

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

October 23, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on October 23, 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 October 11, 2023, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on October 18, 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 Peggy Grap to approve the Consent Agenda as presented below:

- A. Minutes of the September 18, 2023, regular meeting
- B. Final Adoption of Policy JI

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

Jenny Polacek from Wendel Companies, and Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer, presented a building projects update.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Achievement Gap Reduction plan 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 library plan for 2023-2026 as presented. 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 early graduation request of J.S. 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 early graduation request of J.V. as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the hygiene kit donation from Atmus Filtration Technologies as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve a \$200 monetary donation from Simplicity Credit Union as presented. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the donation of school supplies from Natalie Guzman 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 attendance; monthly character trait; state elementary principal convention; field trips; data meetings; and walk-to-school day.

Kory Poeschel reported on attendance; climate/culture; 7th grade guest speakers; ACT Mosaic Screener for 8th grade students; middle school sports; parent/teacher conferences; chorus updates; and FFA updates.

Craig Anderson reported on attendance; music department updates; homecoming week; distance learning updates; class and extracurricular updates; artificial intelligence; and fall sports.

John Gaier reported on two thank you notes; a DOT notice on an upcoming highway construction project; the district's social media report card; an article from the Wisconsin Policy Forum; a note from Senator Jesse James; an article on the licensure of school administrators; and the presentation of a Level 4 WASB Award to Sue Voigt.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel 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 Blake Krause for a custodial position 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 Paul Opelt to approve the resignation of Duane King from his middle school basketball coaching position 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 hiring of Melissa Strangfeld for the prom advisor position 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 hiring of Adam Kren for the middle school basketball 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 Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the hiring of Kenny Friemoth for the co-assistant wrestling coach position as presented. 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 Dewey Poeschel to approve the hiring of Carl Opelt for the co-assistant wrestling coach position 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 Peggy Grap to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.