

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD BRIEFS

November 18, 2021, Regular Monthly Meeting, 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 28 2021, regular board meeting, as submitted.
- IV Presentation
  - A. Jean Lollar of E3 – COGNIA Accreditation Review
- V Personnel
  - A. Retirements
    1. Accepted the resignation of Marsha Phillips, Lunchroom Manager at Fort Payne High School, effective January 1, 2022, due to retirement.
  - B. Resignations
    1. Accepted the resignation of Ethan Barns, as a Half-time Bus Driver, within the Fort Payne City School System, effective December 17, 2021, as submitted.
  - C. Transfers
    1. Approved the transfer of the following personnel, as submitted:
      - Amy Smith, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Fort Payne Middle School, to a Fine Arts Teacher at Fort Payne Middle School, effective January 3, 2022
      - Heather Christman, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Little Ridge Intermediate School, to a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Fort Payne Middle School, effective January 3, 2022
      - Jade Gilbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, to an Interventionist at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective January 3, 2022
      - Houston Henderson, Kindergarten Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, to an Enrichment Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective January 3, 2022
      - Jamie McClung, STEM Teacher at Fort Payne High School, to a Half-time STEM Teacher at Fort Payne High School and Half-time Assistant Principal at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective January 3, 2022
  - D. Recommendations
    1. Approved the recommendation of the following personnel, as submitted:
      - Tiffany Saint, as an Interventionist at Fort Payne Middle School, effective January 3, 2022, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022
      - Ashlyn Houston, as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective January 3, 2022, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022
      - Emily Williams, as a Kindergarten Teacher at Wills Valley Elementary School, effective January 3, 2022, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022
      - Robert Anderson, as a Half-time Bus Driver, effective January 4, 2022, and non-renew his contract on May 26, 2022
      - Nancy Williams, as a System-wide CNP Worker, effective December 1, 2021, 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:

- Teachers

VI Approved the transfer of the following Central Office staff from their current salary Schedule, to the newly created Central Office Administrative Assistant salary schedule, as submitted:

- Greg Titshaw, Technology Coordinator
- Christy Jackson, Psychometrist/Administration

VII Approved the 2022 Textbook Committee Members, as submitted:

- See the attached list

VIII Approved the October 2021, financial statements and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.

IX Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett thanked Ms. Jean Lollar, of E3 for her presentation regarding FPCS's upcoming accreditation process with COGNIA. He expressed his appreciation of the face to face training for our Board members.

Mr. Jett congratulated the winners of the recent Black and Gold Pageant at FPHS.

Mr. Jett gave the board a COVID update.

Mr. Jett updated the Board on the supply chain issues within the CNP Department. The ALSDE is aware of the current supply chain challenges and are constantly working with all supply partners, but deliveries continue to be a challenge. He also discussed the wait on service calls for the dishwashers at WVES and FPMS. Mr. Jett expressed his appreciation to Dr. Adkins, CNP Director and her Staff for their work in working through these issues.

Mr. Jett discussed the ALLabs Tutoring and the Wildcat Club programs. ALLab is currently in use with LRIS students. ALLabs gives student opportunities to explore hands on experience to enhance their learning opportunities. WVES students participate in the Wildcat Club after school tutoring program. The goal of this program is to improve the student overall reading fluency. Both programs provide outstanding learning and improvement opportunities.

Mr. Jett was pleased to announce the FPCS's Transportation Department had no major deficiencies found during the ALSDE School Bus inspection in September.

Congratulations to Dr. Adkins, Mr. Tony Myers, and Mr. Scott Azbell for a great job in maintaining our buses.

Mr. Jett congratulated the Boys and Girls XC teams for their outstanding performance at the Sectional Cross Country Meet in Cullman. The Girls are the 2021 Sectional Champions with Maddie Jackson finishing as the overall girls champion. The other top finishers for the girls were Anahi Barboza, Raven Fairley, Abigail Vega and Reese McCurdy. The girls will move on and compete at the State Meet in Moulton. The Boys finished 6th overall. The top finishers for the boys were Javier Medina, Ian Norman, JP Groat, Pablo Rodriguez, and Samuel Moses. Javier Medina and Ian Norman qualified as individuals for the State Meet.

Mr. Jett congratulated the Girls XC team for their performance at the State Meet this past weekend. They placed 4th overall. Top finishers for the team were Maddie Jackson, Anahi Barboza, Raven Fairley, Kyndal Hughes and Abigail Vega. Also, congratulations to Anahi Barboza and Maddie Jackson for making the 2021 All-State team.

IX Superintendent's Report (Continued)

Mr. Jett Congratulated FPHS Drama cast and crew of Sweeney Todd for a fantastic showing at the District level Drama Competition at JSU. The following students will be competing at state competition at Troy in December based on their superior rated performances: Nathan Simpson, Zana Poe, Matthew Baroni, Savannah Shoemaker, Karen Hernandez-Vazquez, Marafie Richardson, Eleanor Shugart, Sara Richardson, and Leo Gonzales.

Mr. Jett Congratulated the wrestling team for their wins at Cherokee County. They beat Cherokee County 78 to 6 & Harrelson County 60 to 24.

Mr. Jett was pleased to announce the JROTC Wildcat Battalion brought home 7 trophies from the JSU Gamecock Challenge Drill Competition. The Color Guard and Academic Teams both won 1<sup>st</sup> place. Mary Cifuentes won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the individual rifle competition. Drill Team, Color Guard, and Physical Training teams each brought home 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies. Fort Payne also brought home the second-place Overall trophy with only Sparkman ahead of them out of the 10 high schools competing.

The Wildcat Battalion Varsity and JV Rifle Teams are currently undefeated in the North Alabama Rifle League. Both teams have a record of 5-0 with victories over Sparkman, Arab, Decatur, Hazel Green, and Lee. The rifle team is led by team captain, Barrett Bible. Mr. Jett congratulated Col. Walker and Sgt. Maks and all cadets involved.

Mr. Jett reminded the Board that FPCS's will out of school next week for the Thanksgiving Holidays. He wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

X Approved January 27, 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.

XI Adjourned