

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**February 20, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #3, Fulton County, met in regular session on February 20, 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. McCance, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Wilson.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President McCance led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence followed to remember victims and families affected by the recent Florida school tragedy.

4. COMMUNICATIONS:

Under communications, Ms. Simmons shared monthly attendance reports from both buildings and a District technology report prepared by Mark Thompson, Technology Director. Joe Brewer and Rachel Hanson presented an upcoming community project called "Screen Free Week". Activities will take place the week of April 30 - May 4 to promote joy beyond the screen. These activities will be designed to foster a love of reading for all ages, create spaces for relationships to develop away from screens, and to consider the potential harmful impact digital entertainment can have.

5. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:

None

6. MINUTES:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to amend the agenda to include 10.7 Discussion of FOIA request fee charges and to remove Item 14.2i on the consent agenda. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

## 8. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

Mr. Braun announced Connor Kington was chosen February Senior of the Month. National Honor Society Inductees were Lily Abernathy, Brianna Gorsuch, Tori Whitehouse, Madison Easley, Emma Howerter, Addy Williams, Makayla Gilpin and Caitlyn Patterson. The Induction Ceremony will be held March 14 at 7 p.m. The Middle School Science Fair was held February 15 with 7th graders presenting their projects to panels of judges consisting of volunteers and National Honor Society students from Cuba and Delavan High Schools. First place was awarded to Olivia Beaty, runner-up was Malakai Correa, and third place went to Brooklynn Patterson. The District Spelling Bee was held January 25. The winner was Dylan Harr (8th grade), runner-up was Emily Wright (7th grade) and alternate was Washita Bradford (6th grade). The Regional Spelling Bee will be held February 21 at 1 p.m. in the Lewistown High School Auditorium. Connor Kington and Lake Luthy have been named Illinois State Scholars. Mrs. Postin took six students to the WIU Writing Festival. Students spent the day working with college professors and students from other area schools in various writing workshops. The National Guard set up an obstacle course for PE students on January 10. Students participated in competitions to complete the course, with the goals being agility and cardiovascular endurance. Most students were huffing and puffing after going through but completed the course multiple times. The best time for a Cuba student was 14.2 seconds by Ryne Valley. The High School Student Council held the annual Ironman Volleyball Tournament on January 27. The Junior class won the tournament and \$1,150 was raised for the Spoon River Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Braun also presented proposed courses to be added for the 2018-19 school year. Possible English electives will be added along with Art/Technology Applications courses.

Ms. Simmons announced January Buzzy Bee winner as Tanner Behymer from Mrs. Thum's room. Pre-school screening was held February 15-16. Twenty-one students were screened, three for kindergarten and eighteen for Pre-school. Cuba Elementary was well represented at the District Spelling Bee. Jump Rope for Heart was held February 9. Over \$4,000 was raised for the American Heart Association. Top individual fundraiser was Mollie Cornell and second place was awarded to Trenton Ford. They were treated to lunch with Mr. Shaeffer. The PLC groups met during the month of January to examine mid-year benchmark data. They made instructional grouping decisions based on this information. The staff is working hard to provide instruction in these areas for groups of students or individuals. A few staff members from Cuba Elementary and the Middle School joined Ms. Simmons in attending the state ESSA conference in Chicago the previous week. New legislation will bring about more changes in our grants, funding allocations to districts and how these allocations may be spent.

