

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

May 5, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on May 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Dewey Poeschel, Deanna Heiman, Paul Opelt, and Herman Seebandt. Also present were Administrator John Gaier and Elementary Principal Marcy Kunze.

Notification of the meeting was sent on April 17, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on April 23, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. Notification of the canceled meeting was sent on April 28, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A notification of the rescheduled meeting was sent on May 1, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Sue Voigt called for nominations for chairperson for the meeting.

Dewey Poeschel nominated Sue Voigt for chairperson of the meeting.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sue Voigt for chairperson. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Sue Voigt called for nominations for president.

Deanna Heiman nominated Sue Voigt for president.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sue Voigt for president. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Sue Voigt called for nominations for vice president.

Paul Opelt nominated Dewey Poeschel for vice president.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Paul Opelt to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dewey Poeschel for vice president. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Sue Voigt called for nominations for treasurer.

Dewey Poeschel nominated Paul Opelt for treasurer.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Paul Opelt for treasurer. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Sue Voigt called for nominations for clerk.

Dewey Poeschel nominated Deanna Heiman for clerk.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Deanna Heiman for clerk. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve Sue Voigt as the WASB delegate for 2025-2026. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – 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 Herman Seebandt as the alternate WASB delegate for 2025-2026. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

The Board listened to a presentation from elementary music teacher, Brian Thell.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of a playground communication board from CESA 10 as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – 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 donation of coupons from Subway for middle school high honor roll students as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the donation of 30 ice cream coupons from Central Wisconsin Broadcasting as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the donation of pizza for staff by Julie Simek and Jake Ormond for Teacher Appreciation Week as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to go into closed session as per WI Statutes 19.85(1)(E) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – 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, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel 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: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman

Seebandt – 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, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve bus driver contract renewals for 2025-2026 as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Kathy Luchterhand from her middle school teaching position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Kali Lien for the middle school teaching position as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – 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 teacher contracts for 2025-2026 as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Jeremy LaMont from his assistant cross country coaching position as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Kathy Luchterhand from her Middle School Student Council co-advisor position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Director of Special Education and Instructional Facilitator Contract for Kory Poeschel as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – abstain, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the Principal Contract for Marcy Kunze as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Principal Contract for Jesse Bernhagen as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Principal Contract for Jennifer Aspenson as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – 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 Paul Opelt to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.