

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

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

December 11, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #3, Fulton County, met in regular session on December 11, 2017, 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, Mr. Mance, 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, Ms. Simmons shared monthly attendance reports from both buildings. She also reported Anita Thomas came in to share that the Class of 1997 had set up a scholarship in memory of her husband Maurice who was employed by the School District for 30 years.

6. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

Mr. Braun announced the 8th grade girls' basketball team made an Elite Eight appearance in the IESA Class 1A State Tournament. They defeated Spoon River Valley and Monmouth ICS in the Regional and Peoria Limestone Walters in the Sectional Championship before losing to a good team from Jacksonville Our Saviour. Mr. Braun congratulated Coach Vass, Coach Freehill, and all of the girls on a great season. The 7th grade boys' basketball team had 6 games in just 6 days last week. In the process they received the 2nd place trophy in the Fulton County Tournament and finished in 1st place in the Sand Valley Tournament. Senior of the month for December is Lake Luthy. Mrs. Boucek and the CHS Student Council held their annual food drive during the month of November. Students in grades six through twelve brought in nonperishable food items to their classes. The students, staff, and community members raised over \$625 and 2,100 cans of food were delivered to the local

food pantry. Cuba FFA won the Section 12 Dairy Competition. Cuba Dairy team members are Elizabeth Markley, Tori Whitehouse, and Makenzie Kolodzjieski. On December 3, Mr. Stauffer took his Band and Chorus students to Lewistown for a joint performance at their Christmas concert. Lewistown, Cuba, and VIT bands collaborated and performed. Mr. Stauffer also had two students perform with the Bradley Honor Band on November 14. Avery Hanson and Elizabeth Williamson were the recipients of this honor. The fall semester Renaissance breakfast was held on November 21. Forty-one students were honored at the breakfast. Mr. Braun thanked the following local businesses and individuals for providing the Renaissance Program with contributions and donations: B-Designed Salon, The Bloom Box, Camille's, Mabel & Pearl's, Wells Fargo Bank, YMCA of Canton, Ipava State Bank, Dollar General, DP Sales & Service, Lamda Chi Omega, Rhonda Garrett, Cuba Subway, LeAnn Postin, Hy-Vee, McDonald's, Casey's, Monical's, Mr. and Mrs. Mowery, Gene's Tax Service, Julie Rogers, Dairy Queen of Lewistown, Spoon River College, Mid-America National Bank, SRC Habitat for Humanity, The Sweet Shoppe, Spoon River Public Library, and Dairy Queen of Canton.

Ms. Simmons announced Makalynne Correa from Mrs. Thum's room as the November Buzzy's Best winner. PTO held their Fall Festival November 16 with a chili cook off and vendors set up in the gym. A great deal of work went into the event. Mr. Falk's Ag students brought a turkey in November to educate Elementary students about the bird. Students were very excited to learn more about the turkey. Ms. Simmons' staff participated in a Christmas spirit week by wearing different Christmas themed items and exchanging small gifts. A few students and staff also participated in the Christmas parade this year by walking and riding on a float.

7. MINUTES:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Under the superintendent's report, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Braun and Board members spoke about sessions they had attended at the Triple I conference in Chicago. IDOT conducted a drop-in visit to inspect buses. There were very minor findings and all repairs have been completed. Ms. Simmons received a phone call from Mayor Rod Marshall stating the City of Cuba was interested in purchasing the District property located on Madison Street. Discussion followed, with the Board suggesting Ms. Simmons contact the District attorney to see if a survey would need to be done. At this time Board

members are not interested in selling the old football field. Ms. Simmons would like to create a District Leadership Team to meet at least four times per year to develop a district improvement plan which would then drive the school improvement plan. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Deakin volunteered to be a part of this team. The Elementary fire escape report was discussed after Ms. Simmons stated she had asked architect Bill Phillips what should be done with the fire escape connected to the former Band/Chorus room. At the present time students are meeting in the school's all-purpose room until either the ROE or Mr. Phillips approves the upstairs room as a safe place to meet. Band and Chorus classes could possibly meet on the stage in the future. The ROE compliance report on teaching assignments was presented. Ms. Simmons' response to those findings were included and have been resolved. The Board also agreed to move the February meeting to Tuesday, February 20, so as not to conflict with Ms. Simmons needing to attend a very important ESSA conference at the same time of the regularly scheduled meeting.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mr. Wallace to enter closed session at 8:10 P.M., to discuss evaluation, employment, resignation of personnel and pending litigation. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to go out of closed session at 10:26 P.M. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items approved were: minutes of the November 13, 2017 regular meeting and closed session minutes as presented; District Cash Balance Report, \$232,099.91 (November); High School Activity Account, \$115,496.08 (November) and C.D. Account, \$23,423.64 (November); Cuba Elementary Activity Account, \$6,643.11 (November), and Tom Wat Account, \$25,955.43 (November); Payroll for November, \$328,629.18; December vendor bills, \$63,393.83; the 2017 tax levy; May 20, 2018 graduation date; resolution to abate \$30,000 in facilities occupation tax receipts; update to the 403(b) plan document for CUSD #3 Fulton County; FFA Conference trip to Collinsville, February 9 and 10, 2018; FFA ski trip to Dubuque, IA, February 19, 2018. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

13. OLD BUSINESS:

None

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1a **Resignations -**

14.1a1 MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mr. Wallace to accept the resignation of Kathy Smith for the purpose of retirement. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

14.1a2 MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Mance to accept the resignation of Jay Brenner as MS track coach. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

14.1b **Employment -**

14.1b1 **Middle School Coach.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Mance to employ Reggie Irwin as 7th grade volleyball coach for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance and Mr. Mance. Motion carried.

14.1b2 **Middle School Coach.** MOTION by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Deakin to employ Erin Ford as 8th grade volleyball coach for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance and Mr. Corsaw. Motion carried.

14.1b3 **Middle School Coach.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Deakin to employ Jessica Brewer as MS girls' track coach for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

14.1b4 **Middle School Coach.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to employ Joe Brewer as MS boys' track coach for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

14.1b5 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mrs. Deakin to approve the transfer of Don Southerd to the bus route vacated by a retirement. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

14.1b6 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve Carl Denham adding the New Horizon's bus route. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Deakin. Motion carried.

14.1b7 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to employ Tim Yocum as a regular route bus driver. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
None

16. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 P.M. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

Sue McCance, Board President

Debora Deakin, Board Secretary