

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD BRIEFS

November 21, 2024. Regular Meeting 6:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Central Office

- I Called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.
- II Established a quorum.
- III Approved the minutes of the October 22, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, as submitted:
- IV Presentations
 - A. Jackie Jennings - New Academy
- V Personnel
 - A. Retirements
 1. Accepted the resignation of Donna Chitwood, Secretary to the Superintendent, effective January 1, 2025, due to retirement, as submitted.
 - B. Resignations
 1. Accepted the following personnel resignations, as submitted:
 - Monica Anderson, Bus Driver, effective October 25, 2024
 - Lisa Mooney, System-wide CNP Worker, effective November 11, 2024
 - C. Transfers
 1. Approved the transfer of the following personnel, as submitted:
 - Kelly Vezertzis, School Secretary at Fort Payne High School, to Secretary to the Superintendent, effective November 13, 2024
 - Jeff Tate, Half-Time Bus Driver, to Full-Time Bus Driver, effective October 28, 2024

V Personnel (Continued)

D. Recommendations

- ❖ *Each recommendation is made pending a background review, which meets suitability criteria, clear employment drug screening and valid appropriate Alabama Certification in the area being taught.*

1. Approved the following personnel recommendations, as submitted:

- Tiffany Johnson, Kindergarten Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective January 6, 2025
- Everett Phillips, System Wide CNP Worker, effective November 18, 2024
- Todd Simpson, Half-Time Bus Driver, effective December 2, 2024
*Pending Completion of Bus Driver Certification
- Hank Cobble, Half-Time Bus Driver, effective December 2, 2024
*Pending Completion of Bus Driver Certification
- Tracy Freeman, System-wide CNP Worker, effective December 2, 2024

E. Other

1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel lists, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted.

- CNP
- Nurse
- Teacher

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

- Scott Timmons, Principal FPHS/Athletic Director
 - FPHS Robotics Team
 - Sevierville, TN – April 2-5, 2025

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

- See Attached Career Tech Items

VIII Approved Gwen Brandt to provide homebound services for a student beginning November 12, 2024 and continue per physician's written orders until the student is able to return to school or moves out of the Fort Payne City School District.

IX Approved the 2025-2026 Fort Payne City School Academic Calendar, as submitted.

- Pending final review

X Approved an employment contract for the following personnel, as submitted:

- Rafael Cruz, Part-time Residency Verification Officer, effective December 2, 2024 – May 22, 2025

- XI Approved the purchase of one (1) school bus through Sourcewell, a pre-approved Cooperative Purchasing Agreement approved by the ALSDE, in the amount of \$186,322.00 (each), as submitted:
- (1) 2026 Blue Bird All American T3FE 38 passenger bus with A/C
- XII Approved the creation of an Auxiliary Teacher Job Description and Auxiliary Teacher Salary Schedule, as submitted.
- XIII Approved a recommendation to create a Bus Driver Supplement, as submitted.
- XIV Approved the October 2024, financial statements and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.
- XV Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett congratulated the Fort Payne High School students who competed at the annual Arts Con at Northeast. Kendall Binkley won for Scariest Pumpkin Carving, Samuel Campero-Lemus for Funniest Pumpkin Carving, Sarah Morgan for Most Creative Drawing. FPHS placed 1st in group fiction thanks to Baylece Walsh, Jocelyn Burgess, and Kameron Gardner. Congrats to Sophia Al-Halaseh for 2nd place instrumental and Aaron Trevino for 1st place instrumental.

Mr. Jett congratulated the Fort Payne High School XC on their participation in the Last Chance Invitational at Scottsboro where they set a New Boys' 5K School Record! Pablo Rodriguez finished with a time of 16:00.60! He placed 4th out of 300 runners! Daniel DeLeon placed 11th! The Varsity Boys team placed 9th out of 25 schools. Varsity Girls: Kyndal Hughes placed 8th out of 230 runners! The Varsity Girls team placed 5th out of 18 schools. Sixteen PR's were made!

2024 FPXC Season Results:

- 2 Top 15 Placements at State (Pablo Rodriguez (11th) and Daniel DeLeon (14th))

Mr. Jett announced the Wildcat Marching Band participated in the Peach State Marching Competition where they earned all superior ratings, and placed 3rd. Congratulations to all those involved in a great competition season!

Mr. Jett congratulated Hope Hoge, 2nd Grade Teacher at WVES on receiving funding from donorschoose.org to incorporate the use of Coding Bee-Bots into her classroom instruction. The Bee-Bots have been delivered and students are excited to be using them in centers solving standards-based task cards and coding the Bee-Bot to find the answer.

Congratulations to Donna Chitwood and Patty Strickland retirements.

Congratulations to Fort Payne High School Football team and Coach Elmore for winning 1st & 2nd round of playoffs. They will be playing round 3 of playoffs at Oxford on Friday.

XV Superintendent's Report (Continued)

Mr. Jett reminded the Board of the Community Wide Pep rally on Friday 3:00pm, to be held Downtown Fort Payne. He also reminded the Board that school will dismiss at 1:00PM on Friday. This will allow for students to be safely transported home and bus needs for transporting those involved in the game.

XVI Approved January 23, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the conference room of the Central Office as the date, time and place of the next regular Board Meeting.

XVII Adjourned