

**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
FULTON COUNTY**

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

December 16, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #3, Fulton County, met in regular session on December 16, 2020, in the Cuba Elementary Library, 652 East Main Street, Cuba. President Sue McCance called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Davis (Via Zoom), Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mrs. Wilson (Via Zoom) and Mr. Wallace. Mr. Gorsuch was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President McCance led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:

None

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

Under communications, Mrs. Simmons-Kenser shared attendance reports from both buildings.

6. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

Under Principals reports, Mr. Braun announced the senior of the Month for December is Emma Utsinger. The Middle School Star Students for October are Ava Huston-6th Grade, Macy Eeten-7th Grade and Cooper Hedden-8th Grade. The Middle School Star Students for November are Cain Wilson-6th Grade, Kalee Foster-7th Grade and Cooper Leonard-8th Grade. The recipient of the Golden Apple Awards for November and December are Mrs. Tiffany Titlow and Mr. Samuel Stauffer. Both of these teachers have really gone above and beyond in educating the students in Physical Education and Band & Chorus while remote. Miranda Viano won 2nd place for her 2-Dimensional work at the 2020 WIU Department of Art Show. She became eligible for and won a \$1200 scholarship to WIU. Baley Markley was nominated and selected to play in the Illinois Shriners Game on June 19, 2021. He was nominated by Coach Elliott Craig.

Mrs. Simmons-Kenser announced Preston Tompkins from Mrs. Friedrich's class as the November Buzzy Bee winner and Tyne Wilson from Mrs. Russell's class as the December Buzzy Bee winner. The Golden Mouse

Award for November was the 1st Grade Guided Reading Group consisting of Mrs. Elizabeth Beam, Ms. Sara Meiss, Mrs. Laura Gibboney and Mrs. Jolene Cozad. Christmas Spirit week is being held this week at Cuba Elementary. The faculty has the option of participating in a Pixie gift exchange throughout the month and a daily theme dress up along with random fun things. Buddy the Elf was found in various classrooms around the building this month. The students will enjoy a remote visit from Santa on their last day before Christmas break. The Parent and Community Involvement Committee is developing a video series in an attempt to give the parents and community an opportunity to see some of what we are doing in the schools through this “unprecedented time”. Our first video in the series featured Mrs. Nicole Thum. Mr. Roger Cox has been organizing this series and Mr. Justin Georges has been the technical “brain” behind the operation.

7. MINUTES:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mr. Wallace. All members voted “yea”. Motion carried.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Under the Superintendent’s report, Mrs. Simmons-Kenser discussed the Virtual Summit this year being all online. General consensus was everyone liked in person better but felt the summit was decent considering it was put together in a relatively short amount of time. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser also gave an update on the financial status of all the funds with all funds being on track because we have received all our tax money. There will also be revenue coming in from the State. She reported that we will be doing an amendment to the budget due to increased activity in the Health-Life Safety Fund. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser stated that we have received the audit report and she will have that available at the January meeting. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser gave everyone an update on Remote Learning. We have been troubleshooting hotspots and connectivity. While we technically have unlimited data, US Cellular throttles each hotspot after they use 22 gigs. Some families are using 100+ gigs in a short amount of time. We will check this out on an individual basis.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mrs. Deakin, seconded by Mr. Wallace to enter closed session at 7:18 P.M. to consider evaluation, employment, resignation of personnel, and individual student matters. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mr. Wallace to go out of closed session at 8:18 P.M. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mrs. Deakin, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items approved were: Minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular and closed session meetings; Minutes of the November 24, 2020 special meeting; Minutes of the December 2, 2020 special meeting; District Cash Balance Report, \$3,958,210.22 (November); High School Activity Account, \$91,213.65 (November) and C.D. Account, \$25000.00 (November); Payroll for November, \$364,471.98; late November vendor bills, \$38,194.32; December vendor bills, \$82,287.83; Cuba Elementary Activity Account, \$1,179.09 (November), and Cuba Elementary Tom Wat Account, \$11,499.99 (November); Graduation date of May 16, 2021; Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

13. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1a **Resignations** - MOTION by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to accept the resignation of Travis Ward as Middle/High School Custodian. MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mr. Wallace to accept the resignation of Clay McConkey as JV/V Baseball Coach and to allow Mr. McConkey to volunteer as needed.

14.1b **Employment** - NONE

14.1c **Approvals** -

14.2 MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Deakin to approve the 2020 Tax Levy. Roll call "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

14.3 MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Health Life Safety Amendment to remove and replace the fiberglass heating ducts in the elementary building. Roll call "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

14.4 MOTION by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve a credit card for Casey's General Store. Roll call "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff Recognition will be on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

. MOTION by Mrs. Deakin, seconded by Mrs. Davis to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

Sue McCance, Board President

Debora Deakin, Board Secretary