

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on February 24, 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 February 13, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on February 19, 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 January 13, 2025, regular meeting, January 30, 2025, special meeting, February 3, 2025, special meeting, and February 15, 2025, special meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 90750 through 91025, 202400243 through 202400276, 242500014 through 242500028, voiding checks #90750 for \$80.00, #90793 for \$120.00, #90797 for \$50.00, #90864 for \$1,607.21, #90879 for \$50.00, #90880 for \$120.00, #90881 for \$120.00, #90884 for \$70.00, #90886 for \$50.00, #90887 for \$50.00, #90890 for \$80.00, #90892 for \$120.00, #90893 for \$120.00, #90895 for \$70.00, #90896 for \$120.00, #90897 for \$120.00, #90920 for \$500.00, #90921 for \$1,000.00, #90922 for \$2,500.00, #90923 for \$500.00, #90924 for \$2,500.00, #90925 for \$500.00, #90926 for \$1,000.00, #90957 for \$50.00, #90963 for \$35.00, #90969 for \$50.00, #90970 for \$30.00, for a total of \$860,676.31, and approval of the February payrolls.
- C. Final Adoption of Policy Section 3000

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

A building project update was presented by Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the bid from Rhom Construction for an amount not to exceed \$1,138,321.00 for the high school front entrance renovation as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the bid from Complete Control for an amount not to exceed \$94,749.00 for the high school front entrance renovation as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the bid from Van Ert for an amount not to exceed \$132,840.00 for the high school front entrance renovation as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the modified 2024-2025 school year calendar 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 2025-2026 school year calendar as

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

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve 2025-2026 the Expanded Course Offerings Handbook 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 RVA Handbooks and Course Offerings as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the CESA 10 contract for 2025-2026 as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 2026 Neillsville Area Chamber of Commerce membership renewal as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Spirit Card Program monetary donation from Unity Bank as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the monetary donation from the Class of 1999 as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the donation of coupons from Kwik Trip as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; monthly character trait; elementary PBIS; lunch with loved ones; FFA week; inclusion week; Read Across America week; elementary penny war; and Family Fun Night.

Jesse Bernhagen reported on attendance; inclusion week; FFA week; the STEM Expo; Medieval Night; ACP Night; solo and ensemble; and an opportunity from World Classrooms.

Jennifer Aspenson reported on enrollment; the Youth Risk Behavior Survey; Laude awards; the FCCLA State Star Competition; winter sports; and choir solo and ensemble.

John Gaier reported on thank you cards; a letter of support for the USDA grant application; vaccination comparison graphs; the CWETN district administrator meeting; an article about recent school shootings; an AEF press release; and the date for the annual Medford legislative meeting.

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 Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel 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 Dewey Poeschel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Jan Shilts 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 Dewey Poeschel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding from Kate Hare 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 Josh Zahl as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the modified 2024-2025 contract for Kendra Friemoth 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 Peggy Grap to approve the initial adoption of Policy Section 4000 as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.