

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**March 11, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #3, Fulton County, met in regular session on March 11, 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:

None

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

Under communications, Mrs. Simmons-Kenser shared attendance reports from both buildings. Mr. Steve Howerter was present to speak to the Board about developing crisis teams for major events. Mr. Howerter works for the Department of Corrections and helps implement such teams when a crisis arises. He left resource materials and offered any assistance the School District may need in the future.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wallace to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

7. MINUTES:

Approved under Consent Agenda as presented.

8. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

Under Principals' reports, Mr. Braun announced Jesse Southerd as the Senior of the Month for March. In athletics, Sloan Miller was named 2nd team and Caitlyn Collier was named 3rd Team in the Girls' ICAC All-Conference. Sloan Miller was also named 2nd Team in the Girls' Prairieland All-Conference. Jacob Schleich was named 2nd Team and Colton Thurman was named Honorable Mention in the Boys' ICAC All-Conference. Jacob

Schleich was named 2nd Team in the Boys' Prairieland All-Conference. North Fulton received the Sportsmanship Award for the Prairieland Conference. Numbers in spring sports are: 23 in Baseball; 25 in High School Track & Field; 42 in Junior High Track & Field; and 23 in High School Softball. On March 2, Mr. Stauffer took Band and Chorus students to compete in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest. The following students participated: Ashley Howerter, 1st Division in Piano; Dayzi Barker, 2nd Division in Voice; Emaline Cozart, 2nd Division in Flute; Jesse Southerd, 1st Division in Tuba. Band members Emaline Cozart, Emma Howerter, Dylan Brown, Jesse Southerd, Ethan Zimmerman, Emma Utsinger and Zac Hanson received 1st Division with a perfect score. Mr. Link and Spoon River College hosted a Dual Credit Information Night on March 6. A representative from SRC was on site to inform parents of course and program offerings and guide students in the process of applying to take dual credit courses next year. Senior Project presentations were held March 6 also. All of the seniors have now presented their projects and completed this graduation requirement. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Postin, and Mrs. Vass for organizing and managing the evening, as well as to all those who participated in judging the projects. The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will tentatively take place on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. Juniors Kaylann Beekman, Taylor Lester, Sloan Miller, Elizabeth Markley, Alexis Markley, and MacKenzie Kolodziejski and Senior Madison Draughan will be inducted into the NHS.

Mr. Braun also presented Ag courses which will be offered during the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Clark, current Ag teacher, was present to explain new classes and restructuring of current classes.

Mrs. Simmons-Kenser announced Kacie White as the January Buzzy Bee Winner and Kixon Bowles as the February Buzzy Bee Winner, each in Mrs. Russell's classroom. Cuba Elementary students had the opportunity to roller skate during the last two weeks in PE. Some students became excellent skaters. Over 110 participants enjoyed the "Night to Treasure". Students and families rotated through three stations that included Ships and Sailors, break-out boxes, and a guest reader dressed as a pirate. Cuba Elementary students also enjoyed the Ag Barnyard Zoo day. Students were bused to the High School throughout the day. Pre-School screening was held in February. Twenty-one children were screened with 3 students for Kindergarten, 15 potential Pre-School students and 3 children for Early Beginnings (birth-3). Projecting into next year, 12 current Pre-K students will be moving into kindergarten and 8 students will return for Pre-K.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Under the Superintendent's report, Mrs. Simmons-Kenser presented the District's financial report and explained expenditures were on track at this time except for the Transportation Fund. The current budget may need to be amended. She also presented the findings of the Health Life Safety

