

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

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

November 11, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #3, Fulton County, met in regular session on November 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, and Mr. Wallace.

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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

7. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

Under Principals' reports, Mr. Braun announced Evan Jones as Senior of the Month; Junior Emma Utsinger won the VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. Her essay will now go on to compete at the District level and be honored at a banquet in January, this is Mrs. Postin's 7th winner in a row. ICAC Volleyball All-Conference Award winners are: Brook Utsinger 2nd Team, Prairieland Volleyball All Conference Award winners are 1st Team; Brook Utsinger, Honorable mention Sloan Miller. Bradley Mercer put together first responders mass causality practice drill as his Senior project, which included help from the State Police and local hospitals, Bradly is a cadet for the Cass-Putman Rescue. The High School hosted an assembly to honor veterans today.

The student led ceremony included performances by the band a patriotic slideshow, a poem reading and cards for all veterans in attendance.

Mrs. Simmons-Kenser announced Jayna Anderson from Mrs. Russell's class as the October Buzzy Bee winner. Elementary students participated in the Great American Spell Check where donations are accepted for spelling words correctly. The money is used to stock the AR store in the building. The students collected \$456.25. Top spellers were: Natalee Kerans, 1st grade; Eleanor Huston, 2nd grade; Macie Foutch, 3rd grade; Kalyn Thum, 4th grade; and Kacie White, 5th grade. Red Ribbon Week was celebrated the week prior to Halloween with theme days. Students enjoyed being able to dress up in some way all week. On Halloween, the students were unable to parade to Clayberg Nursing Home due to the weather. This event is always well received by the residents. Mr. Shaeffer drove the shuttle bus over so the residents could still participate. Local businesses also participated by coming into the school. There were many guests in the school to participate in the parade and the classroom parties. The guest readers in November were Jessica Thomas and Chuck Williams; He showed the students a slide show of his Honor Flight trip to Washington, DC and talked to the students about the Nets for Vets fundraiser. On November 11, the Elementary School hosted the Nets for Vets fundraiser to raise funds for the Greater Peoria Honor Flight. All PreK-5 students were given the opportunity to seek donations and shoot baskets during PE. Students were also able to invite family members in active service or in veteran status to join them during their PE time. Guests from the community included grandparents, great-grandparents, uncles, dads and moms from all branches of service. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser discussed the upcoming active shooter drill and how that would be handled in the elementary building, an announcement will be made that there is an unsafe situation in the front hall and K-2 are to lock down, and 3-5 are to evacuate the building. In the days coming up to the drill, Mrs. Simmons-Kenser will talk with each class and read them the book, I am not scared, I am prepared and answer any question they may have. The same scenario will happen in the High School one designated area will lock down the other will evacuate.

8. MINUTES:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Under the Superintendent's report, Mrs. Simmons-Kenser announced the Community Night to celebrate Cuba Schools was a success with approximately 250 in attendance. She then presented the online State School Report Card and State Assessment information based on spring 2019 testing. IAR scores for last year's grades 3-8 were shared with the Board in

Language Arts and Math as well as SAT scores for last year's Junior class. President McCance reviewed IASB Conference resolutions and discussion followed. Board Member Wilson was appointed as this year's delegate to the assembly. Mrs. Simmons- Kenser reported a FOIA request from Smart Procure had been completed. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser also updated the Board on the District goals.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

None.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mrs. Deakin, seconded by Mrs. Davis to enter closed session at 8:32 P.M. to consider evaluation, resignation or employment of personnel. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Davis to go out of closed session at 9:41 P.M. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, and Mr. Corsaw. Motion carried.

ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

14. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Deakin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items approved were: minutes of the October 15, 2019 regular and closed session meetings; District Cash Balance Report, \$3,156,302.58 (October); High School Activity Account, \$1,242,729.31 (October) and C.D. Account, \$25,000.00 (October); Payroll for October, \$351,351.29; late October vendor bills, \$48,654.92; November vendor bills, \$48,713.79; Cuba Elementary Activity Account, \$3,968.08 (October), and Cuba Elementary Tom Wat Account, \$30,573.00 (October); Career Development trips for FFA to Champaign, IL on December 14, 2019 and to Virginia, IL on December 5, 2019;

15. NEW BUSINESS:

15.1a Employment -

15.1a1 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mr. Wallace to employ Barbie Markley as a full time cook at the High School. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

15.1a2. MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Deakin to employ Madison Patch for Assistant Dance Coach at the High School for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

15.2 **Approval of Tentative Tax Levy.** MOTION by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the tentative tax levy for FY20. Roll call: “Yeas”: Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Deakin. Motion carried.

15.3 **Approval of Underwriter for Bonds.** MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to Select First Midstate, Inc. as Underwriter/Placement Agent and Chapman and Cutler LLP as Bond/Disclosure Counsel. Roll call “Yeas”: Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

15.4 **Approval of a Sam’s Business card.** MOTION by Mr. Wallace and Seconded Mr. Corsaw to approve the acquisition of a Sam’s Club business credit card account. Roll call “Yeas”: Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Simmons-Kenser invited Board members to attend the annual Staff Recognition dinner. She also passed out packets for the Triple I Conference.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

. MOTION by Mrs. Deakin, seconded by Mr. Wallace to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 P.M. All members voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Sue McCance, Board President

Debora Deakin, Board Secretary