

**TAX LEVY HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEOGA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
Thursday
December 9, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The Tax Levy (Truth in Taxation) Hearing of the Board of Education of Neoga Community Unit School District #3 was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021 in the District Office.

ROLL CALL: Present: Julie Butler, Shawn Finney, Gerald Hanfland, Michelle Sheehan, Don Strohl, Brian Titus, Chuck Campbell

RECEPTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: No one addressed the board.

2021 TAX LEVY HEARING: Mr. Fritcher communicated with the board and administration of the proposed tax levy. No comments or questions.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Titus, seconded by Worman to adjourn the public hearing on the proposed tax levy at 7:02 pm. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Neoga Community Unit School District #3 was held at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021 in the District Office.

ROLL CALL: Present: Shawn Finney, Gerald Hanfland, Michelle Sheehan, Don Strohl Brian Titus, Angie Worman, Chuck Campbell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

RECEPTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: November Spirit Winners – Give Respect were introduced to the board – Kenzlee Wickiser, Aiden Whitaker, August Little, Daniel Hoene, Audrey Portorff, Maribel Stodden, Bliss Bear, and Lesley Quinn. Other winners that were recognized but not present were Hailey Johnson, Rayla Sparling, Sophia Finney, and Bentley Bright. Winners will have pizza tomorrow with Mr. Bear.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Strohl, seconded by Sheehan to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$543,747.851.

VOTE: Yea: Hanfland, Sheehan, Strohl, Worman, Finney, Campbell
Abstain: Titus

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Strohl, seconded by Sheehan to:
approve November 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes, November 11, 2021 closed session minutes, December 1, 2021 regular meeting minutes, and December 1, 2021 closed session minutes
approve November payroll – Education Fund \$285,162.26, Building Fund 22,123.93, Transportation Fund \$14,983.91, for a total of \$322,270.10
approve NES and NJSHS Activity Report
approve Early Graduations
approve School Improvement Plan for Jr. High School Grant
approve donations

VOTE: Yea: Sheehan, Strohl, Titus, Worman, Finney, Hanfland, Campbell

UPDATE FROM NEOGA FFA CHAPTER: Megan Morrison, Chapter President updated the board on the recent activities of the organization. There is currently 92 members. They have been successful in several judging contests.

DISCUSSION OF FACILITY NEEDS AND FINANCING:

Mr. Fritcher discussed future costs and how funding would look. He gave a power point presentation that explained the referendum process.

APPROVE A REQUIRED TRS RESOLUTION: Motion by Sheehan, seconded by Hanfland to approve the required TRS resolution. Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Fritcher, Superintendent reported on the following:

- LIFT Academy making progress. District will need to make decisions on costs and attendance.
- Parking lot lights at the elementary school have been updated.
- Vince will be meeting with Kim and Mr. Fritcher in January to do a mid year budget review.

Mr. Bear, Elementary Principal reported on the following:

- The elementary school received donations in the amount of \$2,144.00 to go towards Veterans Day celebration.
- Will be looking to start the search for Kindergarten teachers in February and hope to hire in March.
- December 17th will be the Christmas concert
- Title Night will be January 25, 2022

Mr. Haarman, Jr./Sr. High School Principal reported on the following:

Food drive was held and was able to help 18 families,

Homecoming week was a success!

Cocoa Corner was brought back for the students. Trivia and Christmas carols was enjoyed by all.

Avery Fearday named November Student of the Month

The senior class had 7 Illinois State Scholars.

Dean of Students/AD Report:

Written report presented to the Board.

REVIEW MONTHLY CASH FLOW REPORT: Superintendent Fritcher went over the monthly cash flow with the board.

CLOSED SESSION FOR EXCEPTION 1, THE EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY; Motion by Sheehan, seconded by Worman to go into closed session at 7:57 p.m. for closed session for exception 1, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

VOTE: Yea: Titus, Worman, Finney, Hanfland, Sheehan, Strohl, Campbell

The Board returned from closed session at 9:25 p.m.

APPROVE RESIGNATIONS: Motion by Titus, seconded by Strohl to accept the resignation of Tyler Szatkowski as HS assistant spring baseball coach and JH boys basketball coach for NCUSD#3. Motion carried.

HIRE PERSONNEL: Motion by Finney, seconded by Titus to hire Mark Jones as spring baseball assistant coach and JH boys basketball coach for NCUSD#3.

VOTE: Yea: Hanfland, Sheehan, Strohl, Titus, Worman, Finney, Campbell

APPROVE VOLUNTEERS: None

AGENDA ITEM FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: None

NEXT MEETING: Special meeting December 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Board of Education Office.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Strohl, seconded by Worman to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 pm.
Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education