

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Our Mission Statement

CF SPARTANS: Continually Focused on Student Preparation And Readiness to Achieve Next Steps

The members of the board went into executive session during the public work session on March 12, 2019, from 6:45 p.m. to 7:32 p.m. for solicitor consultation and personnel reasons.

The regular board meeting of the Central Fulton School District was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, in the board/conference room of the administrative offices of the Central Fulton School District.

Call to order came at 7:35 p.m. by Mr. Cory L. Gress, School Board President.

A roll call of the board members was taken by Judy Messersmith, School Board Secretary. Present were: Julia E. E. Dovey, Cory L. Gress, Christopher R. Hann, Rick E. Marshall, Jason M. Sharpe, Jeffrey Shearer, Gary L. Shives, Gregory L. Strait, and Roger W. Strait.

Administration in attendance was: Alicia Mellott, Elementary Principal; Billie Jo Beatty, Assistant Elementary Principal; Amy Hershey, Business Manager; Christina Ramsey, MS/HS Principal; Jessica Curfman, MS/HS Assistant Principal; Dr. Michelle D. Hall, Superintendent, and Judy Messersmith, Transportation Director/Board Secretary. Ginger Thompson, Director of Special Education was absent.

Michael Miller, School Solicitor was present.

Others in attendance were: Ethan Cunningham, Resident; Brent Seville, Director of Building & Grounds; Brad Dickerson, Teacher; Carla Dickerson, Resident; Evan Dickerson, Student and Cassidy Pittman, Fulton County News.

The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence were performed.

No public comment

On a Dovey/G. Strait motion carried unanimously to approve the roll call voting procedures as follows:

As the President of the Board conducts this meeting, it is not necessary to announce each director's name for each roll call vote. If, however, a director or directors wish to comment or have his/her comment or vote specifically recorded, the director(s) shall have the opportunity to so state.

The President of the Board should announce before each roll call vote, that if he hears no objections from any member of the Board present, the vote will be considered a unanimous roll call vote and will be recorded as such.

On a Sharpe/R. Strait carried unanimously to approve the regular board meeting

minutes from February 19, 2019.

Evan Dickerson, an 11th grade student, presented to the board a project that he would like to undertake with assistance. His presentation was on power-point and his plan is to help our community members with disabilities and physical limitations by putting two handicap van parking spaces and three handicap car parking spaces in front of the gymnasium and auditorium entrance of our school. The idea behind this project is to address the complaints that the handicap parking in front of the high school is not adequate enough to fulfill the needs of our community. By putting the parking spaces in front of the gym we make most of our extracurricular activities more easily accessible; activities such as basketball, volleyball, soccer, track and field, musicals, chorus and band concerts, and of course graduation. In addition to putting these handicap parking spaces in, he intends to put concrete benches at specific locations along the sidewalk so that if someone with physical limitations such as the inability to walk long distances needs to take a break they can sit. This idea has our elderly in mind and is to help minimize the safety risk of them falling on the way into the facilities. The hope is to start this project in the summer of 2019 and have it finished by the end of the summer of 2019. In his power-point, he went over materials for the parking spaces, materials for the benches, supplies, tools, other needs, permits and permission, cost for the benches, project phases, logistics and safety issues. The preliminary cost estimate was materials and tools for parking = \$46,500.00. Please note that this cost is covering the \$4,500.00 engineer and the 20% contingency of \$7,000.00. In addition to the cost, there is a very strong possibility that this qualifies for the Community Development Building Grants.

On a Sharpe/Hann motion carried unanimously that Evan Dickerson is conditionally approved to carry out the project pending funding to start and finish the project.

On a Shives/G. Strait motion carried unanimously to approve the following financial reports: Elementary Intramural Report - February 2019, Elementary Library Report - February 2019, Elementary Musical Report - February 2019, Elementary Office Report February 2019, Elementary Life Skills Report - February 2019, Condensed Board Summary Of Bills - February 2019, Treasurer's Report - February 2019, Expense Summary - February 2019, Secondary Activities Report - February 2019 and the School Nutrition Program Report - February 2019.

On a Shives/Marshall motion carried unanimously to approve Keystone Collections Group to collect all delinquent Per Capita and Occupational taxes for the district.

On a Shives/Sharpe motion carried by roll call vote to approve the following reports from the Fulton County Family Partnership for the Fulton County Early Head Start and Family Center Programs: Fulton Early Head Start Monthly Report - February 2019, Parents as Teachers Monthly Report - February 2019, Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Monthly Report - February 2019 and the Policy Council Minutes - December 2018. Julia E. E. Dovey abstained.

On a Shives/Sharpe motion carried unanimously to approve the transportation plan and the memorandum of understanding between the district and the Fulton County Services for Children (CCYA).

