

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

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

April 9, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President McCance led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:

Carolyn Blodgett and Sarah Grzanich, both residents of Canton, Illinois, spoke to the Board about a new scholarship which would be named the Maurice Thomas Scholarship. This scholarship would be in honor of Mr. Thomas who worked as a custodian for the school district for many years and served his community as well. This scholarship will be awarded each year to up to two graduates of Cuba High School who reflect the same commitment to school and community and are entering either a school of higher education, accredited training program or apprenticeship.

Madison Easley, a Junior at Cuba High School, spoke to the Board, appealing the administrative decision to refuse her date from attending prom. This decision was made due to her date not meeting criteria established for visitors. The Board agreed to approve Miss Easley's request to allow her date to attend prom, without precedent or prejudice, and will individually review each future case.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

Under communications, Ms. Simmons shared monthly enrollment and attendance reports from both buildings.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Deakin to amend the agenda by adjusting the reimbursement on line 4.2k to \$462.52 and approving the agenda as amended. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

7. MINUTES:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

9. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

Mr. Braun announced Jessica Young was chosen April Senior of the Month. Senior Brynn Brooks has received a Good Citizen certificate and award from the Thomas Walters Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The North Fulton softball team was voted FM95 Hometown Heroes of the Week last week. They now have the opportunity to win \$1,000 for the program at the end of the season. Junior Brianna Gorsuch has been accepted into the Fulton County Health Careers Opportunities Program. Throughout the summer Graham Hospital provides experiences to improve knowledge of health career options. Mrs. Boucek and her sophomore English classes completed their Easter service project again this year. The sophomore class assembled 23 Easter baskets for area children. They express a special thank you to Cuba Masonic Lodge, Cuba Senior Citizen's Center and Cuba Christian Church. On April 5 Mrs. Brewer held her inaugural National Art Honor Society Induction ceremony. Inductees were Avonlea Strait, Kaylann Beekman, Lily Abernathy, Alexis Clark, Libby Dicken, Makayla Gilpin, Quentin Gilpin, Dayzi Barker, Jacob Bowcott, Caitlin Patterson, Alexis Markley, Connor Kington, Addy Williams, Miranda Viano and Taylor Lester. Professor Ian Shelly from WIU was the guest speaker. This semester's Renaissance breakfast will take place April 20 at 8:30 am in the High School cafeteria. Mr. Braun also announced that Mrs. Brewer, High School Art teacher, requests the Senior Art Award be renamed the John McCance Senior Art Award in honor of Mr. McCance who coached basketball in the school district. The McCance family will provide the funds to allow two awards to be given each year.

