

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

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

October 9, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #3, Fulton County, met in regular session on October 9, 2018, 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, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Wallace.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President McCance led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:

Community members, including concerned parents and football players, were present to discuss the future of the North Fulton football program. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser shared with them that Coach Elliott Craig had voiced concerns after last year's football season regarding the impact of the declining number of players. She said Mr. Craig, who is also the Athletic Director, spoke at the August Joint Co-op meeting stating he believed the football program would cease to exist within the next two years. Mr. Craig had contacted South Fulton, Canton and Lewistown, who were not interested last year in co-oping with North Fulton and had also attended a clinic this summer to explore the option of an 8-man football program. A commitment to 8-man football for next year would require a two-year contract which must be in place no later than January 20, 2019. Board President McCance shared that a Board member from the Lewistown School District had contacted her saying the topic of co-oping football had been discussed at a recent Board meeting, but the subject was tabled until after their football season ends. Mrs. McCance also quoted present enrollment numbers of boys in the Cuba School District, grades 8-12, and said Cuba would not break their two-year co-oping agreement with Spoon River Valley to co-op with Lewistown. Sara Gilpin, concerned parent, wants what is best for the future of the football program. She is not convinced 8-man football will be the best option in the future with declining numbers and suggested co-oping with more than one school district. Nicole Thum, parent of a Freshman football player, expressed concerns regarding

travel time and expense for the 8-man football program. Hopedale is presently the closest team and would require a round-trip of 104 miles. Regena Irwin, community member, asked if a fan bus would possibly be provided for games. Bill Martindale, father of a Sophomore football player, asked if North Fulton would be in the Prairieland Conference next year. That would not be possible without an 11-man football program. Board Vice-President Eugene Wallace, who was on the School Board when Cuba and Spoon River Valley first co-oped in 1999, explained that the process of co-oping football with another School District would be tedious and time-consuming. Assistant Football Coach Jeremy Irwin shared concerns that not co-oping with Lewistown could result in being land-locked and not being able to co-op with any other school district. Mike Wilson who helped start the JFL program gave his opinion as to the declining number of football players and suggested recruiting, different time of year for football camps and using older boys to help with younger boys. Attending parents and football players were opposed to an 8-man football program at this time and approved the possibility of co-oping with Lewistown. Mrs. McCance asked those present to get other community members involved in this process and the Board will be discussing the issue until it is resolved.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

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

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

7. MINUTES:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

8. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

Under Principals' reports, Mr. Braun announced Madison Draughan as October Senior of the Month. Ten students attended a Career Day Open House in Lewistown on October 5 and Mr. Link hosted a Financial Aid night for seniors and parents on October 2. Mr. Braun named the following winners for Homecoming week activities: Junior Class for best class float; Junior Class for best participation for dress-up days; Freshman Class, Volleyball Tournament competition; Addy Williams and Spencer Hanson for Oscar Day; Tori Whitehouse and Westyn Shaw for Day after the Oscars; Krystal Stead and Alex Moore for Black and White Day; Jonathen Miller, Dustin Howarter and Jeremiah Phillis for Dynamic Duo Day; and Elizabeth Markley and Westyn Shaw for Red and Black Day. The Art Club received a donation from Helping Hands Resale Shoppe. Mr. Braun announced the IHSA will be holding its annual Town Meeting to vote on proposed by-law changes on

November 19, 2018 at Macomb High School. Proposed by-laws will be available for viewing at <https://ihsa.org/Schools/TownMeetingsPrincipalsRulesMeetings.aspx>. The Art Club will be hosting the Wizarding World Extravaganza on October 20, where there will be food, fun, potions and a mystery dinner.

Mrs. Simmons-Kenser announced Mollie Cornell from Mrs. Russell's class as the September Buzzy Bee winner. Many students participated in or had the opportunity to enjoy the Homecoming parade. The weather was perfect and the event was well attended. The Leadership team met and reviewed the building NWEA/MAP data for all grade levels. They also reviewed the DIBELS Literacy and Math data and made recommendations for curriculum use based on the information and PLC topics. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser attended the State Title I Directors conference and the Superintendents' conference. Both were good but the Superintendents' conference was excellent.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Under the Superintendent's report, Mrs. Simmons-Kenser reported the findings of the Federal and State monitoring visit this summer. The transportation report, ECE block grant, Title I and Title II grants from FY17 were audited. Errors in reporting resulted in the District owing the State \$5,713.00. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser also reported that a FOIA request and a School Nutrition Program audit have been processed.

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

None.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mr. Wallace to go out of closed session at 10:41 P.M. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

13. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wallace to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items approved were: minutes of the September 17, 2018 regular and closed session meetings, and budget hearing; District

Cash Balance Report, \$1,808,237.86 (September); High School Activity Account, \$68,379.54 (September) and C.D. Account, \$23,423.64 (September); Payroll for September, \$289,520.64; October vendor bills, \$154,776.60; Cuba Elementary Activity Account, \$3,534.07 (September), and Cuba Elementary Tom Wat Account, \$20,738.69 (September); Board of Education expenditures for six members to attend the Triple I Conference including registration, lodging deposit and per diem checks for a total amount of \$6,395.00; IGA with IFT and ROE Intermediate Service Center the Short-Term Substitute Training Program. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

14. OLD BUSINESS:
None.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

15.1a **Employment -**

15.1a1 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to employ Susan Harn as a 5-hour Elementary cook for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Deakin. Motion carried.

15.1a2 **Middle School Coach.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to employ Karron Crane as the Middle School track coach for the 2018-19 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

15.1a3 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to employ Judy English as a Paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

15.2 **Non-Collective Bargaining.** MOTION by Mrs. Deakin, seconded by Mr. Wallace to extend to District employees Jeff Braun, Mark Mathis, Cindy Essex, Charity Adams, Charlotte Lindner, Mark Thompson and SueEllen Stephenson a 3.25% increase in salary for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance and Mr. Corsaw. Motion carried.

15.3 **Superintendent's Contract.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Superintendent's contract through 2021 and increase her salary by 3% for FY19. Roll call "Yeas": Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A Community Celebration will be held November 9 at the Middle-Senior High School from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser received confirmation of registration for the Triple I Conference and American Grille has been reserved for the Staff Recognition dinner on December 8 at 6:00 P.M.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

. MOTION by Mrs. Deakin, seconded by Mr. Wallace to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 P.M. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

Sue McCance, Board President

Debora Deakin, Board Secretary