

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD BRIEFS

October 28, 2021, Regular Monthly Meeting, 6:00 PM Conference Room of the Central Office

- I Called the meeting to order and welcome the guests.
- II Established a quorum.
- III Approved the minutes of the September 23, 2021, regular monthly meeting, as submitted:
- IV Presentation
 1. UAB COVID 19 Testing (Virtual)
- V Personnel
 - A. Retirements
 1. Accepted the resignation of Joey Wright, System-Wide Maintenance Worker, within the Fort Payne City School System, effective October 31, 2021, due to retirement, as submitted.
 - B. Resignations
 1. Accepted the resignation of Ange Little, System-Wide CNP Worker, within the Fort Payne City School System, effective October 19, 2021, as submitted.
 2. Accepted the resignation of Cody Willingham, Half-time Bus Driver, within the Fort Payne City School System, effective December 18, 2021, as submitted.
 - C. Transfers
 1. Approved the transfer of Ruthann Hendon, from System-wide Parental Engagement Specialist, to a System-wide Speech Pathologist, within the Fort Payne City School System, effective October 4, 2021, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022, as submitted.
 2. Approved the transfer of Jessica Hayes from History Teacher at Fort Payne High School, to Half-time English Teacher at Fort Payne High School and Half-Time Administrative Assistant in the Central Office, effective November 1, 2021, as submitted.
 - D. Recommendations
 1. Approved Thomas W. Richey, as a System-Wide Maintenance Worker within the Fort Payne City School System, effective November 1, 2021, and non-renew his contract on June 30, 2022, as submitted.
 2. Approved William Thomas, as a Jr. High Football Assistant, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.
 3. Approved Lisa Powell, as a Jr. High Volleyball Assistant, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.
 4. Approved Nikki Woodall, as an Elementary/Math Interventionist, at Wills Valley Elementary School, this is a Family Medical Leave effective November 1, 2021, and non-renew her contract on May 27, 2022, as submitted.
 - E. Other
 1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel list, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted:
 - Teacher

- VI Approved the Board Attorney's recommendation to close the employment contract of Jim Cunningham, Consultant to Superintendent pursuant of the original agreed upon terms with the Fort Payne City Schools, effective September 30, 2021, as submitted
- VII Approved a contract with Musco Lighting, LLC, in the amount of \$214,800.00 (a Sourcewell pre-approved Cooperative Purchasing Agreement approved by the ALSDE) for lighting upgrades to the FPHS Baseball and Softball Fields, as submitted.
- VIII Approved the recommendation to create, advertise and fill the following positions, as submitted:
- Half-Time Assistant Principal at Wills Valley Elementary School
 - Half-Time System-Wide Maintenance Worker within the Fort Payne City School System
 - Graduation Coach at Fort Payne High School
 - Fine Arts Teacher (to teach Chorus, Drama and Art) at Fort Payne Middle School
- IX Approved the following out of state travel, as submitted:
- Patrick Barnes, Athletic Director/Principal at FPHS
 - FPHS – Marching Band, October 23, 2021
Peach State Marching Festival, Rome, Georgia
 - FPHS – Wrestling Team
Chattooga, GA - December 7, 2021
Peperall, GA - December 11, 2021
Peperall, GA - December 14, 2021
Signal Mtn, TN - December 21, 2021
Rome, GA - December 22, 2021
Soddy Daisy, TN – January 22, 2022
Armuchee, GA – January 25, 2022
 - Paula Muskett, Special Education Coordinator
 - Michele Pettis, System-Wide Gifted Teacher- National Gifted Conference
Denver, Colorado – November 11-14, 2021
- X Approved declaring the following items as surplus due to age, usefulness and/or non-operating status of the items, as submitted:
- One (1) 1982 Ford Fire Truck VIN# 1FDYD80U8CVA24395
 - One (1) Baseball Professional Plus Tarp
 - One (1) Softball Professional Plus Tarp
 - One (1) Baseball Field Heavy Duty Corrugated GDPE for Tarp Storage
 - One (1) Softball Field Heavy Duty Corrugated GDPE for Tarp Storage Tiller
 - One (1) 2008 Thomas 84 passenger School Bus VIN# 1T88T3E2381100541
- XI Approved the following teachers be placed on a an ALSDE approved TEAMS Teacher contract in the area of Math, as submitted:
- **Preliminary 1 Year Contract, effective October 1, 2021**
 - Rachel Blevins
 - **Preliminary 3 Year Contract, effective October 13, 2021**
 - Paige Williamson
- XII Approved a recommendation to add an additional supplement to the Parental Engagement Specialist, as submitted.

