

**TAX LEVY HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEOGA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
Thursday
December 12, 2024
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 12, 2024** in the Board of Education Office.

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

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

2024 TAX LEVY HEARING: Mr. Haarman communicated with the board and administration of the proposed tax levy.

APPROVE TAX LEVY AS PRESENTED: Motion by **Hanfland**, seconded by **Finney** to approve tax levy as presented.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by **Worman**, seconded by **Hanfland** to adjourn the public hearing on the proposed tax levy at **7:07** pm. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Neoga Community Unit School District #3 was called to order at **7:08** pm on Thursday, **December 12, 2024** in the Board of Education Office.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNIZE NES SPIRIT WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER: Mr. Jordan Bear recognized the NES Spirit Winners for “Give Respect” – Adelyn Baker. Other winners that were recognized but not present were Zachary Eubanks, Miladda Manion, Kacee Jewell, McKinley Jabs, Lucy Walk, Gabe Hamilton, Braxtin White, Caraleena Everhart, Vanessa Milligan, Addalynn White, and

Ava Massengill. Students had pizza with Mr. Bear today.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by **Hanfland**, seconded by **Sheehan** to approve payment of bills in the amount \$258,891.88.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by **Hanfland**, seconded by **Worman**:
approve November payroll – Education Fund \$296,845.18, Building Fund \$23,113.34, Transportation Fund \$18,374.23 for a total of \$338,332.75.
approve November 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2024 closed session minutes
approve NES and NJSHS Activity Account
approve First Reading of Board Policy Updates Issue #117

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

APPROVE VIDEO SECURITY UPGRADE TO JR/SR HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Motion by **Sheehan**, seconded by **Finney** to approve video security upgrade to the Jr/Sr High school in the amount of \$27,250.00 and the elementary in the amount of \$5,850.00

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

INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Haarman, Superintendent reported on the following:

Sales tax information

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 will be 12/13/2024

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

NES grades 3-5 and staff attended an Illinois Women's Basketball game.

NES grades K-2 and staff attended an EIU Basketball game

Therapy dogs visit on November 20th. Thanks to Bryan and Wendy Pals for bringing dogs to NES. Kids and staff loved it!

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

Homecoming was a success – Thanks to Mr. Faulkner and Ms Romack for organizing HOCO Western theme

Thanks to Mrs. Endsley and HS Stu Co for all their work during Homecoming Week.
Food drive was a huge success
Congratulations to JH Student of the Month for November: CeCe Chardon, Masen
Waterman, and Jacob Turner.
CoCoa Corner is 12/13. Students look forward to this each year.
Winter band and choir concert will be Sunday, December 15th.
Finals 12/19/2024 and 12/20/2024

Dean of Students/AD Report:

Written report presented to the Board
Attendance has been down
Mary Sur Thanksgiving Tournament concluded on November 30th Girls went 3 – 0 and
Boys 1 – 2
Jr. High Volleyball practice has started. Program has 41 girls on the roster
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 10, THE PLACEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS: Motion by **Sheehan**, seconded by **Hanfland** to go into closed session at **7:27** 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: Worman, Finney, Hanfland, Sheehan, Finney, Campbell
Absent: Strohl, Titus

The Board returned from closed session at **7:38** pm.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: None

HIRE PERSONNEL: None

APPROVE VOLUNTEERS: None

AGENDA ITEM FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: Wish list for District

NEXT MEETING: Regular Board Meeting on **January 9, 2025** at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by **Worman**, seconded by **Sheehan** to adjourn the meeting at **7:40** pm. Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education