

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

August 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on August 18, 2025, at 7:42 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 Corey Peterson, High School Principal Jennifer Aspenson, and Middle School Principal Jesse Bernhagen.

Notification of the meeting was sent on August 6, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on August 13, 2025, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the July 21, 2025, meeting
- B. Final Adoption of Policy Section 9000 and Policy 8500

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

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Resolution to Rescind Existing Board Policies. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Resolution to Adopt Neola Policies. 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 use of Bchex as the official background check company for the District. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

A building project update was presented by Lance Gregorich from CESA 10.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the bid from Grand Flooring & Design in the amount of \$4,644.61 for flooring in the high school guidance and athletic director offices as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – 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 bid from Total Electric in the amount of \$5,320.00 for additional drops for cameras and the door system as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the 2025-2026 Family 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 Federal Programs Handbook 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 Crisis Response Plan as presented. 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 seven regular, one special needs, and three 4K noon bus routes for 2025-2026 as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the offer versus serve contract for food service for the 2025-2026 school year 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 the Wisconsin Morning Milk Program 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 the Federal Milk Program 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 the donation of a chair, a 42” TV and 2 projector screens from Atmus Filtration Technologies 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 donation of various school supplies from Pine Valley Zion Lutheran Church 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 donation of 6 backpacks for high school students from Kris and Phil Strand 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 donation of school supplies from Neillsville EMS, fire, and police departments as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Corey Peterson reported on a thank you card; a district financial report from PTMA; a price list of Baird services; the upcoming Open House; the upcoming Region 5 WASB meeting; and Pick Up Patrol software.

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 the resignation of Hailey Hainz from her bus driving position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes,

Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Herman Seebandt to approve the retirement of Connie Elmhurst from her custodial position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Elizabeth Erickson 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 Scott Heiman for a bus driving 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 leave of absence for Rolaine Griffiths from March 9-20, 2026 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 resignation of John Schuller from his weight room supervisor position as presented. Roll call: Herman Seebandt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Jason Kurth for the fall weight room supervisor 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 Michael Gaier for the assistant cross country coach position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Herman Seebandt – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

WASB report was given by Corey Peterson.

CESA report was given by Deanna Heiman.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.