

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Our Mission Statement

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

The regular board meeting of the Central Fulton School District was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, in the board/conference room of the administration offices of the Central Fulton School District.

Call to order came at 7:43 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, Rick E. Marshall, Jason M. Sharpe, Jeffrey Shearer, Gary L. Shives and Gregory L. Strait. Absent were Christopher R. Hann and Roger W. Strait

Administration in attendance were: 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; Ginger Thompson, Director of Special Education; Dr. Michelle D. Hall, Superintendent and Judy Messersmith, Transportation Director/Board Secretary.

Others in attendance were: Cassidy Pittman; Fulton County News, Dawn Birgensmith; parent & tax payer and Mary K. Seville; parent & tax payer.

Mrs. Dawn Birgensmith addressed the Board during the public comment portion of the meeting regarding chromebooks and the problems that are experienced with lack of internet and the ability to access the cloud. Mrs. Birgensmith also addressed her desire for every student to receive free breakfast and free lunch as she feels this would benefit the students' attention spans and behavioral issues during the course of the school day. Mrs. Birgensmith addressed a third issue to the Board regarding bullying. She stated that she is unhappy with our discipline procedures and the results that she is seeing. She is considering filing charges with the PA State Police after a child is bullied three times.

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/Shives motion carried unanimously to approve the regular board meeting minutes from August 14, 2018 after discussion brought to the table from Julia E. E. Dovey about some corrections that needed to be made. The call to order was corrected to 7:59 p.m., the sentence regarding the executive session times was moved to the beginning of the minutes and it was corrected that Ginger Thompson, Director of Special Education was absent for that meeting.

Dr. Michelle D. Hall provided a very informative powerpoint presentation titled "School Safety & Security" in which she used information that was provided by Standing Stone Consulting who did a very

thorough safety audit for the district.

On a Shives/Dovey motion carried unanimously to approve the following financial reports: Elementary Intramural Report – August 2018, Elementary Library Report – August 2018, Elementary Musical Report – August 2018, Elementary Office Report – August 2018, Elementary Life Skills Report – August 2018, Summer Food Program Report – August 2018, School Nutrition Program - August 2018, Condensed Board Summary of Bills – August 2018, Invoices for Approval for the Elementary Renovation Project – August 2018, Treasurer’s Report - August 2018, Expense Summary Report – August 2018 and the Secondary Activities Report - August 2018.

On a Marshall/G. Strait motion carried unanimously to approve student ticket prices for the 2018-2019 to be \$10.00 for a yearly pass, starting with the winter sports season. Student ticket pricing per event will be \$2 for high school sports and \$1 for junior high sports.

On a Shives/G. Strait motion carried by roll call vote to approve the following Fulton County Family Partnership and Fulton County Early Head Start and Family Center Program reports: EHS Monthly Report - August 2018, Parents As Teachers Report - August 2018 and Policy Council Minutes - July 2018. 6 yes votes and Julia E. E. Dovey abstained.

On a Shives/Sharpe motion carried unanimously to approve to advertise retroactively to August 28, 2018 for a classroom aide for the autistic support classroom for six hours a day, five days a week.

On a Dovey/Marshall motion carried unanimously to approve the following individuals for extra-curricular positions for the 2018-2019 school year: Gregory Strine, Greencastle, PA as High School Choral Director on Step 5 at \$2,920.00 and also as the High School Band Director on Step 5 at \$2,650.00. Odette Plessinger, Harrisonville, PA as Yearbook Co-Advisor on ½ of Step 5 for \$1,835.00, Heather Strait, McConnellsburg, PA as Yearbook Co-Advisor of ½ of Step 5 for \$1,835.00 and Christopher Mellott, McConnellsburg, PA as Jr. High Co-Ed Soccer Volunteer Coach, unpaid.

On a Sharpe/Shives motion carried unanimously to approve the field trip requests that were submitted on the agenda on an attachment.

On a G. Strait/Sharpe motion carried unanimously to approve the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism to use the parking areas on October 18th-20th, 2018 for the annual Fulton Fall Folk Festival for vendor set up.

Gregory L. Strait brought up a discussion about the safety of an injured sports player and getting them safely off of the playing area in a safe and quick manner. Mr. Strait said it would be ideal to have a golf cart or gator at the sports complex during sporting events. Mr. Strait informed the Board that he may have a family interested in donating a golf cart that can be used for fall sports or possibly for the year. He was also going to be contacting area businesses who may be interested in donating an ATV and also asking the FCAVTS if using their gator for sporting events was a possibility.

On a G. Strait/Sharpe motion carried unanimously to approve Brooklyn Crouse, Fort Loudon as a substitute for the 2018-2019 school year pending all mandatory paperwork.

On a G. Strait/Sharpe motion carried unanimously to approve the following individuals that are TIU#11 approved substitutes: Jonathan McGarvey, Chambersburg, retroactive September 5, 2018, Kathy Gable, Needmore and Daniel Leese, Warfordsburg.

On a Shives/Marshall motion carried unanimously to approve an employee to take FMLA leave from approximately September 24, 2018 to November 9, 2018.

On a Shives/Marshall motion carried unanimously to approve an employee to take FMLA leave from September 11, 2018 to approximately October 29, 2018.

On a Marshall/Sharpe motion carried unanimously to approve the following individuals as substitute school bus/school van drivers for the 2018-2019 school year: Carla Dickerson, McConnellsburg; Robin Souders, McConnellsburg and Christina Ritz, Warfordsburg.

On a Marshall/Sharpe motion carried by roll call vote to approve the rates per day for the transportation contractors on the agenda in an attachment. 6 yes votes and Gregory L. Strait abstained.

On a Marshall/Shives motion carried by roll call vote to approve the award of the bid for route #22 to the Mercersburg Academy to Angela Hockenberry who bid .15 cents under the state formula. 6 yes votes and Gregory L. Strait abstained.

Gary L. Shives, School Board Vice President announced that he would be resigning from the TIU#11 Board December 1, 2018 and Julia E. E. Dovey would be taking his seat on the board.

Cory L. Gress, School Board President announced the next meeting dates, which will be a Board Work Session on October 2, 2018 starting at 6:30 p.m., a Board Work Session on October 9, 2018 starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. All meetings listed will be held in the Board/Conference Room of the Central Fulton administration offices.

Alicia Mellott, Elementary Principal; Mrs. Christina Ramsey, MS/HS Principal; and Mrs. Ginger Thompson gave reports on the activities that have taken place since the start of school.

On a Dovey/G. Strait motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Cory L. Gress, School Board President adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

An executive session was called at 9:18 p.m. and ended at 9:48 due to student confidentiality matters.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Judy L. Messersmith
School Board Secretary