

FORT PAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD BRIEFS

September 18, 2025, Regular Meeting 6:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Central Office

- I Called the meeting to order and welcome the guests.
- II Established a quorum.
- III Approved the following minutes, as submitted.
  - August 26, 2025, Called meeting (First Budget Hearing)
  - August 28, 2025, Called meeting (Final Budget Hearing)
  - August 28, 2025, Regular monthly meeting
- IV Presentation
  - A. Andrea Word-Allbritton – UAH - Project DIAL Scholarship Recipients
- V Personnel
  - A. Resignations
    1. Accepted the resignation of the following personnel, as submitted:
      - Catherine Durham, Special Education Teacher at Williams Avenue Pre-K, effective September 17, 2025
      - Destiny Gephart, CNP Cashier/CNP Worker, effective August 27, 2025
      - Katie Malone, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective September 30, 2025
      - Angela Cole, CNP Worker, effective September 10, 2025
      - Emily Evans, CNP Worker at Fort Payne Middle School, effective September 11, 2025
  - B. Transfers
    1. Approved the transfer of the following personnel, as submitted:
      - Jessica Wisener, CNP Assistant Manager at Fort Payne High School to Full-Time CNP Manager at Williams Avenue Pre-K/Fort Payne Career Academy, effective September 15, 2025
  - C. 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:
      - Michelle Sharp, Clerical Aide with CNP Duties, effective August 22, 2025
      - Tammie Hester, Half-Time SPE Bus Aide, effective September 19, 2025
      - Rita Stutts, System-Wide CNP Worker, effective September 9, 2025
      - Jennifer Vargas, System-Wide CNP Worker, effective September 9, 2025
      - Christina Bowman, Half-Time Bus Driver, effective August 29, 2025
      - Stefanie Patton, SPE Teacher, effective September 2, 2025
      - Lucas Tallent, Volunteer Football Coach at Fort Payne High School, effective September 19, 2025
      - EDP Sub:
        - Jessica Corsentino

D. Other

1. Approved the additions to the following substitute personnel list, effective for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted:
  - CNP
  - Teachers
  - Bus Driver

VI Approved the following request for the following out of state travel, as submitted.

- Scott Timmons, Principal FPHS/Athletic Director
  - FPHS-National FFA Convention
    - October 28, 2025 – November 1, 2025 – Indianapolis, IN 46204
  - FPHS Wrestling
    - November 15, 2025 – Trion, GA 30753
    - December 4, 2025 – Trenton, GA 30752
    - December 11, 2025 – Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379
    - December 27, 2025 - Calhoun, GA 30701
- Shane Byrd, Principal FPMS
  - FPMS Cross Country
    - October 24, 2025 – Trion, GA 30753
- Jeff Boatwright, Principal LRIS
  - LRIS Cross Country
    - October 24, 2025 – Trion, GA 30753

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

- Wills Valley Elementary School – see attached list

VIII Approved the following agreement, as submitted.

IX Approved the August 2025, financial statements and bank reconciliation report, as submitted.

X Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jett congratulated Wills Valley Elementary. The school's library was recently awarded the 2025 Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant for \$5,000. This grant was applied for in April by the school's librarian Jana Groghan, to fund new books for their library.

Mr. Jett congratulated Fort Payne Middle School. The Agriscience program was approved to receive a grant of \$1,200 to build a community garden for Fort Payne.

Mr. Jett announced that Fort Payne High School is hosting the DeKalb County Bands on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Wildcat Stadium for the DeKalb County Marching Band Exhibition. It starts at 6pm. Fort Payne will perform around 7:45pm.

Mr. Jett congratulated the FP Volleyball Team. They won the Fort Payne invitational and won against Crossville and Douglas this last week. The ASHVCA Pre-season watch list has three of our girls on it. Carley Cash, Lydie Varnadore and Bailey Templeton. Good luck tonight as they have a big area volleyball game at home! JV at 4:30 and Varsity afterwards.

Mr. Jett congratulated the FP Cross-Country Track team's wins at the 2025 Pisgah Invitational and Southside Invitational 2025.

2025 Pisgah Invitational –

VG- Team Runners-Up - 1st: Kyndal Hughes, 4th: Sara Boatwright, 8th: Ava Kate Jett, 9th: Dayra Hernandez

VB - 2nd: Daniel DeLeon, 12th: Will Barksdale, 15th: Luke Byrd

JV Girls: Team Runners-Up - 5th: Autumn Sims, 6th: Ella Jackson, 12th: Hannah Morgan, 15th: Kyrach Kirby

Southside Invitational 2025-

Varsity Girls - 1st Place Team! Kyndal Hughes-1<sup>st</sup>, Sara Boatwright-8<sup>th</sup>, Ava Kate Jett-9<sup>th</sup>

Varsity Boys - Runner-Up Team! Daniel DeLeon-1<sup>st</sup>, Will Barksdale-10<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Jett announced the FPHS Homecoming Parade will be on Thursday, October 2, at 6:00pm. Board members will be riding in the parade and will need to be at Westmoreland at 5:45. Homecoming is on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, FP vs Buckhorn.

Mr. Jett congratulated the Fort Payne Wildcat Football team for their regional win last week over Southside and this week they will travel to Mae Jemison.

Mr. Jett congratulated FPHS student, Ellie Grace Cyrus for being a FFA in the USA Reporter. She will be covering stories for the National FFA.

Mr. Jett discussed with the board on deciding on a day for whole board training in November.

- XI      Selected Randy Bynum as the Delegate to the Alabama Association of School Boards, 2025 Delegate Assembly Business Meeting and Annual Convention, December 4th-6th, 2025, in Montgomery, Alabama.
- XII     Selected Sharon Jones as the Alternated Delegate to the Alabama Association of School Boards, 2025 Assembly Business Meeting and Annual Convention, December 4<sup>th</sup>-6th, 2025, in Montgomery, Alabama.
- XIII    Approved Tuesday, October 21, 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.
- XIV    Adjourned