

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

June 30, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on June 30, 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 June 18, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on June 25, 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 Paul Opelt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the May 19, 2025, regular meeting and June 2, 2025, special meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 90562 through 91682, 202400328 through 202400352, 242500106 through 242500127, voiding checks #90562 for \$2,995.70, #91423 for \$120.00, #91435 for \$150.00, #91472 for \$70.00, #91474 for \$70.00, #91521 for \$100.00, #91535 for \$130.00, #91540 for \$130.00, #91545 for \$150.00, #91546 for \$250.00, #91547 for \$175.00, #91558 for \$1,293.51, #91574 for \$802.75, #91613 for \$75.00, for a total of \$809,349.86, and approval of the June payrolls.
- C. Final Adoption of Policy Section 7000 and Policy 5411

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: Lance Gregorich from CESA 10; and Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the change order from Rhom Construction in the amount of \$20,625.80 for excavation work on the High School front entrance. 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 Achievement Gap Reduction Report as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the food service meal prices for 2025-2026: breakfast - \$2.00; elementary lunch - \$3.25; middle school/high school lunch - \$3.75; and milk \$0.50. 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 approve the revised Course Handbook for 2025-2026 as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the 2025-2026 Athletic Handbook 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 Employee Handbook with modifications as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the property insurance renewal from TriCor Insurance in the amount of \$241,503.00 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 agreement with CESA 10 for library services as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve setting a temporary Fund 10 budget for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$12,836,369.00 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 approve setting Citizens State Bank, Unity Bank, and Simplicity Credit Union as the official depositories 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 Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve authorizing District Administrator Corey Peterson to make investments for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the monetary donation in the amount of \$11,911.00 for weight room equipment and football purchases from the Neillsville Booster Club as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Deanna Heiman to approve the donation of a plaque for State Golf Champion from JBC Screenprinting and Embroidery as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

John Gaier reported on attendance; the City of Neillsville's plan to establish a tax incremental finance district; the district's receipt of Technical Incentive Grant funding; the district's social media report card; an AEF press release regarding the JFC Budget Proposal; and the minutes from the CWETN Administrator Meeting.

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 Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Hailey Hainz from her 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 Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Rhonda Lokken for the 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 Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Donna Enders for the teaching assistant 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 revised letter of appointment for Anastasia-Stacee Dawson as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the letter of resignation from Joshua Zahl from his teaching 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 the hiring of Keith Van Dornick for the middle/high school music teacher 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 hiring of Wren Eliasson for the high school English 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 Memorandum of Understanding for Amy Kosmosky as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Danielle Buchholz as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the revised teaching contract for Kari Mayer 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 revised teaching contract for Tychelle Duellman 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 resignation of Brandon Wampole from his middle school football coaching position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Kali Lien for the middle school student council advisor position as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Angela McIntyre for the Connections Club advisor 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 revised letter of appointment for Carla Byrne as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the initial adoption of Policy Section 8000 as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – 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 9:08 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.