

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

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

April 8, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #3, Fulton County, met in regular session on April 8, 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:

Mr. Bobby Schnarr was present to educate the Board about the Cadet Program which was launched July 2018, with aspirations of getting young people in the surrounding area involved with the Cass-Putman Rescue. The goal is to prepare Cadets, who must be at least 16 years of age and attending high school, to become safe and well-trained first responders to serve and protect people in their community. Cadets Taylor Lester, Elizabeth Markley, Bradley Mercer, Ariel Schnarr and Tegan Strode have received 56 hours of EMS training and have responded to 195 rescues since the beginning of this program. They observe certified first responders but also use their training to assist in any way possible. The Cadet Program received a generous donation from the family of Matt Shaw, who passed away recently. The donation was used to purchase an emergency bag which the Cadets would like to place at Cuba High School. It would be used for emergencies that may arise in the School District. This would allow Cadets attending school to be first on the scene should such an emergency occur. Mr. Schnarr encouraged Board members to seek legal counsel to inquire about making the emergency bag available at the High School, allowing Cadets to carry phones and pagers, and allowing Cadets to leave the school building to respond to future community rescues. Mr. Schnarr and the Cadets were commended on their dedicated service to the community.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

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

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Mrs. Deakin, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve the agenda as amended. Item 10.3, to discuss county-wide High School graduation dates, was added to the agenda. All members voted “yea”. Motion carried.

7. MINUTES:

Approved under Consent Agenda as presented.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

9. PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS:

Under Principals’ reports, Mr. Braun announced Makayla Gilpin as the Senior of the Month for April. On March 23 Brady Carpenter was selected as a State FFA Proficiency winner in Diversified Crop Production Placement. He is eligible to compete in the National FFA Awards selection process in July 2019. On April 4, Dustin Howarter won first place in welding at the Section 12 Ag Mechanics CDE. He will move on to compete in the State Ag Mechanics CDE in May. Mrs. Fitch took five members of FCCLA to the State Convention in Springfield last weekend. They went to four workshops throughout the weekend and attended an evening session where they heard keynote speaker John Beede. Saturday evening entertainment was a Washington University a capella group. On Saturday, they toured the Frank Lloyd Wright’s Dana Thomas House. Cuba High School Peer Assistance hosted a blood drive with the American Red Cross on March 29. Twenty-seven units of blood were collected. On April 5, 8th graders went to the Reality Store where they chose a career they were interested in and met with professionals from that vocation. Following the presentations students participated in a simulation of real life, such as getting a paycheck, paying bills, and unexpected events in that profession. Mr. Stauffer took the Middle School Band and Chorus students to the Solo/Ensemble contest. They compiled five Division II ratings and two Division III ratings.

Mrs. Simmons-Kenser announced Ellie Patterson as the March Buzzy Bee Winner in Mrs. Russell’s classroom. April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention month and Autism Awareness month. Students in grades 3-5 will begin the IAR assessment. At the end of each day they will celebrate their efforts by releasing energy outdoors. The majority of the students put forth an excellent effort to do their very best! Testing will conclude with a district-wide celebration on Friday. PTO’s pork chop supper was held on March 21. It was well attended by the community. The weather was perfect and the food was delicious. Over \$2,000 was made throughout the evening and PTO seems to be on target with reaching their goal for the new playground equipment they have committed to purchasing. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser added that the PTO’s Color Run fundraiser will be May 4. The Ned Show was present in March to talk to kids about the growth mindset. The final benchmarking session is

approaching at the end of the month. All students K-5 will be benchmarked in Reading and Math using DIBELS and NWEA/MAP assessments.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Under the Superintendent's report, Mrs. Simmons-Kenser shared the District's FY 19 and budget figures. Due to low revenues and unforeseen expenditures in the Operations & Maintenance and Transportation Funds, the budget will need to be amended. She also updated the Board on the newly employed Kindergarten-4th Grade music teacher. There will be an Inter-Governmental Agreement drawn up with Canton School District to share expenditures for this position. Mrs. Lauren Wilcoxon, who has six years of teaching experience, will be joining the staff at Cuba Elementary School. Discussion followed regarding county-wide High School graduation dates and the conflict it imposes on people in the community. The Board asked Superintendent Simmons-Kenser to discuss this issue with other County Superintendents to see if graduations could possibly be staggered in the future.

11. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE:

The Transportation Committee met recently and discussed the District's fleet of vehicles. The recommendation is to retire vehicles that are in poor condition, lease the currently leased buses for an additional two years, and replace a couple of vans and some of the mowing equipment. It would also be possible to trade in Bus #7 and purchase the currently leased activity bus.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to enter closed session at 8:06 P.M. to consider evaluation, employment, resignation of personnel, negotiations, and individual student matters. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to go out of closed session at 9:40 P.M. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

13. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items approved were: minutes of the March 11, 2019 regular and closed session meetings as presented; District Cash Balance Report, \$647,554.76 (March); High School Activity Account, \$90,758.59 (March) and C.D. Account, \$25,000.00 (March); Payroll for March, \$307,116.60; March vendor bills, \$49,821.85; Cuba Elementary Activity Account, \$3,116.51 (March); and Cuba Elementary Tom Wat Account, \$18,321.03 (March); authorization for the Superintendent to prepare the 2019-20 tentative budget; continuing membership with the IASB; IASB legal liability

renewal; resolution to participate in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund; the fuel, oil, grease, antifreeze, transmission and DEF fluid bid from West Central FS, milk bid from Prairie Farms, and bread bid from Aunt Millie's Bakery, all for the 2019-20 school year; the Living Environment class field trip to Homeway Homes in Goodfield on April 26, 2019; bus lease extension for 2019-2020 through the 2020-2021 school year with Midwest Bus Sales; After-Prom bussing to Quincy, Illinois; the tentative calendar 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. OLD BUSINESS:

None

15. NEW BUSINESS:

15.1a **Resignations -**

15.1a1 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Davis to accept the resignation of Nathan Gardner as High School Social Studies teacher. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

15.1b **Employment -**

15.1b1 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wallace to employ Justin Georges as the Technology Integration Specialist for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

15.1b2 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Deakin, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to employ Bridgette Dennis as the Special Education Administrator for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance and Mr. Corsaw. Motion carried.

15.1b3 **Co-op Coach.** MOTION by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to employ BJ McCullum as the golf coach for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

15.1b4 **District Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to employ Charlotte Lindner, Mark Mathis, Mark Thompson, Cindy Wright, Dawn Mustread, Jodee Mathis and SueEllen Stephenson for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

15.1b5 **Approval.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve Shawn Wright as a volunteer for bass fishing. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

15.1c **Dismissal of Personnel -**

15.1c1 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Davis to adopt a resolution and notice of reduction in force to

the following program assistants: Jean Siefert, Patricia Johnson, Angela Thomas, Cindy Wright, Alexandra Atchley, Judy English and Breanna Wilkins. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Simmons-Kenser reminded Board members of the Western Division Governing Meeting on May 29, 2019 in Macomb. The Board's reorganizational meeting to swear in newly elected Board members will be held April 24 at 6:30 P.M.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

. MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wallace to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 P.M. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

Sue McCance, Board President

Debora Deakin, Board Secretary