

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEOGA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
Thursday
May 13, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Neoga Community Unit School District #3 was held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021 in the Neoga Junior/Senior High School Library.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Don Strohl arrives at 5:31 pm

CLOSED SESSION FOR EXCEPTION 3, THE SELECTION OF A PERSON TO FILL A PUBLIC OFFICE: Motion by Michelle Sheehan, seconded by Brian Titus to go into closed session at 5:31 pm for exception 3, the selection of a person to fill a public office.

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

Board returned from closed session at 6:28 pm

MEET THE NEOGA SPIRIT WINNERS: The board moved to the high school gym for the introduction of the Neoga Spirit Winners for the FY21 school year.

RECEPTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Terry Althoff, Bass Fishing coach updated the board on the Bass Fishing for this school year. He let the board that the FY22 will be his last year as coach and has appreciated the opportunity.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Strohl, seconded by Finney to approve payment of bills in the amount \$244,921.17.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Strohl, seconded by Sheehan:
approve April 28, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2021 Special Meeting Closed Minutes

approve payroll – Education Fund \$289,203.89, Building Fund \$21,848.04, Transportation Fund \$12,559.20 for a total of \$323,611.13.
approve NES and NJSHS Activity Account
approve donations from Parent group – prom, Class of 1954 for school bell, and Mike Walk for HS Baseball
approve participation in the IHSA for 2021-2022
approve IESA membership dues for 2021-2022
approve contract with the YMCA for the After-School Program
approve Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal
approve Consolidated District Plan

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

APPROVE TENTATIVE AMENDED BUDGET AND PLACE ON FILE FOR THIRTY DAYS: Motion by Sheehan, seconded by Finney to approve tentative amended budget and place on file for thirty days.

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

SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING TO HOLD AN AMENDED BUDGET HEARING:
Special meeting for amended budget hearing set for June 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Superintendent report – Mr. Fritcher updated the board on CARES II Grant and the Regional Innovation Center in Mattoon. The board also received information that the health insurance premium will not increase this year. The NES kitchen also received a perfect score from the Cumberland County Health Department.

Elementary Principal – Mrs. Helmers reported on teacher appreciation week. The PTO held their spring meeting and elected officers. President – Jodi Shuemaker, Vice President – Stephanie Finney, Treasurer – Carol Kenworthy, and Secretary – Allison Varner. Kindergarten registration had 25 families participate. Mrs. Skief and Mrs. Thornhill assessed students. Mrs. Helmers also wanted to thank Alicia Kessler and Seth James for their help with the IAR testing. The Spring band/chorus concert was held May 2nd. Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Schmidt did a fantastic job.

Jr./Sr. High Principal – Mr. Haarman recognized Haley Stodden as April Student of the Month. Thanks went out to the Junior parents that helped sponsor the prom event at the Keller Convention Center, Mrs. Martin and the student council for Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. The last Mighty Mile for Torie Run was held on April 30th. The Spring band/chorus concert was held May 2nd. Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Schmidt did a fantastic job. Graduation will now be taking place in the gymnasium.

Dean of Students/Athletic Director written report presented to the board. Mr. Haarman highlighted on the exit interviews that Mr. Taylor conducted with the senior athletes.

REVIEW MONTHLY CASH FLOW REPORT: Mr. Fritcher updated the board on 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 3, THE SELECTION OF A PERSON TO FILL A PUBLIC OFFICE:

Motion by Sheehan, seconded by Titus to go into closed session at 7:20 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 3, the selection of a person to fill a public office.

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

The Board returned from closed session at 8:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS: Motion by Finney, seconded by Sheehan to accept resignations of Molly Baker as HS Cheer Sponsor, Jackie Richards as JH Volleyball Coach. The board also accepted Terry Althoff resignation effective June 30, 2022 as Bass Fishing coach. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT: Motion by Sheehan, seconded by Strohl to approve summer school employment – NES – Elaine Brandenburg, Yvonne West, Amy Westjohn, and Emma Walker. NJSHS – Seth James, Amy Kepp, Deacon Faulkner, and Steve McCann. Strength and Conditioning Coach – Mark Jones, and Andrew Snow for NCUSD#3.

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

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT: Motion by Strohl, seconded by Finney to approve Shawn Towle as custodian beginning June 1, 2021.

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

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT: Motion by Titus, seconded by Sheehan to employ Jamie Ballinger as HS Volleyball coach for NCUSD#3.

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

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT: Motion by Finney, seconded by Titus to employ Sarah Hoene as elementary special education teacher for NCUSD#3.

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

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT: Motion by Sheehan, seconded by Finney to employ Mary Sue Cardinal as elementary teacher for NCUSD#3

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

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEERS: Motion by Strohl, seconded by Sheehan to approve Tina Moore as HS Volunteer Softball Coach and Evan Fritcher as Summer Conditioning volunteer. Motion carried.

SET SUBSTITUTE PAY FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR: Motion by Titus, seconded by Strohl to approve substitute pay as presented for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

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

SET PAY FOR SPORTS OFFICIALS FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR: Motion by Finney, seconded by Sheehan of approve sport official pay as presented.

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

APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE OPEN SCHOOL BOARD SEAND AND ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE: President Chuck Campbell thanked all applicants for their interest in the school board vacancy and that it was not an easy decision. Motion by Titus, seconded by Finney to appoint Angie Worman to the NCUSD#3 school board. Motion carried. Oath of office was administered.

AGENDA ITEM FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: None addressed

NEXT MEETING: Regular meeting June 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm and Special meeting June 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Strohl, seconded by Titus to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education