

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**February 19, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #3, Fulton County, met in regular session on February 19, 2019, 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, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Wilson.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President McCance led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:

Mrs. Sara Gilpin spoke to the Board on behalf of the After-Prom Committee about use of buses to transport students to After-Prom. She also announced the last fundraiser for After-Prom will be a chicken noodle dinner at the Red Brick School March 2 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

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

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the agenda as amended. Added to the agenda are: 10.5- Information on MSD farm land; 14.2h- approval of FFA field trip to Vet Science Program in Joliet; and under Old Business, discussion of moving High School graduation to the City park. All members voted “yea”. Motion carried.

7. MINUTES:

Approved under Consent Agenda as amended.

Under Communications, the date for High School graduation will be changed from 2018 to 2019.

8. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

Under Principals' reports, Mr. Braun announced Madison Easley as the Senior of the Month for February. The District Spelling Bee was held on

February 1. The winner was Kacie White, 4th grade; runner-up was Washita Bradford, 7th grade; and alternate was Elayna Sanderson, 4th grade. The Regional Spelling Bee will be held February 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lewistown High School Auditorium. On January 20, the Middle School cheer squad competed in an ICCA (Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association) competition at Knoxville High School. The teams ranged from small junior high to high school co-ed. The girls did a great job! Students and staff completed the 5 Essentials survey the week of February 11. The survey was made available to parents via the website and district app. <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>. FCCLA was a recipient of \$555.00 from Canton's Helping Hands for the week of January 13-19. The money will be used to help pay for the members' registration for Section Rally on February 25. Mrs. Brewer's classroom was the recipient of HOI's One Class at a Time grant for February 20. She received \$1,000 in classroom funds. The story was to air Wednesday, February 20.

Mrs. Simmons-Kenser announced both the January and February Buzzy Bee winners will be announced in February. Cuba Elementary was well represented in the District Spelling Bee. First place winner was Kacie White from Mrs. Russell's fourth grade class. She will be competing in the County Spelling Bee on February 20. Jump Rope for Heart was held on February 8. Cuba Elementary raised over \$2,554 with the two top individual fundraisers being Grace Yaste and Trenton Ford. They were treated to lunch with Mr. Shaeffer. A few staff members from Cuba Elementary, the Middle School and Mrs. Simmons-Kenser attended the state ESSA conference in Chicago the week of February 11. New legislation will bring about more changes in District grants, funding allocations to districts and how these allocations can be spent. This was an excellent conference showcasing some terrific things happening around the state.

There was a question and discussion about bus routes during snow events. The important thing is that students' safety was the main consideration and priority as it will continue to be. Delayed starts were mentioned as an alternative. The main reason for not implementing delayed starts is that parents are not prepared. This option is being looked at and plans will be made to utilize delayed starts in the future. The Board showed support of the way decisions have been made based on student safety as the main concern.

#### 9. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

#### 10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Under the Superintendent's report, Mrs. Simmons-Kenser presented the status of the FY19 budget. FOIA requests by Smart Procure and Illinois Retired Teachers were both handled as required. Also presented were instructional days and digital learning days. This is a current hot topic for both legislatures and districts. More information and discussion will follow concerning this. The annual Special Education Disproportionate follow-up report from ISBE was discussed. An update was also given on the MSD farm

land previously used by the FFA. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser had received a letter that was shared with the District attorney.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to enter closed session at 8:45 P.M. to consider evaluation, employment, resignation of personnel, and individual student matters. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Davis to go out of closed session at 10:00 P.M. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance and Mr. Corsaw. Motion carried.

ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve the consent agenda as amended. Items approved were: minutes of the January 15, 2019 regular and closed session meetings as amended; District Cash Balance Report, \$896,013.75 (January); High School Activity Account, \$94,392.87 (January) and C.D. Account, \$25,000.00 (January); Payroll for January, \$294,883.33; January vendor bills, \$22,362.08; February vendor bills, \$40,398.36; Cuba Elementary Activity Account, \$3,120.39 (January); and Cuba Elementary Tom Wat Account, \$22,134.39 (January); designation of depository of District funds for the 2019-20 school year; Superintendent to seek fuel/oil products, bread, milk, and bus lease bids for the 2019-20 school year; Board policy updates (1<sup>st</sup> reading); amended 2018-19 school calendar; update to the MidAmerica National Bank signature cards for CUSD #3, removing Charity Adams; adding Jodee Mathis; and changing the names of Angela Simmons and Cindy Essex; registration for Sue McCance and Debora Deakin to attend the Leadership Summit in Springfield in the amount of \$300; FFA field trip to Vet Science Program in Joliet. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

13. OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion continued from the January Board meeting regarding High School graduation possibly being held in the City Park. It is understood why the request was made but due to weather and other considerations, High School graduation will continue to be held at the Middle School-High School gymnasium.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1a **Resignation -**

14.1a1 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Davis to accept the resignation of Jeremy Irwin as both High

School football coach and track & field coach. All members voted “yea”. Motion carried.

14.1a2 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Davis to accept the resignation of Carl Denham at the end of the FY 19 for the purpose of retirement. All members voted “yea”. Motion carried.

14.1b **Employment -**

14.1b1 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to extend MS/HS Principal Braun’s contract through June 30, 2024. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Deakin. Motion carried.

14.1b2 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wallace to employ Jodee Mathis as the payroll clerk for CUSD 3, Fulton County. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Deakin. Motion carried.

14.1b3 **Co-op Coach.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Davis to employ Logan Link as the High School boys’ track coach for the 2018-2019 school year. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

14.1c **Approvals -**

14.1c1 MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve Raymond Young and Doug Schmidt as volunteers for High School baseball. All members voted “yea”. Motion carried.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a Western Division meeting for Board members in Lewistown on March 5, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. Those planning to attend gave information to Mrs. Simmons-Kenser.

Mr. Braun updated the Board on his conversation with the Ag teacher considering farm land lease and her plans for the program. Discussion of the field lease followed. The lease will be allowed to expire.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 P.M. All members voted “yea”. Motion carried.

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Sue McCance, Board President

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Debora Deakin, Board Secretary