

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEOGA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
Thursday
January 13, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Neoga Community Unit School District #3 was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2022 in the Unit Office.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECEPTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: December Spirit Winners – Act Responsibly were introduced to the board – Benji Strobl, Rhianna Baker, Hudson Himes, Vera Dillingham, Ivy Bearm Paisly Rentfro, Eli Wall, Andrew Day. Other winners that were recognized but not present were Cole Upton, Daniela Hoene, Amari Rivers, and Brynleigh Neece. Winners will have pizza tomorrow with Mr. Bear

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Hanfland, seconded by Finney to approve payment of bills in the amount \$53,557.45.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Strohl, seconded by to Worman:
approve December 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2021 Closed Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
approve December payroll – Education Fund \$288,032.14, Building Fund \$23,148.45, Transportation Fund \$13,926.18 for a total of \$325,106.77.
approve NES and NJSHS Activity Account
approve Disposal of District Property
approve the senior trip

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

APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MATTOON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PARTICIPATION IN LIFT:

Motion by Hanfland, seconded by Hanfland to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Mattoon School District for Participation in LIFT. Motion carried.

APPROVE ADDING CHEMISTRY II TO NHS CURRICULUM: Motion by Worman, seconded by Finney to approve adding Chemistry II to NHS curriculum. Motion carried.

APPROVE FIRST READING OF POLICY CHANGES: Mr. Fritcher updated the board on the policy changes. Motion by Hanfland, seconded by Sheehan to approve first reading of policy changes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF FACILITY NEEDS AND FINANCING: Mr. Fritcher led discussion on referendum and the agreement with the City of Neoga.

INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Fritcher, Superintendent reported on the following:

- Due to reduced enrollment the district will be seeing a reduction in title funds
- Kudos to Ms. Alicia Kessler for working on a grant for replacement of chromebooks
- An email was read from parent praising paraprofessional Amy Kinnaman for her work in the classroom
- Tables for the outdoor classroom have arrived

Mr. Bear, Elementary Principal reported on the following:

- Christmas program was very well attended and was a success
- The Spring Sing will be April 29, 2022 at 1:00 pm
- Girl Scouts donated a bench to the elementary school
- Title I Reading night is set for January 25th
- Winter benchmark is wrapping up

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

- Trista Moore is December Student of the Month
- Pre registration is getting underway for the FY23 school year

Dean of Students/AD Report:

- Written report presented to the Board.

REVIEW MONTHLY CASH FLOW REPORT: Mr. Fritcher updated the board on the monthly cash flow report. Vince Gallo will be meeting with Mr. Fritcher and Mrs. Weaver on January 19th.

CLOSED SESSION FOR EXCEPTION 1, THE EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY; EXCEPTION 10, THE PLACEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER MATTERS

RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS: Motion by Sheehan, seconded by Finney to go into closed session at 7:32 p.m. for closed session for exception 1, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; exception 10, the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

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

The Board returned from closed session at 7:50 pm.

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST: Motion by Worman, seconded by Sheehan to approve Leave of Absence for Kali Worman in April/May and Tim Mueller as HS boys and girls track coach for the FY22 season. Motion carried.

APPROVE RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT: Motion by Hanfland, seconded by Strohl to accept resignations of Gabriella Durbin as JH Softball Assistant Coach and Lieren Schuette and JH Softball Head Coach. Also, accepted the irrevocable retirement letter from Amy Brown – FY26. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: The board would like to discuss landscaping and the bell from the old elementary school.

NEXT MEETING: Regular meeting February 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Strohl, seconded by Hanfland to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education