On a Shives/Dovey motion carried unanimously to approve a contract for the next fiscal year with EPlus to purchase a firewall sized for our network and internet connection for \$25,409.80 using the statewide PEPPM contract under E-Rate bid guidelines. Federal E-Rate funds will cover \$13,736.84, with the district share being \$11,672.96. This contract is contingent upon E-Rate form 471 being approved.

On a Shives/Dovey motion carried unanimously to approve the administration to review FCC E-Rate form 470 respondents for our internet connection, then award a winning vendor and file a 471 on the district's behalf by March 27, 2019, in order to receive federal funding for 70% of the cost of our connection. If needed, authorize the administration to enter into a consortium agreement with Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 for internet services.

On a R. Strait/Dovey motion carried unanimously to approve the following individuals for coaching positions or extra-curricular positions for the 2018-2019 school year: Ryan Earley of McConnellsburg, as Jr. High Baseball Volunteer, unpaid, Evan Appleby of McConnellsburg, as Baseball Volunteer Coach, Unpaid (Pending receipt of all clearances), Jacob Corl of McConnellsburg, as Track and Field Assistant Coach at Step 2 for \$2,245.00. Correction from the October 9, 2018 board meeting where he was approved on Step 1 for \$2,045.00, Zachary DeShong of McConnellsburg, as Track and Field Volunteer Coach, Unpaid, Matthew Kuhns of Chambersburg, as Track and Field Volunteer Coach, Unpaid, Matthew Pilkerton of Chambersburg, as Track and Field Volunteer Coach, Unpaid, (Pending receipt of all clearances), Donna Fisher of McConnellsburg, as Academic Awards Co-Coordinator on 1/3 Step 5 at \$406.67, Shelly McMullen of Fannettsburg, as Academic Award Co-Coordinator on 1/3 Step 5 at \$406.67, and Alex Serrano of McConnellsburg, as Academic Awards Co-Coordinator on 1/3 Step 5 at \$406.67.

On a R. Strait/G. Strait motion carried unanimously to approve the District's participation in the Southern Fulton Trap Team. All expenses will be covered by the students.

On a Hann/Sharpe motion carried unanimously to approve the following facilities/ground usage requests: The boys' basketball boosters to host a 3 vs 3 basketball tournament. The request is to use the high school gym and concession area on March 16, 2019, from 7:00 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m.

The Post 561 American Legion baseball program is requesting to utilize the high school baseball field for the 2019 summer season. They are also requesting the use of lights. Any field maintenance and supplies utilized during the schedule will be reimbursed to CFSD. This will coordinate with the Colt team to ensure shared use of

the facilities for both programs. (Pending proper receipt of an official facilities usage form.)

Lori Mellott requested the high school auditorium for the Title 1 Family Movie Night on March 28, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Bradley Dickerson and Troop 43 is requesting the use of the field in front of the elementary building for a campsite. This will take place Friday, March 15, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. through Sunday, March 17, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. Permission to have a campfire has been granted by the Borough of McConnellsburg as well.

On a Shives/Dovey motion failed by roll call vote to approve the Lieutenant Governor's Office to use the MS/HS auditorium on April 17, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for a public forum to do a recreational marijuana listening tour. Yes votes were Gary L. Shives and Julia E. E. Dovey.

On a G. Strait/Hann motion carried unanimously to grant tenure to Gabrielle McGarvey for having successfully completed all the necessary requirements.

On a G. Strait/R. Strait motion carried unanimously to approve to accept the letter of resignation from Delores Henry due to retirement with a letter dated March 4, 2019. Mrs. Henry is asking to retire the last working day of the 2018-2019 school year.

On a G. Strait/Shives motion carried unanimously to approve Alexis Mellott of Harrisonville as a TIU approved substitute for the 2018-2019 school year.

On a Marshall/Shives motion failed by roll call vote to approve the rate change for van route #29 from \$109.57 to \$113.63 for adding an additional student starting October 24, 2018. Yes votes were Gary L. Shives and Roger W. Strait

On a Marshall/Hann motion passed by roll call vote to approve the rate change for van route #29 from \$109.57 to \$113.63 for adding an additional student on January 2, 2019. No votes were Jason M. Sharpe and Gregory L. Strait.

Gary L. Shives, School Board Vice President announced that the Annual Convention of School Directors will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at the Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center. The guest speaker will be Charlie LaVallee from Variety.

All of the school board members completed a mail ballot regarding the election of board members to the TIU Board of Directors. The ballots will be signed and sealed and returned to the TIU.

