

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

November 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District of Neillsville, was called to order on November 20, 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, and Middle School Principal Kory Poeschel.

Notification of the meeting was sent on November 8, 2023, to the Clark County Press, WCCN Radio, Neillsville City Hall, and Neillsville Public Library. A revised notification was sent on November 16, 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 October 23, 2023, regular and special meetings
- B. Treasurer's report and payment of general account checks numbered 87908 through 88379, 202300078 through 202300195, voiding checks #87908 for \$125.00, #87954 for \$214.38, #87974 for \$350.00, #88083 for \$60.00, #88087 for \$45.00, #88092 for \$120.00, #88096 for \$165.00, #88099 for \$45.00, #88102 for \$60.00, #88131 for \$120.00, #88118 for \$144.93, #88193 for \$60.00, #88203 for \$120.00, #88216 for \$5000.00, #88248 for \$383.71, #88256 for \$120.00, #202300136 for \$1397.49, and approval of the October and November payrolls.

Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, 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, 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 CESA Technology Support Contract as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the budget modifications for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Roll call: Peggy Grap – yes, Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Director Mark Spencer presented a building projects update.

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

Motion by Peggy Grap seconded by Paul Opelt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Orenda Center 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 purchase of a 2021 Chevy Silverado from Gross Motors in the amount of \$46,400.00 as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey Poeschel seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the monetary donation in the amount of \$6,000 from Gross Motors for two advertisement squares on the varsity football field scoreboard 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 Peggy Grap to approve the monetary donation in the amount of \$5,500 from Neillsville Youth Football Organization for the varsity football field scoreboard. Roll call: Paul Opelt – yes, 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 school supplies valued at \$200 from Krohn Clinic as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

The board was provided a report from Marcy Kunze on attendance; the monthly character trait; elementary student council, elementary guidance program; 1<sup>st</sup> quarter celebration; Veterans' Day; and the 2023-24 Crystal Apple Teacher of Distinction.

The board was provided a report from Kory Poeschel on attendance; the monthly character trait; end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter; Warrior Pride tickets; chorus concert; middle school boys' basketball; FFA; dress up days; and the November 3<sup>rd</sup> in-service.

The board was provided a report from Craig Anderson on attendance; the Crystal Apple Teacher of Distinction; upcoming Schuster Park decorating; trunk junk clean out; music department updates; agriculture department updates; STEM updates; upcoming Jostens visit; and winter sports.

John Gaier reported on thank you cards; CWETN Administrator Meeting agenda and minutes; and an article regarding school vaccines.

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 resignation of Jacob Bue from his custodial position as presented. 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 Tricia Shilts from her bus driving position as presented. Roll call: Deanna Heiman – yes, Peggy Grap – yes, Dewey Poeschel – yes, Paul Opelt – yes, Sue Voigt – yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Paul Opelt seconded by Peggy Grap to approve the hiring of Tommy Friemoth for the weight room supervisor 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 Shannon Funston for the assistant softball coaching 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 Paul Opelt to approve the initial adoption of Policy KBG 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 7:46 p.m. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.