

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**December 09, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #3, Fulton County, met in regular session on December 9, 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, Mr. Gorsuch, Mrs. McCance, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Wallace.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President McCance led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:

Katlynn Beekman (STEAM), Brad Mercer (Innovation Academy), Rachel Slater (STEAM) and Maranda Viano (STEAM-ART) were in attendance to show the board the progress of the "STEM/STEAM" project, they showed the board some of the things they have made with the 3-D printer, such as a turtle that with gears that turned so that it looked as though it was swimming, a house, and a dog to mention a few. They also brought the Lego Microbots that they control by I-Pads. They are excited to learn about coding so that they can program the Microbots to do specific commands. They also showed the board some of the items that they have helped the Elementary students complete such as a crab which they made out of clay using the students hands, and noted how they had to prepare tasks to keep the kids busy. They feel the STEM/STEAM project will help them in the future with problem solving, planning, and organizing.

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 is Tyler Lester. The I8FA All Conference Awards 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense- Evan Yaste and Quentin Gilpin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense- Dustin Lovitt, Honorable Mention Defense-Ethan Martindale, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense- Baley Markley, Honorable Mention Offense- Treavor Gorforth and 1<sup>st</sup> Team Kicker/Punter- Evan Yaste.

I8FA All State Awards- 1<sup>st</sup> Team DL/K- Evan Yaste. Junior High girls' basketball teams raised \$775 to be donated to The MSA Coalition in honor of Allen Lee who passed away this past June; he is the father of one of the girls. The MS Student Council held their Fall Blood Drive on Wednesday December 4; they were able to collect 25 units of blood for the drive along with \$275.00 for the Life Savings Grant. Mrs. Postin, Mrs. Fitch and the Cuba High School Student Council held the annual food drive during the month of November. Students in grades nine through twelve brought in non-perishable food items to their classrooms, collecting 600 canned food items for the local food pantry. On December 8, Mr. Stauffer took his band and chorus students to Lewistown for a joint performance at their Christmas concert. Lewistown, Cuba bands collaborated and performed.

Mrs. Simmons-Kenser announced Keiton Ford from Mrs. Russell's class as the November Buzzy Bee winner. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders went to Dickson Mounds to celebrate the end of their Native American unit. Christmas Spirit week is being held this week at Cuba Elementary. The faculty has the option of participating in a Pixie gift exchange, a daily theme exchange along with other treats and random fun things. Our most recent Guest Reader was Terrah Cornell. She educated the kids on how easily germs are spread throughout the building. Our Most recent SIP day for the staff we conducted our Evacuation Drill under the supervision of the Fulton County Police Department. The drill went well and the feedback from the parent was overall positive. On Friday December 13, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is being treated to a pizza party; they raised the most money to donate to Nets for Vets.

7. MINUTES:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gorsuch 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 asked Board members to share what they learned from the sessions they attended at the Triple I Convention in November. Topics included an evacuation plan for disasters, cyber safety, school report card, armed staff members, as well as other points of interest. Next she discussed District fund balances, explaining percentages of revenue and expenditures and where the District stands in regard to payments from the State. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser has applied for a Tax Relief Grant that if received may help the community with property tax relief. Which would require abating taxes the next 2 years. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser also discussed applying for a

Maintenance Grant which if received would help with the necessary repairs on the Elementary School.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Gorsuch, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to enter closed session at 8:03 P.M. to consider evaluation, employment, resignation of personnel, and individual student matters. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mr. Gorsuch, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to go out of closed session at 9:28 P.M. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mr. Gorsuch, 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 Mrs. Wilson to approve the consent agenda as amended. Items approved were: minutes of the November 11, 2019 regular and closed session meetings; District Cash Balance Report, \$1,595,727.48 (November); High School Activity Account, \$116,923.30 (November) and C.D. Account, \$25000.00 (November); Payroll for November, \$333,870.76; late November vendor bills, \$452,726.30; Cuba Elementary Activity Account, \$3,760.53 (November), and Cuba Elementary Tom Wat Account, \$20,762.90 (November); graduation date of May 17, 2020; Middle School Work Plan for School Improvement for 2019-20; FFA 212 Leadership Conference trip to Decatur, Illinois on February 7-8, 2020; and Middle School trip to St. Louis Holocaust Museum on May 8, 2020. Board of Education expenditures to attend the Triple I conference: registration, lodging, transportation, and per diem checks for 7 members (\$4716.38). Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Gorsuch, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

13. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1a **Resignation** - NONE

14.1b **Employment** -

14.1b1 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to employ Anisa Johnson for the assistant varsity cheer position. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Gorsuch and Mr. Corsaw. Motion carried.

14.1c **Approval** - NONE

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Special Meeting for the Truth in Taxation and Levy Hearing on December 19, 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Elementary Library.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

. MOTION by Mr. Gorsuch, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 P.M. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

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Sue McCance, Board President

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Debora Deakin, Board Secretary