Mrs. Christina Ramsey talked about student events such as: The seniors will leave for the senior trip on Friday, March 8th and return on March 15th for Florida. A reality fair will be held for Seniors during the afternoon of March 8th. This event is coordinated by Mrs. Perry. Thank you, Sheri! The "Spartan Senate" student groups (one MS and one HS) will be held on March 19th over lunches. Progress reports for the third marking period went out on Monday, March 4th. Students ages 12 -15 participated in a Camp Cadet Presentation. Students interested in participating in Camp Cadet this year

should submit their application to the high school office by March 15th. They are hoping to take 40 students from throughout the county. Camp Cadet this year will be from Monday, June 3rd thru Friday, June 7th (during our last week of school).

“Footloose” assemblies will be performed for the student body on March 20th; 9:00 am for MS/HS & 10:15 am for elementary. Our annual “All Weather Hazardous Drill” will be held on March 26th. Study Skills sessions will be held for any student in grades 6-8 that wish to attend. They will be held on March 12th and March 28th during the plus period in the auditorium.

She also discussed topics in curriculum & instruction. Some of the topics were: Each department will meet at least once a month to discuss curriculum and instruction changes. During this month’s meetings, we will be looking at rosters for courses for the 2019-20 school year. On March 22nd, our in-service day, professional development time will be devoted to working with MS/HS teachers on student engagement and assessment. Diane Hubano will be our guest presenter. She is an expert on both of these topics. Parent meetings for each middle school student who is in danger of failing for the year are being scheduled. Mrs. McMullen is having the “Jump Start Program” in the cafeteria on Monday, March 27th from 6-8pm. This event is for any students and parents who are planning for college and want some pointers with their planning. Diona Brown from PA Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) will be speaking on a wide range of topics of interest for anyone planning for any type of college in the future. Students in grades 6-11 who are college bound are encouraged to attend. Special “thanks” to Mrs. McMullen for organizing a SAT Day at our school on March 27th from 8-12pm at our high school.

The Gateway Travel Plaza (our business partner) will be helping us to celebrate Business Partner Week during the week of March 25th- March 29th. They plan to visit during lunches, show videos during the morning announcements, give out prizes to students and adults, and pose a trivia question each day.

Mrs. Alicia Mellott shared information about the elementary school. New 4K and 5K students will be registered for next school year on March 15, 18 and 19. The elementary celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss with many activities including special dress days, Drop Everything And Read sessions in the afternoon, guest readers, a friendly classroom AR competition and birthday cake ice cream at lunch. Many thanks to the hard work of the Title I staff and the Library staff. Title I Reading Night for parents and students will be held on Wednesday, March 28, with a Dr. Seuss themed big screen movie with popcorn. Fifth-grade students will travel with Mrs. Conner on Friday, March 29 to Bald Eagle SD for Songfest. Hoyt Glenn (4th grade) represented our local area well on Saturday, March 2, in Frederick at the Elks Soccer Shoot. He finished second in his age class.

For curriculum & instruction, she mentioned that March 28 will be our Ag in the Classroom Day where local volunteers and FFA members will read and conduct a lesson in our 4K- 2nd-grade classrooms. K’Nex students continue to practice after school each week in preparation for their upcoming competition and elementary

basketball programs are complete.

Mrs. Ginger Thompson was absent, but her report was shared with the board as an attachment. Listed are topics that have or will be occurring in her department. This summer we will be running two extended school year (ESY) programs for students who demonstrate regression over the summer months. This program is designed to help students maintain skills learned throughout the school year so they are prepared to start at the same point when they return in August. Starting in June, we will be adding support for our students with autism. Miss McGarvey and Mrs. Strait will be working in the two classes along with two paraprofessionals, one for each group.

In conjunction with our Bureau of Special Education advisor and directors from other schools in the IU, our special education plan is almost complete. She will be bringing that to the Board for acknowledgment in April. It will be posted on the District website for 30 days and then submitted to the State for final approval prior to May 1.

There will be training scheduled for special education teachers during the March 22nd in-service. We are going to focus this training on “ableism” and teaching our staff how to use Action Driven Education resources effectively.

We have been coordinating with Home Nursing Agency out of Altoona to create a list of nursing expectations for our private duty nurses. The goal is to outline specific duties to be completed while nurses are here and to ensure classrooms run effectively with additional adults.

Mr. Cory L. Gress, School Board President announced the meeting dates and times. April 2, 2019 - Personnel Committee - 6:00 p.m., April 2, 2019 - Budget & Finance Committee - 6:45 p.m., April 2, 2019 - Board Work Session - Immediately following the committees, April 9, 2019 - Board Work Session - 6:30 p.m. and April 9, 2019 - Regular Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

On a Sharpe/G. Strait motion carried unanimously to approve the adjournment of the March 12, 2019, regular school board meeting.

Mr. Cory L. Gress, School Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Members of the board went into executive session at 8:45 p.m. and concluded at 10:17 p.m. for personnel reasons.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judy L. Messersmith/School Board Secretary