## 9. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Under the superintendent's report, Ms. Simmons shared a detailed financial report with the Board. She also led discussion in the District's school safety trainings. Each building implements three fire drills and one tornado drill. Staff members also participate in an annual active shooter drill. Ms. Simmons also noted that Mr. Braun and Athletic Director Elliott Craig had been dealing with Canton School District regarding our IGA wrestling agreement. Canton would like to discontinue this agreement because of changes in classifications. Currently, Cuba has only one wrestler and the Board decided to let the contract be voided. Ms. Simmons also mentioned a Smart Procure FOIA request and shared how extensive some of these requests can be. She also presented a view of the new Ed360 on the ISBE website. It is a data warehouse accessible to superintendents, principals and teachers. Staff can view many categories including test scores. It was noted that this will be the last year for PARCC testing. A sign was made for a Senior project and then donated to the School District. Discussion followed of where to place this sign. The Board agreed it would be a nice addition to landscaping at the High School. Ms. Simmons suggested a fee be charged for FOIA requests that go over 50 pages. Discussion followed pertaining to this issue.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to enter closed session at 8:54 P.M., to discuss evaluation, employment, resignation of personnel and pending litigation. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mr. Wallace to go out of closed session at 11:15 P.M. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, 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 Mr. Corsaw to approve the consent agenda as amended. Items approved were: minutes of the January 8, 2018 regular meeting and closed session minutes as presented; District Cash Balance Report, \$294,806.23 (January); High School Activity Account, \$97,062.08 (January) and C.D. Account, \$23,423.64 (January); Cuba Elementary Activity Account, \$6,007.36 (January), and Tom Wat Account, \$23,065.00 (January); Payroll for January, \$317,489.91; February vendor bills, \$87,242.26; designation of Depository for District funds; revised 2017-18 calendar and tentative 2018-19 calendar; Superintendent seeking bids for fuel, oil products, bread, milk and bus leasing for the 2018-19 school year; continued participation in WCSIT (Workers Compensation Trust) for the FY19 school year; FFA request for a trip to Liberty, IL on March 3, 2018 and Springfield on April 11, 2018; FCCLA request for a trip to Springfield April 11-14, 2018 for the State Conference (State officer and Mrs. Fitch); FCCLA request for

a trip to Springfield April 13-14, 2018 for the State Conference (students and adult); Board policy updates (first reading); and the update of MidAmerica National Bank signature cards for CUSD #3 and remove Natalie Vohland's name. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

13. OLD BUSINESS:

None

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1a **Resignations -**

14.1a1 MOTION by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wallace to accept the resignation of Natalie Vohland, District payroll clerk. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

14.1a2 MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to accept the resignation of Barbie Markley as Elementary cook. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

14.1b **Employment -**

14.1b1 **Contract Extension.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mrs. Davis to extend Mr. Braun's contract as MS/HS Principal through June 30, 2023. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

14.1b2 **Contract Extension.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Wallace to extend Ms. Simmons contract as Superintendent/Elementary Principal through June 30, 2021. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance and Mr. Corsaw. Motion carried.

14.1b3 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Davis to employ Krystina Short as Ag Teacher for the 2018-19 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

14.1b4 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mrs. Davis to employ Alex Thomas for the 5-hour cook position at Cuba Elementary. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

14.1b5 **Non-Certified Staff.** Employment of a District payroll clerk was tabled.

14.1b6 **High School Coach.** MOTION by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Corsaw to employ Jennifer Burdette as the High School track coach for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McCance. Motion carried.

14.1b7 **Middle School Coaches.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Davis to employ Ryan Fitzgerald and Dawn Stambaugh as Middle School track coaches for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. McCance and Mr. Corsaw. Motion carried.

14.1c **Approvals -**

14.1c1 **Volunteers.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mr. Wallace to approve Ray Young, Cary Bordner, and Doug Schmidt as volunteers for the 2017-18 baseball season and to approve Doug Schmidt as a volunteer for the 2018-19 football season. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

14.1c2 **Maternity Leave.** MOTION by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Corsaw to approve maternity leave for Chelsie Bowman effective on or before April 3, 2018. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

14.1c3 **Volunteer.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve Karron Crane as a volunteer for the 2017-18 track season. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reservations have been made for Board Members to attend the IASB Spring Meeting Tuesday, March 1, 2018, at Monmouth-Roseville.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 P.M. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

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Sue McCance, Board President

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Debora Deakin, Board Secretary