

NEILLSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on November 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room by President Sue Voigt. Present at roll call were Sue Voigt, Peggy Grap, Deanna Heiman, and Dewey Poeschel. Paul Opelt was absent. Also present were Administrator John Gaier, High School Principal Jennifer Aspenson, and Middle School Principal Jesse Bernhagen.

Notification of the meeting was sent on November 6, 2024, to the Clark County Press, Central Wisconsin Broadcasting, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on November 13, 2024, 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 October 21, 2024, regular and special meetings, and November 7, 2024, special meeting
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 90328 through 90513, 202400151 through 202400209, voiding checks #90338 for \$120.00, #90339 for \$120.00, #90341 for \$65.00, #90343 for \$50.00, #90349 for \$120.00, #90353 for \$50.00, #90356 for \$120.00, #90359 for \$60.00, #90362 for \$120.00, #90412 for \$75.00, #90421 for \$75.00, for a total of \$760,919.91, and approval of the November payrolls.
- C. Final adoption of policies 0162, 0163, 0164V1, 0166, 0166.1, 0167.1, 0167.2, 0167.3, 0167.5, 0167.6, 0167.7, 0168.1, 0171.1, 0171.2, 0171.3, 0171.4, 0172, 0173, 0174.1, 0174.3, 0175, and 0175.1

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

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the Academic and Career Plan as presented.

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

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the budget modifications for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the monetary donation from Kristin Albrecht as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes.

Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the donation of a portable spray booth from Jessie Barrett as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Marcy Kunze's report was shared on attendance; monthly character trait; student council; end of quarter celebration; Veterans Day assembly; Department of Corrections' annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony; and upcoming events.

Jesse Bernhagen reported on attendance; end of the quarter; trivia contest; SEL lessons; choir concert; Veterans Day program; Red Ribbon Week; holiday stories for WCCN; boys basketball season; and upcoming 6th grade field trip.

Jennifer Aspenson reported on enrollment; incorporating STEM into curriculum; Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers conference; data and intervention team; and student activities.

John Gaier reported on a thank you card; Veterans Day Ceremony; DPI modifies student performance levels; electrical maintenance course from CVTC; 2023-24 actual vs estimated tax collections; funding for the DPI literacy coach program; Youth Apprenticeship grant funding update; an article on Wisconsin school referendums; and a Journal Sentinel opinion piece on school funding.

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, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to return to open session. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the hiring of Martha Bayles for the teaching assistant position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the modified Letter of Appointment for Esmeralda Recendez as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve retention bonuses for custodial and maintenance staff in the amount of \$500 for full-time and \$250 for part-time, as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve retention bonuses for food service staff in the amount of \$500 for full-time and \$250 for part-time, as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the letter of resignation from Brianna Roehl from her middle school softball coaching position as presented. Roll call: Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the initial adoption of Policy 0161 as

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

Motion by Deanna Heiman seconded by Dewey Poeschel to approve the initial adoption of Policy Section 1000 as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – 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 8:52 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.