

**TAX LEVY HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEOGA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
Thursday
December 14, 2023
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 14, 2023** in the Board of Education Office.

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

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

2023 TAX LEVY HEARING: Mr. Haarman communicated with the board and administration of the proposed tax levy.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Hanfland** to adjourn the public hearing on the proposed tax levy at **7:04** pm. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Neoga Community Unit School District #3 was called to order at **7:04** pm on Thursday, **December 14, 2023** in the Board of Education Office.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNIZE NES SPIRIT WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER: Mr. Jordan Bear recognized the NES Spirit Winners for “Give Respect” – John David Snow, Peyton Robinson, Henley Thompson, Jace Hanfland, Brylyn Barker, Porter Hille, Addelyn Eubanks, and Aubrey Whitaker. Other winners that were recognized but not present were Clara Schumacher, Nora Lawyer, Gabe Hamilton, and Ava Massengill. Students had pizza with Mr. Bear today.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE FY2023 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Haarman presented the annual financial report. The district received a 3.90 rating. Tuition for out of district students will be \$10,517.51.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by **Hanfland**, seconded by **Strohl** to approve payment of bills in the amount \$578,946.24.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by **Strohl**, seconded by **Sheehan**:
approve November payroll – Education Fund \$293,780.83, Building Fund \$19,894.02, Transportation Fund \$18,093.55 for a total of \$331,768.40.
approve November 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2023 closed session minutes
approve NES and NJSHS Activity Account
approve First Reading of Board Policy Updates Issue #113
approve donation of baseball scoreboard

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

APPROVAL OF 2023 TAX LEVY AS PRESENTED: Motion by **Sheehan**, seconded by **Hanfland** to approve 2023 Tax Levy as presented.

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

APPROVE BID FOR 2024 HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATION: Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Strohl** to approve bid in the amount of \$2,322,761.00 to Grunloh Building. Work should begin in late spring.

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

APPROVE TUCKPOINTING WINTER PROJECT: Motion by **Hanfland**, seconded by **Titus** to approve bid in the amount of \$35,980.00 to Seward Masonry, Inc.

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

INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Haarman, Superintendent reported on the following:

CEP – good participation from both schools

Sent out communication to community in regards to school closings in winter

Mr. Bear, Elementary Principal reported on the following:

Veterans program was well attended and wonderful performances from our students. Thanks all faculty and staff that make this happen each year.

Christmas program was 12/1/2023. Thanks to Mrs. Wetenkamp, Mrs. Nail, Mr. McCann and Ms. Judd for all their work

PBIS celebration – HS athletes held a basketball scrimmage and the band performed for students

NES students and staff attended an Illinois Women's Basketball game.

Allie Keck will be here for an assembly on January 26th

Mrs. Bridges, Jr./Sr. High School Principal reported on the following:

Homecoming was a success – 89% of student body participated in activities

Homecoming dance was from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The students liked the new time

Cocoa Corner is this month and is a PBIS event for the high school.

Band/Choir concert will be 12/17/2023

Finals 12/21/2022 and 12/22/2022

Thanks to JH Student Council for rearranging Halloween Dance to Christmas Dance.

Dean of Students/AD Report:

Written report presented to the Board

Attendance has been down

Basketball teams will be attending the Monticello Tournament during Christmas Break.

REVIEW MONTHLY CASH FLOW REPORT: Mr. Haarman reviewed with the board the monthly cash flow report.

CLOSED SESSION FOR EXCEPTION 1, THE EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY; EXCEPTION 2, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MATTERS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD AND ITS EMPLOYEES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, OR DELIBERATIONS CONCERNING SALARY SCHEDULES FOR ONE OR MORE CLASSES OF EMPLOYEES; EXCEPTION 10, THE PLACEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS: Motion by

Hanfland, seconded by **Sheehan** to go into closed session at **7:46** p.m. for closed session for exception 1, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; exception 2, collective bargaining matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; exception 10, the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students

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

Absent: Worman, Campbell

The Board returned from closed session at **7:56** pm.

APPROVE THE DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION RECORDINGS OLDER

THAN 18 MONTHS: Motion by **Sheehan**, seconded by **Titus** to approve the destruction of closed session recordings older than 18 months. Motion carried

APPROVE OPENING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AS PRESENTED: Motion by **Strohl**, seconded by **Sheehan** to keep the closed session minutes closed. Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: None

HIRE PERSONNEL: None

APPROVE VOLUNTEERS: Motion by **Hanfland**, seconded by **Titus** to approve Bill Fritcher as a volunteer for Neoga CUSD #3. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: No items were addressed for future meetings at this time.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Board Meeting on **January 11, 2024** at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by **Strohl**, seconded by **Titus** to adjourn the meeting at **7:59** pm. Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education