will be temporary relocated to the south pods of Williams Avenue School. He stated they FPPD will be totally separated from our Pre-K and High School classes

Mr. Jett announced the that "We believe" the baseball and softball turf project will be completed with the next few weeks. Demolition of Wildcat Stadium track and field will begin Monday.

Mr. Jett presented each Board Member with a Snapshot of the Fort Payne City School System.

Mr. Jett announced the following robotics competition.

Robotics Competition

When: Saturday, 1/29, 7:00 am - 6:00pm;

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Where: Fort Payne High School

Who: Gigawatts Robotics Team

Mr. Jett announced the following Board Training Webinar training. *Are Sleep Deficits Impacting Academic Performance in You Schools?* Thursday, February 3, 2022, Noon-1:00 PM

Mr. Jett express his appreciation to the Board for their support and thanked them for their commitment to this system.

Mr. Durham commented that it is an honor to have Evan McPherson representing Fort Payne City and our school system. He congratulated him on an outstanding year!

XVIII Approved February 24, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office as the date, time and place of the next regular Board Meeting.

XIX Adjourned