

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEOGA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
Thursday
February 13, 2025
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 **February 13, 2025** in the District Office.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

RECOGNIZE NES SPIRIT WINNERS FOR JANUARY: January Spirit Winners – Never Give Up were introduced to the board – Roscoe Pemberton, Brinley Krietemeyer, and Addi Sellers. Other winners that were recognized but not present were Asher Reed, Oakley Rentfro, Adrian Franklin, Shaylynn Gonzalez, Noelle Milligan, Paisley Rentfro, Brylyn Barker, Ava Varner, and Ben Hakman. Winners had pizza with Mr. Bear.

RECEPTION OF GUEST AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by **Finney**, seconded **Worman** by to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$298,626.52.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Sheehan** to:
approve January payroll – Education Fund \$ 284,990.24, Building Fund \$21,839.51, Transportation Fund \$12,625.34 for a total of \$319,455.09.
approve January 9, 2025 regular meeting minutes, January 9, 2025 closed session minutes
approve NES and NJSHS Activity Report
approve HS Band/Choir trip to Indianapolis, Indiana
approve HS Student Council trip to Turkey Run State Park - Indiana
approve Vision 2030 Resolution
approve Amended FY25 School Calendar

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

INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Haarman, Superintendent reported on the following:

Legislative update

Mascot opposition starting back up

CEP program - looking at raising eligibility back to 60%

School calendar for FY26 will be visited at March meeting

COPS Grant – attended webinar for school safety grant. We will not be able to qualify for funds.

Future projects – Early Childhood addition – Playground – Softball/JH Baseball Diamonds

Mr. Bear, Elementary Principal reported on the following:

Great turnout for STEM!

January PBIS – attended movie at RMC Theater. Students watched Sonic 3.

Spring Sing will feature Elton John songs.

IAR testing scheduled for March 24 -28.

Benchmark data show steady academic growth.

No discipline in January.

Dental exams will be April 8th and Dental bus will be here May 21st.

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

Pre-registration is complete at the high school

Mrs. Fogarty hosted Freshmen Orientation on January 15th with 45 of the 50 incoming freshmen in attendance. HS Student Council provided tours

STEM night was a huge success with 246 people in attendance. Thanks to Ms. Jill Shaw for organizing the event.

ACES competition was held February 7th at Lake Land College. We had 20 students participate in the academic competition.

National Honor Society hosted a blood drive on February 11. The units collected in the two blood drives allow our school the opportunity to have two \$500 scholarships. NHS will also host the annual Running of the Nerds on February 22nd.

High School Student Council attended Leadership Conference at LLC. Students met actor/author Carlos Andres Gomez.

FFA Week – February 17 -22.

January JH Student of the Month – Lucas Cole, Lucy Haarman, and Livi Shuemaker for trustworthiness.

Dean of Students/AD Report:

Written report presented to the Board.

We will be hosting the 7th grade NTC Volleyball Tournament on 2/12 and 2/15.

HS Track practice has started for athletes not in basketball

Neoga will be hosting High School Girls Basketball Regionals

With regionals, volleyball tournaments and regularly scheduled games we will have had 39 games over a 6 day period.

REVIEW MONTHLY CASH FLOW REPORT: Superintendent Haarman 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; EXCEPTION 10, THE PLACEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER MATTERS

RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS; Motion by **Sheehan**, seconded by **Titus** to go into closed session at **7:25** 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.

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

The Board returned from closed session at **8:00** p.m.

APPROVE RESIGNATIONS: None

HIRE PERSONNEL: None

APPROVE VOLUNTEERS: Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Sheehan** to approve volunteer:
Kylee Phillips – volunteer track coach

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: None

NEXT MEETING: Regular meeting **March 13, 2025** at 7:00 pm at the Board of Education Office.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by **Worman**, seconded by **Titus** to adjourn the meeting at **8:01** pm.
Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education