report which were minimal. Mrs. McCance, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. Simmons-Kenser spoke to the Board about the Leadership Summit they attended in Springfield. The listened to panels of speakers which were very informative. They were also able to hear the opinions of State Representatives Unes and Hammond. Mr. Wallace voiced his concerns about taxation and the impact it may have on school districts in the future and Mrs. Simmons-Kenser shared a Shortage of Teachers Survey.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Deakin to enter closed session at 7:53 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 9:28 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. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wallace to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items approved were: minutes of the February 19, 2019 regular and closed session meetings as presented; District Cash Balance Report, \$703,541.17 (February); High School Activity Account, \$92,440.70 (February) and C.D. Account, \$25,000.00 (February); Payroll for February, \$300,804.41; February vendor bills, \$45,947.15; Cuba Elementary Activity Account, \$2,988.38 (February); and Cuba Elementary Tom Wat Account, \$20,726.71 (February); renewal of IHSA and IESA membership for the 2019-20 school year; FCCLA State Conference trip to Springfield April 5-6, 2019; Art Club trip to Chicago May 11-12, 2019; Board policy updates (2<sup>nd</sup> reading); Board and non-incumbent Board members' expense to the Western Division Meeting in Lewistown in the amount of \$200.00; a new procurement card for RP Lumber in Canton, Illinois; and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion as May 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

13. OLD BUSINESS:

None

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1a **Resignations -**

14.1a1 **Co-Op Coach.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Deakin to accept the resignation of Greg Garrett as the Golf coach. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

14.1a2 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Davis to accept the resignation of Amber Quin. All members voted “yea”. Motion carried.

14.1b **Employment -**

14.1b1 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wallace to re-employ the following full-time tenured staff: Carol Severt, Charlotte Lindner, Jacki Scharping, Jennifer Bowles, Marie McCombs, Dawn Stambaugh, Elliott Craig, Jessica Brewer, Toshio VanMiddlesworth, Julie Thompson-Vass, June Russell, Nicole Thum, Mae Fitch, Elise Baylor, Brad Shaeffer, Emily McLean, Erin Ford, Chad Beam, Elizabeth Martindale, Susan Postin, and Jessica Sprecher for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

14.1b2 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Deakin, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to re-employ 4th year non-tenured teacher Karron Crane and place on tenured status for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

14.1b3 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Deakin to re-employ 3rd year non-tenured teachers Pamela Hughes and Joe Taylor for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance and Mr. Corsaw. Motion carried.

14.1b4 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to re-employ the following 2nd year non-tenured teachers: Chelsie Bowman, Sara Meiss, Ryan Fitzgerald, James Quinones, Sheila Vaughn and Samuel Stauffer for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

14.1b5 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Deakin to re-employ the following 1st year non-tenured teachers: Ashley Eddington, Nathan Gardner, Logan Link and Krystina Clark. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

14.1b6 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mrs. Davis to re-employ the following part-time non-tenured teachers: Roger Cox and Julie Rogers. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

14.1b7 **Co-op Coaches.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to employ Karron Crane as Junior High Cheer coach, Sara Meiss as High School Cheer coach and Alex Thomas as Assistant High School Cheer coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Deakin. Motion carried.

14.1b8 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mrs. Deakin to employ Lindsee Gage as a Special Education teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

14.1b9 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Deakin and seconded by Mr. Corsaw to employ Jay Brenner as Assistant MS/HS Principal for the 2019- 2020 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance and Mr. Corsaw. Motion carried.

At this time, Sue McCance left the library.

14.1b10 **Co-op Coach.** MOTION by Mrs. Davis seconded by Mrs. Wilson to employ Heather Patterson as Dance Force coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin. Motion carried.

At this time, Sue McCance returned to the library.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Simmons-Kenser reminded Board members of the upcoming PTO fundraisers. There will be a spaghetti dinner at the Masonic Lodge Saturday, March 16, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. PTO's annual pork chop supper will be held Thursday, March 21, from 5-7 p.m. and a City Fun Run will be announced soon. All proceeds will go directly toward new playground at the Elementary School. Also, Board elections will be Tuesday, April 2.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

. MOTION by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 P.M. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

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Sue McCance, Board President

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Debora Deakin, Board Secretary