

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on May 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Herman Seebandt, 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 May 7, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on May 14, 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 Deanna Heiman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the April 21, 2025, and May 5, 2025, regular meetings
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 91340 through 91521, 202400304 through 202400337, 242500077 through 242500105, voiding checks #91340 for \$120.00, #91346 for \$120.00, #91353 for \$120.00, #91354 for \$120.00, #91378 for \$149.38, #91406 for \$120.00, #91431 for \$120.00, #91468 for \$120.00, #91469 for \$120.00, #91470 for \$120.00, #91492 for \$300.00, #91504 for \$400.00, #91507 for \$475.00, for a total of \$715,251.05, and approval of the May payrolls.

Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – 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 building of a storage shed for the District for the 2025-2026 Capstone Project as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 2025-2026 Shared Space Agreement with Clark County Community Services as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the 2025-2026 Shared Space Agreement with Children's Wisconsin as presented. 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 the 2025-2026 membership in the Association for Equity in Funding as presented. 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 the Elementary English Language Arts curriculum changes as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Elementary Guidance curriculum changes as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes,

Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve digital health books for grades 7-9 as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the student insurance renewal with Gallagher for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the continuation of District transportation services for the 2025-2026 school year 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 daily planners and pencils from Faith Neisius 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 two volleyball nets from the Youth Volleyball Association as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on attendance; student council food drive; Star Lab with Mr. Selvik; elementary meet and greet day; 4K graduation; and last day of school events.

Jesse Bernhagen reported on attendance; choir concert; eighth grade graduation; fifth grade step up; Time Flies display in Mr. King's room; and virtual pen pals in Ms. Zickert's room.

Jennifer Aspenson reported on enrollment; ACT results; ACP field trips; Cloverbelt scholar-athletes; scholarship presentation; and graduation.

John Gaier reported on senior scholarships; social media feedback results; notification of the CESA 10 Annual Convention; Speich scholarship funds update; and WASB Summer Learning Symposium opportunity.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to go into closed session and invite Mr. Corey Peterson to be invited to attend. We will convene 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 the hiring of Stacy Dominique for a teaching assistant position as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Kayla Olson for a teaching assistant position 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 a 2.94% increase for confidential support staff; a \$1,000 annuity for Michelle Kranz; and a change in Morgan Spencer's title to administrative assistant. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Melissa Strangfeld from her Library Media Specialist 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 2025-2026 teacher contract for Ashlee Diestler 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 Memorandum of Understanding for Connie McDonald as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – 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 Deanna Heiman to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.