

**NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

March 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi Media 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 Craig Anderson, and Middle School Principal Kory Poeschel.

Notification of the meeting was sent on March 6, 2024, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on March 13, 2024, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, 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 February 19, 2024, regular meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 88884 through 89164, 202300313 through 202300423, voiding checks #88884 for \$225.00, #88904 for \$100.00, #88954 for \$45.00, #88966 for \$45.00, #89054 for \$25.00, #89105 for \$25.00, #89108 for \$70.00, #89109 for \$70.00, #89110 for \$70.00, #202300360 for \$73.42, #202300362 for \$73.42, #20230423 for \$484.33, for a total of \$645,980.69, and approval of the March payrolls.
- C. Final Adoption of Policies DLC and JHC

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

Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer presented a building projects update.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the bid from Complete Control in the amount of \$38,505.00 for middle school air handler damper replacement 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 Peggy Grap to approve the bid from Complete Control in the amount of \$8,395.00 for the pool exhaust fan replacement 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 Paul Opelt to approve the Early College Credit and Start College Now program applications 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 Neola policy contract 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 2024-2025 transportation contract with Granton Area School District 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 purchase of a passenger vehicle in the amount of \$57,000 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 early graduation request from A.K. 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 donation of water and snacks from Natalie Guzman as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the donation of cheese and sausage from Lynn Dairy as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the donation of water for the chorus Florida trip from River Country Co-Op as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the monetary donation from the Booster Club in the amount of \$10,000 for the new football and softball scoreboards as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze's report was presented on attendance; monthly character trait; 4-year-old kindergarten; summer school; March Mammal Madness; Read Across America and Inclusion Week; parent-teacher conferences; report cards; high school chorus Florida preview; and Forward Exam testing.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; character trait of the month; inclusion week; March updates; elective courses numbers for 2024-2025; FFA; sports; and important dates looking forward.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; scheduling updates for 2023-2024; ACP update; Cloverbelt Conference honorees; FFA newsletter; music department updates; March Mammal Madness; academic letter ceremony; and scholarship presentations.

John Gaier reported on a thank you note; updated COVID-19 guidance flyer; CTE10 scholarship program; district cable channel issues; article regarding smartphones and mental health; article regarding antidepressant dispensing statistics; Wisconsin school referendum results/statistics; and article on parents who were held accountable for school shooting.

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 Amy Veltus for the Food Service Assistant position 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 Peggy Grap to approve the 2024-2025 support staff wage scale as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Scott Swita from his teaching position as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the 2024-2025 certified staff wage scales as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Melissa Strangfeld 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 hiring of Kim Rakovec for the cheerleading advisor position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

WASB report was given by John Gaier.

CESA report was given by Deanna Heiman.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.