

# NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

September 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on September 18, 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, Dewey Poeschel, and Paul Opelt. 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 September 6, 2023, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on September 13, 2023, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, 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 August 28, 2023, special meetings
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 87844 through 87962, 202300042 through 202300104, voiding checks #87848 for \$500.00, #87918 for \$45.00, #87927 for \$120.00, for a total of \$545,206.39, and approval of the September payrolls.
- C. Final adoption of Policy EBCA

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

New staff members were introduced to the board.

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 Kindness in Community Club as presented.  
Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the early graduation request from TAB as presented.  
Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the early graduation request from ES 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 Peggy Grap to approve the out-of-state field trip for the high school choir to attend the Dorian Vocal Festival as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the out-of-state trip from the high school choir to perform in Florida March 20-27, 2024, 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 WPEN membership as presented. Roll call: Paul

Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the monetary donation of \$500 from Gross Motors of Neillsville as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze reported on staff training in August; attendance; the start of the school year; PBIS Committee; Warrior of the Week; reading instruction; Seal-A-Smile Program; and upcoming events.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; beginning of the school year; new staff members; phone policy; climate/culture continuation; fall sports; custodial thank you; and upcoming events.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; athletics; open campus participation; homecoming schedule; student council; Highground Education Days; guidance update; prom planning; and a summer staff thank you.

John Gaier reported on the new Family Handbook; the upcoming Cory Greenwood presentation; Community Eligibility Provision; WASB region 5 meeting and Sue Voigt's level four recognition; and the Neillsville Improvement Corporation agenda.

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 Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the hiring of Eric Moltzen for a teaching assistant position as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – 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 modification in hours for Anastasia-Stacey Dawson as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the bonus for maintenance and custodial staff with modifications 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 Dewey Poeschel to approve the bonus for elementary teaching staff 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 resignation of Cody Friemoth from his wrestling coaching position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the hiring of Ashley Vine for the head high school coaching 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 hiring of Brian Waters as the High Quiz Bowl advisor 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 initial adoption of Policy JI as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – 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 Peggy Grap to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.