

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

March 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on March 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi Media Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Peggy Grap, and Deanna Heiman. Dewey Poeschel and Paul Opelt were absent. Also present were Administrator John Gaier, High School Principal Craig Anderson, Middle School Principal Kory Poeschel, and Elementary Principal Marcy Kunze.

Notification of the meeting was sent on March 15, 2023, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on March 22, 2023, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Paul Opelt joined the meeting.

Mrs. Neville introduced a presentation by Middle School students who participated in STEM activities at Wisconsin Teens in Action Day in Marshfield.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the February 20, 2023, regular meeting & February 27, 2023, special meetings
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 86754 through 86983, 202200363 through 202200446, voiding checks #86930 for \$737.33, #86940 for \$2,115.00, #202200363 for \$1,112.00, #202200364 for \$850.79, #202200365 for \$951.02, #202200446 for \$159.98, for a total of \$1,527,110.44, and approval of the March payrolls.

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

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Big Ideas math textbook adoption as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve JV baseball co-op with Granton schools as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve JV softball co-op with Granton schools as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve WIAA Varsity baseball co-op with Granton schools as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Early College Credit and Start College Now program applications as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the transportation contract with Granton Area School

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

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the student insurance renewal as presented. Roll call: 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 monetary donation from Julie Simek for negative lunch account balances as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; monthly character trait; four-year-old kindergarten registration; summer school; March Mammal Madness; elementary student council's treasure box; parent teacher conferences; Iditarod activity; and the Spring door decorating contest.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; character trait of the month; chess tournament; Teens in Action STEM competition; new student teacher; chorus guest clinician; SEL day; Friends for Rachel Club update; lesson on positive relationships; summer school; 2023-24 course registrations; concerts; Spring sports start dates; future important dates; and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; 2023-24 scheduling updates; March Mammal Madness; ACP updates; Cloverbelt Conference honorees; music updates; FFA news; forensics updates; Academic Letter Ceremony date; Crystal Apple Award update; presentation of scholarships date change; and enforcement of the cell phone policy.

John Gaier reported on thank you notes; Neillsville's Social Media Report Card; letter from Julia Backaus; article from Wisconsin School Administrators Alliance; fastest growing counties graph; map of senate district 23; press release from the Colby School District; and Neillsville Improvement Corporation agenda.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt 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: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the hiring of Ryan Guenther as a teaching assistant as presented. Roll call: 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 Memorandum of Understanding for benefit option for Ryan Guenther as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the retirement of Matthew Diestler from his technology coordinator position as presented. Roll call: 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 Megan Hanson from her middle school ELA teaching position as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the hiring of Amy Arndt as the technology coordinator as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the request for a leave of absence from Scott Swita as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the resignation of Taylor Siebel from her middle school volleyball coaching position as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.