

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEOGA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
Thursday
April 9, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Neoga Community Unit School District #3 was called to order at **7:00 pm** on Thursday, **April 9, 2026** in the Board of Education Office.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by **Evans**, seconded by **Hanfland** to approve payment of bills in the amount \$871,508.15.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by **Finney**, seconded by **Worman:**
approve March payroll – Education Fund \$363,204.62, Building Fund \$25,679.30, Transportation Fund \$30,726.41 for a total of \$419,610.33.
approve March 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2026 closed session minutes
approve NES and NJSHS Activity Account
approve donation – Progressive Travel
approve Membership in the IHSA for the 2026-2027 School Year
approve Membership in the IESA for the 2026-2027 School Year
approve Renewal Food Service Agreement with OPAA! Food Service for the 2026-2027 School Year
approve FY27 School Calendar
approve submission of Consolidated District Plan

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

FACILITIES UPDATE – K WOHLTMAN CONSTRUCTION: Doug Wohltman gave a construction update to the board.

Elementary school will be completed before the first day of school

Plan to work on roofs and then concentrate on interior of building
Work on south gym will be underway soon
Overall safety over timeliness

INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Update from Mr. Andrew Ewing with Upchurch:

Plumbing

Working on Health Life Safety to have amendments approved

Mr. Haarman, Superintendent reported on the following:

Received FOIA request.

Legislative bill update – summer employment, cell phone ban, and mobile panic alert system

Increase in sales tax revenue.

TIF Update – can be formed without consent of taxing bodies

Mr. Bear, Elementary Principal reported on the following:

IAR testing complete. Thanks to Ms. Kessler for her help!

Second grade living museum was a success! Thanks to Mrs. Westjohn and Mrs. Bryan for all their work for this event.

Elementary students had a sneak peak of the musical. Thanks to Mr. Henderson and the High School musical cast and crew!

March PBIS Reward – board games. Thanks Mrs. Spradlin!

March Spirit Winners – Offer Help – Rory Pemberton, Bailey Burcham, Celeste Schumacher, Arison Smith, Granger David, Emelia Cowger, Kinsley Walthes, Jocelyn Cole, Liam Williams, Aubrey Strohl, Katherine Jansen, Aubrey Smith. Students were recognized at an all School assembly and finished the day with ice cream - Chill and Share with Mr. Bear!

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

Variety show had 13 acts that performed. Thanks Mrs. Nail!

Freshmen CPR training was on March 17th. Thanks Ms. Romack for organizing!

JH Glo Dance was March 20th. Thanks Mrs. Russell for being the DJ!

Art Show was March 25th. Thanks Mrs. Harden and young artists!

Congratulations to Mr. Henderson and cast and crew of Hadestown for their amazing performances.

Upcoming events:

Math Club to University of Illinois

JH Students to Neoga Public Library

Prom – April 25th

Dean of Students/AD Report:

Written report presented to the Board

JH Track has 50 boys and girls

We will be hosting a triangular track meet on April 30th. Villa Grove and North Clay will be

the schools participating. We would like to also host a high school meet next year.
Lillian Denson – HS Softball Athlete of the Month
Garrett Ballinger – HS Baseball Athlete of the Month

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 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;

Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Worman** to go into closed session at **7:47** 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.

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

The Board returned from closed session at **8:53** p.m.

RESIGNATIONS: Motion by **Finney**, seconded by **Evans** to approve resignation of James Ballinger as Junior High School Assistant Baseball Coach for NCUSD#3

Motion carried.

HIRE PERSONNEL: Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Finney** to hire the following for employment at NCUSD#3.

Jacy Boatman – Head High School Volleyball Coach

VOTE: Yea: Hanfland, Titus, Worman, Finney, Campbell
Nay: Evans
Absent: Strohl

HIRE PERSONNEL: Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Evans** to hire the following for employment at NCUSD#3.

Alena Zerrusen – Junior High Student Council

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

HIRE PERSONNEL: Motion by **Titus**, seconded by **Worman** to hire the following for employment at NCUSD#3.

Jared McClellan –High School Scholar Bowl Coach

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

APPROVE VOLUNTEERS: None.

AGENDA ITEM FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: No items were addressed for future meetings at this time.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Board Meeting on **May 14, 2026** at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by **Worman**, seconded by **Evans** to adjourn the meeting at **8:55** pm. Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education