Ms. Simmons announced March Buzzy Bee winner as Myleigh Strode from Mrs. Russell 's room. April is Child Abuse Awareness/Prevention month and Autism Awareness month. Weather permitting students will begin working on the mural. Students in grades 3-5 began the PARCC assessment. At the end of each day their efforts are celebrated by releasing energy through relays, games and snacks. The majority of the students put forth an excellent effort to do their very best. PTO's pork chop supper was held March 15. It was well attended by the community and raised over \$1,800. The building Leadership teams met and discussed the building and district needs in terms of communicating our good news and future need to the community, specifically in terms of ESSA and the new reporting. The final benchmarking session is approaching at the end of the month. All students K-5 will be benchmarked in reading and math using DIBELS and NWEA/MAP assessments.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Under the superintendent's report, Ms. Simmons discussed district finances and the possibility of having to amend this year's budget. More information will be presented at the May Board meeting. She stated the district would be receiving six payments during the next three months which is new money from the State of Illinois for a total of \$45,339.52. Ms. Simmons shared three FOIA requests received since the previous meeting and presented a rebate from Ameren Illinois for replacement lighting. This program would be an upgrade in lighting and provide future savings for the district.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to enter closed session at 7:56 P.M., to discuss evaluation, employment, and resignation of personnel; pending litigation and individual student matters. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Davis, 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 8:57 P.M. Roll call: "Yeas": 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 Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Deakin to approve the consent agenda as amended. Items approved were: minutes of the March 12, 2018 regular meeting and closed session minutes as presented; District Cash Balance Report, \$341,370.99 (March); High School Activity Account, \$91,048.97 (March) and C.D. Account, \$23,423.64(March); Cuba Elementary Activity Account, \$5,191.47 (March), and Tom Wat Account, \$19,472.87 (March); Payroll for March, \$324,205.17; March vendor bills, \$82,414.88; April vendor bills \$75,140.61; authorization for the Superintendent to prepare the 2018-19 tentative budget; continuation of membership with the IASB; renewal of the IASB legal liability; resolution to participate in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund; the IGA with Spoon River Valley for Junior High and High School athletics through the 2019-20 school year; bid from West Central FS for fuel, oil, grease, antifreeze, transmission and DEF fluid and bread bid from Aunt Millie's Bakery, each for the 2018-19 school year; 1st reading of Board policies recommended by the Ed Finance Committee; bus lease for the 2018-19 school year with Midwest Bus Sales; dissolution of the IGA with Canton District #66 for wrestling effective immediately; After Prom buses to Canton YMCA; Reimbursement of Sue McCance for lodging for the Triple I Conference in the amount of \$462.52; FFA field trip to Champaign on April 27, 2018, for Poultry Livestock judging and on May 15, 2018, for State Ag Mechanics Competition; 5th grade field trip to Davenport, Iowa on May 23, 2018, to the

Putnam Museum. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

13. OLD BUSINESS:
None

14. NEW BUSINESS:

14.1a **Resignations -**

14.1a1 MOTION by Mr. Corsaw, seconded by Mrs. Davis to accept the resignation of Carol Severt for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2019-20 school year. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

14.1a2 MOTION by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Corsaw to accept the resignation of Linda Haynes for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2017-18 school year. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

14.1b **Employment -**

14.1b1 **Co-op Coaches.** MOTION by Mr. Mance and seconded by Mr. Corsaw to employ Sara Meiss as Head Varsity Cheer Coach and Karron Crane as Middle School Cheerleading Coach for the 2018-19 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance and Mr. Mance. Motion carried.

At this time Sue McCance left the meeting.

14.1b2 **Co-op Coaches.** MOTION by Mr. Mance and seconded by Mrs. Davis to employ Heather Patterson as head Dance for the 2018-19 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mr. Mance and Mr. Corsaw. Motion carried.

At this time Sue McCance returned to the meeting.

14.1b3 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Mance and seconded by Mrs. Deakin to employ Ashley Hill as High School English teacher for the 2018-19 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

14.1b4 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mr. Mance to employ Carol Severt as the Parent-Community Liaison for the 2018-19 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

14.1b5 **District Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Deakin and seconded by Mr. Wallace to employ Stacie Petitgout, Charlotte Lindner, Mark Mathis, Mark Thompson and Cindy Essex for the 2018-19 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Davis. Motion carried.

14.1b6 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Deakin to employ Jennifer Robertson as a High School Special Education teacher for the 2018-19 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

14.1c **Dismissal of Personnel -**

14.1c1 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Wallace to adopt a resolution and notice of reduction in force to the following program assistants: Jennifer Cozart, Jean Siefert, Patricia Johnson, Angela Thomas and Cindy Essex. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs Deakin. Motion carried.

14.1c2 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Deakin to adopt a resolution for non-renewal of Autumn Swearingen, sign language interpreter. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. Deakin, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Mance, Mr. Corsaw, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Davis

14.3 **Approval.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mr. Mance to approve the Maurice Thomas Scholarship and the John McCance Senior Art Award. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There is a Western Division Governing Meeting May 3, 2018. All Board members are invited to attend. There will also be a special meeting Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular Board meeting. This special meeting will be open to the public and is in regard to a possible waiver for tuition-free enrollment for students of current district employees who do not live in this district.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mrs. Deakin to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

Sue McCance, Board President

Debora Deakin, Board Secretary