

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEOGA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
Thursday
November 14, 2024
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, **November 14, 2024** in the District Office.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

RECOGNIZE NES SPIRIT WINNER FOR OCTOBER: October Spirit Winners – Offer Help were introduced to the board –Kenzlee Wickiser, and Nevaeh Morecraft. Other winners that were recognized but not present were Jaxon Ballinger, Claire Wall, Thomas Shamp, Rylie Sokolinski, Eli Wall, Arlo Rivers, Kane Shores, Leila Coulibaly, Ashani Rivers, and Mavery Stodden. Winners will have pizza with Mr. Bear. Winners had pizza with Mr. Bear.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF FY24 AUDIT: Nick Helton, Kemper CPA presented the FY24 to the board. Clean audit. Tuition rate will be \$10,968.00. Motion by Titus, seconded by Hanfland to approve the FY24 audit.

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

RECEPTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by **Hanfland**, seconded by **Sheehan** to approve payment of bills in the amount of **\$218,514.86**.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by **Sheehan**, seconded by **Hanfland** to:
approve **October 10, 2024** regular meeting minutes, **October 10, 2024** closed session minutes,
approve October payroll – Education Fund \$304,683.70, Building Fund 22,326.06, Transportation Fund \$16,844.05 for a total of \$343,853.81
approve NES and NJSHS Activity Report
approve Second Reading of School Board Policies 5:270 & 5:330

approve Second Reading of PRESS Policy Updates Issue 116
approve early graduations

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

APPROVE TENTATIVE TAX LEVY AND SET TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING:

Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Finney** to approve tentative tax levy and set the truth in taxation hearing for **December 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm**. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF \$2,000,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALTERING, RECONSTRUCTING AND REPAIRING FACILITIES AND PURCHASING AND INSTALLING EQUIPMENT THEREIN FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY, ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SCHOOL SECURITY PURPOSES, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF:

Motion by **Finney**, seconded by **Hanfland**, to adopt resolution providing for the issue of \$2,000,000.00 taxable general obligation school bonds for the purpose of altering, reconstructing and repairing facilities and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes providing for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

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

APPROVE TRACK CONSTRUCTION BID: Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Sheehan** to approve track construction bid – phase 2 – in the amount of \$557,953.00.

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

INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Haarman, Superintendent reported on the following:

School Report Card Designation for FY24 – Commendable. Scores were comparable to last year.

Insurance – open enrollment approaching

Security – update for both both buildings. TORT funds will be used.

School Board Member Day – November 15th.

School Board Petition Filing – November 12 – November 18/

Mr. Bear, Elementary Principal reported on the following:

October 11 – ROE 11 Teacher Institute Day – received great information

October 14 – PTO held successful book fair

October 17 - 5th Lincoln Log Cabin Field Trip

October 18 – 1st Grade Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

October 17 and October 22 Parent Teacher Conference

October 20 – Fall Band and Choir Concert. Great performance by student!
November 1 – Fall Parade – PTO and PBIS joined together with snacks and activities
Eco Team participated in competition and Douglas Hart Nature Center. The team placed 2nd.
Therapy Dog Update – Will begin in December

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

Fall Band and Choir concert was well attended
Congratulations to FFA Ag Sales team – National Champions
JH Stu Co Halloween dance was well attended
JH PBIS – ice cream social
5 Illinois State Scholars in Class of 2025

Dean of Students/AD Report:

Written report presented to the Board.
Boys Cross Country Team won regionals and advanced to State. Two athletes from Neoga participated at State – Gavin Ray and Brett Matusas
Meet the Indians November 15th
Mary Sur Tournament – November 29 - 30

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;

The Board did not go into closed session.

APPROVE IRREVOCABLE NOTICE OF RETIREMENT: Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Hanfland** to approve the irrevocable notice of retirement for Erin Eddinger for FY29. Motion carried.

APPROVE RESIGNATIONS: None

HIRE PERSONNEL: None

APPROVE VOLUNTEERS: None

AGENDA ITEM FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

NEXT MEETING: Tax Levy Hearing **December 12, 2024** at 7:00 pm at the Board of Education Office. Regular meeting to follow Tax Levy Hearing on **December 12, 2024**.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Sheehan** to adjourn the meeting at **7:43** pm. Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education