

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

May 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on May 15, 2023, 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, and Dewey Poeschel. Paul Opelt was 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 May 3, 2023, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on May 10, 2023, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Middle School Science Teacher Paul Ziebell, along with students Marcus Luchterhand and Evan Gross, spoke about their application to create a student chess club.

Paul Opelt joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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

- A. Minutes of the April 24, 2023, regular meeting, and May 9, 2023, special meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 86817 through 87336, 202200471 through 202200533, voiding checks #86817 for \$1,050.00, #87113 for \$25.00, #87126 for \$100.00, #87131 for \$25.00, #87137 for \$100.00, #87175 for \$100.00, #87182 for \$100.00, #87189 for \$1,248.36, #87243 for \$100.00, #87244 for \$25.00, #87252 for \$100.00, #87258 for \$90.00, #87261 for \$100.00, #87262 for \$140.00, #87263 for \$160.00, #87269 for \$100.00, for a total of \$680,454.28, and approval of the May payrolls.

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

Lance Gregorich from CESA 10, and Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer, presented a building projects update.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the contract with Wendel Companies. 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 a resolution authorizing entry into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement relating to the "Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative" and authorizing participation in the investment programs of the fund 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 6th grade math curriculum update 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 Dewey Poeschel to approve the early graduation request from N.S. 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 Warriors Chess Club application 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 the donation of pizzas from Julie Simek and Jake Ormond in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; 4K enrollment for 2023-24; PBIS; renovation preparations; Star Lab; elementary school music concerts; elementary meet and greet day; 4K graduation; needs assessment and data meetings; the last day of school; and the end of the year mailing.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; character trait of the month; field trips; Friends of Rachel Club update; 8th grade TLC guidance lesson update; middle school chorus award concert date change; middle school student council update; 5th grade student transition to middle school update; 8th grade graduation; last day of school; and summer school dates.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; BLAST event update; forensics update; Junior Achievement Titan Business Challenge; STEM activity; music department updates; guidance office updates; and graduation-related information.

John Gaier reported on the new WASB executive director.

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

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the wage adjustment for Esmeralda Recendez as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the retirement of Brenda Bredlau from her 2nd grade teaching 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 Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Amy Thoma for the 2nd grade teaching 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 hiring of Amanda Kosar for the 2nd grade teaching position 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 wage adjustment to step 8 for Shannon Funston 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 hiring of Kimberly Rakovec for the middle school ELA teaching position 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 Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Alycia Zickert for the middle school social studies teaching position 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 hiring of Riley Anderson as the assistant volleyball coach 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 approve the hiring of Natalie Walsh as the middle school volleyball coach as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – abstain, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Chelsea Opelt for the elementary school student council advisor position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the hiring of Jill Neville for the Friends of Rachel (FOR) Club advisor as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the initial adoption of Policy IGBCA-A as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – 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 7:55 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.