

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

July 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on July 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Peggy Grap, Deanna Heiman, Dewey Poeschel, and Paul Opelt. Also present was Administrator John Gaier.

Notification of the meeting was sent on June 29, 2022, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on July 6, 2022, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the June 20, 2022, regular meeting
- B. Final adoption of polices IGBCA, IGBCB, IGBC, IGBCD, IGBC

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

Lance Gregorich with 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 Emergency Response Plan with revisions as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – 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 the proposed annual meeting agenda for the August 29, 2022, meeting. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the 2021-2022 Seclusion and Restraint Report. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the annual safety drill report. 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 Staff Handbook with modifications as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Athletic Handbook for Coaches and Parents with said changes 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 Dewey Poeschel to approve transportation charges for 2022-2023. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

John Gaier reported on a thank you note from the bus drivers; fencing color options; Neillsville social media

report card; the timeline for health insurance bids; CWETN projected student course costs for 2022-2023; the National Rural Education Advocacy Coalition Conference; a legislative update; and an increase in the federal mileage reimbursement rate.

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 Dewey Poeschel 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 Lori Thur for a teaching assistant position. 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 resignation of Bri Anne Collins from her elementary guidance counselor position. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the revised teaching contract for Julia Backaus. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Krista Rueth. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the resignation of Kathy Luchterhand from her assistant cross country coaching position. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Nate McDonald from his middle school track coaching position. 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 adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.