

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on January 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Peggy Grap, Deanna Heiman, Dewey Poeschel, and Paul Opelt. Also present were Administrator John Gaier, High School Principal Jennifer Aspenson, Middle School Principal Jesse Bernhagen, and Elementary Principal Marcy Kunze.

Notification of the meeting was sent on January 6, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on January 8, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the December 16, 2024, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 90655 through 90814, 202400223 through 202400249, 242500002 through 242500013, voiding checks #89646 for \$188.60, #89913 for \$2.25, #90043 for \$50.00, #90082 for \$280.00, #90147 for \$75.00, #90241 for \$90.00, #90657 for \$120.00, #202400223 for \$456.27, #202400230 for \$23.43, for a total of \$389,366.71, and approval of the January payrolls.
- C. Final adoption of Policy Section 2000

Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Lots were drawn for the April election ballot order: Sue Voigt will be listed first on the ballot; Peggy Grap will be listed second; and Herman Seebandt will be listed third.

A building project update was presented by: Lance Gregorich from CESA 10; Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer; and Bailey Merrill from Wendel Companies.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the bid from Back to Nature Tree Service, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$78,000 for tree removal services as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the open enrollment program limits as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the boys' hockey co-op as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the girls' hockey co-op as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the early graduation request from B.S. as

presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the early graduation request from M.G. as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the 2025-2026 High School In-House Course Catalog with modifications as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the summer school class schedule for the 2025 summer school session as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the annual safety drill report as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 2025-2026 school year calendar as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; monthly character trait; report cards; field trips; spelling bee; hydroponic garden; and Aimsweb Plus literacy screener.

Jesse Bernhagen reported on attendance; monthly character trait; academic achievement; MS honor roll; three climate/culture student activities; Mix-It-Up Day; MS ACP Night activities; and a sports update.

Jennifer Aspenson reported on enrollment; HS course handbook updates; Mix-It-Up Day; ACP Night; FFA activities; and the upcoming musical production – High School Musical.

John Gaier reported on ACP Night; thank you letters; a press release from Clark County Health Department; and the district's social media report card.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to go into closed session as per WI Statutes 19.85(1)(C) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The purpose of the closed session is to discuss contractual matters. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to return to open session. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the hiring of Kristina Wernke for a teaching assistant position as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the leave of absence from Taylor Townsend as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding from Melissa Strangfeld as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the initial adoption of Policy Section 3000 as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

WASB report was given by John Gaier.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.