- XIII Approved a request for a one-time supplement for the following positions, as submitted:
- Pre-K Teacher with Early Childhood LETRS Certification
\$1,000.00 One-time Supplement
 - K-5th Grade Teachers with LETRS Certification (through unit 8)
\$2,000.00 One-time Supplement
- XIV Approved the creation of a Central Office Administrative Assistant Salary Schedule for the Fort Payne City School System, effective November 1, 2021, as submitted.
- XV Approved a request for a System-Wide Virtual Day option on Friday, November 12, 2021, as submitted.
- XVI Approved the September 2021, financial statements and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.
- XVII Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett thanked the UAB COVID 19 Testing Team for their presentation.

Mr. Jett presented the Board Members with a current COVID 19 related absence report. FPCS's Bus Students are still required to mask, on direction from the ALSDE Bus Director and recommendation of the Department of Education. FPCS's is working to transition back into the traditional serving of lunch in the dining room.

Mr. Jett encouraged all parents and guardians to download and sign up for the PowerSchool App. This will allow access to their children's school information. Sign-up information has been sent home and may also be obtained at their child's school.

Mr. Jett announced that FPCS's will host the State Robotics Competition on March 5th. He thanked Jamie McClung for his efforts in making this event happen.

Mr. Jett gave updates on the following events:

FPHS

- Cross Country – Maddie Jackson broke the school record in a recent meet with a time of 19:01. The old record was 19:05. The girls will go for 6 in a row at the sectional meet this year on 10/28/21.
- Football –1st Round playoff game @ Briarwood Christian 11/5/21
- Volleyball – Regional qualifier, won the first game vs. Clay Chalkville at the regional tournament. Fell to Athens in the second game.
- FPHS Gigawatts Robotic Team, has been awarded the following grants:
 - \$5000 Lockheed Martin
 - \$1500 BAE Systems

The team has successfully written and won grants to pay their registration for competition every year so far.

Mr. McClung, Laurel Shugart, and Clark McClung represented Fort Payne High School by presenting to education attendees at the Southeastern Robotics Conference at Auburn University. They were sponsored by former Fort Payne High School alum Hunter Terry.

- FPHS FIRST Robotics teams will be exhibiting on 10/30 for the Huntsville STEAMfest at the Von Braun Civic Center. The attendance is expected to be between 6,000-14,000 people with COVID protocols in place. The time is from 10-6.
- Band - On Saturday September 28 the FPMB competed at Gadsden City High School at the Mid-South Marching Festival. They earned Superior Ratings in

XVII Superintendent's Report (continued)

- every category and were 2nd place in their class, 5th overall (14 bands attended). The Visual Ensemble earned Best In Class and were 3rd overall for the day. The Band also earned the Bob Rush award for their Superior ratings in all categories.
- The Marching Band finished their competitive season this past Saturday at the Peach State Marching Festival in Rome, GA. They earned straight Superior ratings, Best in Class Colorguard and were 2nd in their class. They ranked 4th overall out of 20 bands.

FPMS

- Band - participated in the Covered Bridge Marching Festival at Oneonta HS. They received Superior Ratings in every category earning them the Sonny Tolbert Award. They finished 2nd overall in their class, behind 1st place by .67 pts and 5th overall. Our Percussion earned Best In Class and the second highest score of the day (out of 20 bands).
- Grades 6-8 field trip to the JSU Canyon Center, FPCS's is appreciative of this partnership.

Mr. Jett recognized all FPMS 6th Grade and LRIS 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade participants who place in the Trion Cross County Event and the Fort Payne Cross Country Invitational, by calling each name and their position.

Mr. Jett presented to Board Members with the information on the AASB District Election. The Board Members voted for Scott Suttle.

Mr. Jett announced the Board will have a training opportunity on November 4, 2021, in the form of a webinar.

XVIII Approved November 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.

XIX Adjourned