

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

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

September 27, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #3, Fulton County, met in regular session on September 27, 2021, in the Cuba Elementary Library, 652 E. Main St., Cuba, IL. 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, Mr. Wallace, and Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Gorsuch arrived at 6:58 p.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President McCance led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS: None

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve the agenda as amended. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

7. MINUTES:

Approved under Consent Agenda as amended.

8. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: Under the principal's report, Mr. Braun reported that we have 12 Golfers this year. The team has 3 wins, four 2nd place finishes, and one 3rd place finish in a Prairieland Conference match. Kaeden Bowles has medaled once and Trace Eeten has medaled twice. The 7th and 8th Grade girls' basketball is 3-1 for the year so far. High School Volleyball won their Fresh-Soph tournament. Two North Fulton players received all-tournament honors: Olivia Miller and Sadie Arnett. The Varsity Team placed 2nd in the Fulton County Tournament. Jenna Gorsuch and Jenna Schliech were selected to the All-Tournament Team. The HS Meet the Teacher Night was well attended with devices being deployed the same night. We had a great homecoming week this year. It began with an Ironman Volleyball tournament on the Saturday before.

Homecoming Royalty was announced at that time. Our homecoming royalty were as follows: Freshman Attendants Layla Giles and Luke Miller, Sophomore Attendants Sadie Arnett and Trace Eeten, Junior Attendants Brooklynn Patterson and Dawson Shields, Senior 2nd Attendants Jaelynn Jones and Wyatt Neidig, Senior 1st Attendants Jenna Gorsuch and Hayden Thum and Queen and King Abbey Patterson and Griffin Brooks.

Mrs. Simmons-Kenser reported that we were able to hold our Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad this year outside the cafeteria. It was well attended. The beginning of the year has gone well with building procedures being taught in all settings. The Elementary Meet the Teacher Night was well attended with positive feedback on our new way of structuring this night. The 5th graders had the opportunity to try different instruments before choosing one to play for band last week. The staff is using Class Dojo to communicate with parents and guardians again this year. The elementary students attended the Homecoming assembly and cheered on the HS students in their traditional games. They had a great time. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser shared that benchmark scores were established in Dibels/Math CBM for students in grades K-5, in NWEA/MAP for participating students in grades 2-5, and STAR reader in grades 1-5. All students in grades K-5 were given classroom based assessments as well. This year the entire staff in both buildings are competing throughout the year in a game of Survivor. It is providing a sense of team, fun and balance in this otherwise stressful year.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Approved under Consent Agenda.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Under the Superintendent's report, Mrs. Simmons-Kenser discussed with the Board the 2021-2022 budget. She reported that we will be finalizing our balanced budget next month. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser went over the fund balance report, expenditure report and revenue report with the board. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser stated that we have received two FOIA requests this month. One regarding cell towers & leasing and the other regarding a list of staff members and their emails. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser reported the monthly Covid numbers for the district. The report was broken down in to positive cases and quarantined cases. Mrs. Simmons-Kenser discussed with board the annual conference in November. It was decided that Connie Davis would be the Board Delegate for this year's conference.

11. REPORTS ON STANDING COMMITTEES: None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to enter closed session at 7:01 P.M. to consider evaluation, employment, resignation of personnel, negotiations, and individual student matters. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Gorsuch, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Deakin. Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Gorsuch and seconded by Mr. Corsaw to go out of closed session at 8:01 P.M. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mr. Gorsuch, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace, and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

ACTION TAKEN AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

13. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve the consent agenda as amended. Items approved were: Minutes of the August 16, 2021, regular session minutes as presented, District Cash Balance Report, \$3,406,194.64 (August), High School Activity Account, \$129,947.83 (August) and C.D. Account, \$25,000.00 (August), Payroll for August, \$287,891.85, Vendors for August, \$488,091.63, Cuba Elementary Activity Account, \$1,997.21 (August) and Cuba Elementary Tom Wat Account, \$10,684.57 (August), the request for attendance at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, the 2nd reading of board policies, the request for a trip to Springfield for FCCLA and the request for a trip to Bloomington for FCCLA.

14. OLD BUSINESS:

14.1 **Adoption of 2021-2022 Budget:** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Davis to adopt the 2021-2022 budget. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mr. Gorsuch, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace, and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

15.1a **Resignations** –

15.1a1 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Deakin to accept the resignations of Judy Leasman and Lorie Whitmer as Paraprofessionals. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

15.1b **Employment** –

15.1b1 **Non-Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Corsaw and seconded by Mrs. Wilson to employ Taylor Trone as middle school paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mr. Gorsuch, Mr.

Corsaw, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

15.1b2 **Certified Staff.** MOTION by Mr. Gorsuch and seconded by Mr. Corsaw to employ George Caton as part-time middle school band teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call: "Yeas": Mrs. McCance, Mr. Gorsuch, Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin and Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Wallace. Motion carried.

15.2 **Approval.** MOTION by Mr. Gorsuch and seconded by Mr. Wallace to approve the Bullying Policy. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mr. Gorsuch, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace, and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

15.3 **Approval.** MOTION by Mrs. Deakin and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Addition to the Dual Credit Policy. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mr. Gorsuch, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace, and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

15.4 **Approval.** MOTION by Mr. Gorsuch and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Health Life Safety Amendment for the phone system at the Elementary. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mr. Gorsuch, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace, and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

15.5 **Approval.** MOTION by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Deakin to approve the Health Life Safety Amendment for the phone system at the High School. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mr. Gorsuch, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace, and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

15.6 **Approval.** MOTION by Mrs. Deakin and seconded by Mr. Gorsuch to approve the Maintenance Grant Application. All members voted "yea". Motion carried.

15.7 **Approval.** MOTION by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Gorsuch to approve the window bid from Hein Construction for the Elementary. Roll call: "Yeas": Mr. Corsaw, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Deakin, Mr. Gorsuch, Mrs. McCance, Mr. Wallace, and Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

15.8 Approved under Consent Agenda as amended

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Western Division Meeting is October 23, 2021. The October board meeting is rescheduled to October 20, 2021.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Corsaw to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 P.M. All members voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Sue McCance, Board President

Debora Deakin, Board Secretary